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Maine EMS Education Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday May 14, 2014  
 Champlain Conference Room  
 DPS Building- Augusta  
 0930-1200

**I. Call to Order 0930**

*Members present:* Dan Batsie, Christopher Paré, Carol Pillsbury, Eric Wellman, John Brady, Dennis Russell, Paul Froman, Joanne Lebrun, Kevin Gurney, and Kevin Curry

*Members Absent:* Leah Mitchell, Joe Moore, Brian Chamberlin

*MEMS Staff:* Don Sheets

*Guests:* Patrick Underwood, Myles Block

**II. Introductions/Public Comments** None needed

**III. Additions to Agenda:** None

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes:** Dennis motioned to accept as amended Kevin seconded. Unanimous accepted as amended

**V. Staff Report –**

- a. Narcan – The Narcan legislation passed but the language about EMS providers of all levels being able to provide Narcan was removed.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

a. Training Centers

i. Pass Rates, Retention Rates –

1. The revised draft with added clarification of the pass, retention rates was circulated for review. The added clarification addressed concerns that there be language to explain some of the reasons a training centers numbers may look falsely poor such as low student volumes contributing to a low pass rate if one student fails.
2. Language was added that Maine EMS would calculate an aggregate psychomotor pass rate for the time being as there is not a good process for Training Centers to track students success at the EMT level and psychomotor pass rates. Specifically at the AEMT and Paramedic these numbers can be pulled from the NREMT electronic database readily. As Maine EMS does not have such a database it would require time consuming data entry into a spreadsheet for Training Centers and it was agreed that though there is value in this number the burden on the TCs currently was not worth the gain.
3. **Motion by Wellman to accept the proposal with the mentioned typographical errors being corrected, Froman seconded. Unanimous support**

**VII. New Business:**

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- a. Work Plan
  - i. Updating TCAP
    - 1. Question came up about renewals and what the cost/process was going to be
      - a. **The process will be a site review with the Maine EMS Education Coordinator the self-assessment and application fee. There will not be a review team unless Maine EMS feels it is necessary based upon initial evaluation.**
  - ii. Updating Annual Report – If the Maine EMS Board approves the proposal on pass and retention rates the annual report will need to be updated. The update will encompass the new reporting standards and the change to a single reporting timeframe for all Training Centers.
  - iii. Instructor series
    - 1. **Dan offered a course idea on curriculum updates and testing**
    - 2. **Eric will look at pulling together a national standards**
    - 3. **Joanne, Eric, Chris and Don are going to work on a professionalism and ethics for instructors. It was also commented on that we should do an ethics and professionalism course for all providers.**
  - iv. Protocol Course – Kevin Gurney has asked that we create a protocol course for providers coming from outside of Maine. This course would be an introduction to the Maine EMS system and assist in familiarizing these providers with the current protocol set. The idea is that this would be updated to reflect changes in protocol every two years. There was discussion about how this was going to play a role with AHA updates and was resolved that the MDPB has be very vocal about providers following AHA recommended practices as long as it does not require new medications in the drug box.
    - 1. **Kevin is willing to lead this process and will work with Don to start work based upon current protocols.**
  - v. EMR Protocols – the work that Myles submitted was forwarded on to the Maine EMS Director and Medical Director.
- b. Paramedic Reentry – Maine EMS has drafted a process for an expired Paramedic to reenter the system through a Training Center.
  - i. Summary: This process would require the Training Center to evaluate the candidate’s prior education and determine gaps compared to the current standards. The candidate would then need to complete the additional education and meet all of the same completion requirements and competencies that any other student dose. This would earn the candidate a new course completion certificate and make them eligible to sit for the NREMT psychomotor and cognitive exams. Pending the candidate pass both exams and meets all other license requirements they would be eligible for a Maine EMS license.
  - ii. There was discussion that this process was sound in process and that this would be a strong step forward for our system.
  - iii. Joanne discussed some possible confusion about whether or not an individual would complete this process through and accredited agency or if they would have had to previously graduate from an accredited agency. Don clarified that this was intended to be a current requirement for the individual not a past graduation and he would make that more clear in the proposal.
    - 1. **Motion by Paul Froman to endorse this process with the discussed clarification, Second by Joanne Unanimous support for this proposal**

VIII. **Adjournment:** 1040 Carol and Wellman