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EMD Committee Meeting
Thursday June 19, 2014 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference
Minutes

Members: Stephanie Gibbs – Chair, Kathy Blagdon, Laura Downing, Brian Gregoire,
Carolyn Dodge, Peter Daigle, Cindy Moore-Rossi

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.
 - A. Introductions – Members and guests introduced themselves. Cindy Moore-Rossi, an emergency medical dispatcher and quality assurance case reviewer from the Washington County Regional Communications Center in Machias, was welcomed as a new at-large member of the committee
 - B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

2. Minutes – March 20, 2014

Members reviewed minutes from March 20, 2014, for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting (Gregoire; Daigle – Carries – 5-1-1, Rossi abstaining)

3. Staff Reports

- A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell reported:

- The issue with Internet Explorer reverting to the log-in page during an account lookup has been corrected.
- He had attended the annual International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) conference in Orlando in April. He gave an overview of the conference offerings, including:
 - Nurse Triage in call centers
 - CPR research
 - Version 13 of the EMD Protocols - due out this summer;
 - Changes to agonal respirations identification tool;
 - Using the MPDS as a Pandemic monitoring tool; and,
 - Using determinant codes to help justify EMS reimbursements.

- The first draft of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Rules is available on the Maine EMS web site, for folks to (informally) review and comment. The Board sends out draft rules prior to the formal process in order to elicit input that will aid in crafting the (formal) Rules draft.

4. Old Business

A. Determinant Code Implementation

Drexell reported that he was scheduled to provide the Medical Direction and Practices Board (MDPB) with an EMD overview program on 6/18/14, but the overview was postponed due to a heavy agenda.

The Determinant code guide is completed and awaiting upload to the Maine EMS Run Reporting Site.

Discussion ensued about the need for easier manipulation of the Pro QA data. Currently, the reports available in Pro QA are limited, but there is a wealth of information that could be used by EMS research and quality improvement initiatives.

B. Standards 9a/AQUA 6 Implementation

EMD centers will begin using Standards 9a beginning with the June reporting period. There was discussion about the new AQUA 6 software and its installation.

C. Emergency Medical Dispatch Priority Reference System (EMDPRS)

The revised EMDPRS was approved by the Maine EMS Board and the Emergency Services Communications Bureau in June 2014, and will be posted on the Maine EMS web site. The revision consisted of cleaning up old language, and formatting. The revision will be posted on the Maine EMS web page in the Publications/Forms web page.

A. Maine EMS Online Licensing

The April 2014 online licensing webinars went well, and were attended by Center Directors and supervisors in order familiarize center personnel with the online EMD licensing and online access to center information. Staff reviewed the Licensing program and IAED web access with Committee members.

Protocol 33 – Acuity Levels

The acuity level sub group has not yet met to discuss possible acuity level definitions. Drexell indicated that during the IAED conference in April, a presenter provided a preview of changes being contemplated to eventually replace protocols 33 and 37. Draft protocols being considered include:

- Protocol 45 – for unscheduled transfer for evaluation
- Protocol 46 – for scheduled transfers
- Protocol 47 – for mental health transfers
- Protocol 48 & 49 – for aeromedical transfers.

5. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

The next EMD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

6. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted - Drexell White