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EMD Committee Meeting – Tele Conference
Thursday March 15, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Teleconference Minutes

Members: Laura Downing, Peter Daigle, Kathy Blagdon, Brian Gregoire, Carolyn Dodge

Guests: Brodie Hinckley

Staff: Drexell White, David Culp

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:40

Stephanie Gibbs sent regrets that she would be unable to attend today's meeting.

- A. Introductions – Members and guests introduced themselves.
- B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

2. Staff Reports

A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell White reported that:

- LD 1614, *An Act To Create Efficiency in E-9-1-1 Call Centers* was voted *Ought Not To Pass*
- He will be attending the Maine Chapter NENA conference in Lewiston ME and the Navigator conference Baltimore MD in April.

ESCB Update – David Culp, the new Operations and Training Manager for the Emergency Services Communications Bureau (ESCB) has been attending a variety of classes including EMD, EMD-Q, Pro QA and AQUA.

3. Old Business

A. Quality Assurance – Update

The quality assurance reporting format for non-AQUA centers was discussed, including having the Centers report QA findings based upon the numbers of deviations within a given reporting period.

B. EMS Provider and Public Awareness Programs- Update

Drexell reported that the second train-the-trainer session for the EMD Awareness for EMS Providers program was held at Maine EMS on February 21, 2012. The second session included a full presentation of the program with a follow-up train the trainer session. The two sessions were well received and produced over fifty trainers for the *Awareness* program.

C. EMD Rules Changes – Update

The Maine EMS Board will review the proposed Rules changes at its April 2012 meeting, including the following EMD Rules proposals:

- Adoption of a rule that would allow a dispatcher, who has complete an EMD course, to practice EMD under direct supervision of a licensed EMD while awaiting certification and licensure;
- Amending current Rules to provide for EMS response based upon Maine EMS-approved service response plans; and,
- Adoption of a Rule to enable staff to set the license expiration date 90 days after a person's NAED certification expiration date.

The preliminary rules change document will be circulated to EMS services and EMD Centers for comment, prior to initiation of the formal rulemaking process in June 2012.

D. Pro QA Paramount/Protocol Version 13

Drexell reported that he had participated in a teleconference with Maria Jacques and Adam Hinckley of Priority Dispatch to discuss release of Pro QA Paramount and the next protocol release, which will be Version 12.2, an interim release prior to next year's release of Version 13. The intent of the group is to have the Pro QA paramount available at the same time as the release of V12.2. The consensus amongst Maine EMS, the ESCB and Priority Dispatch is to begin implementation of Paramount and V 12.2 beginning in June 2012.

4. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

The next EMD Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

5. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drexell White