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EMD Committee Meeting
Thursday June 21, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
De Champlain Conference Room
Maine EMS, Augusta, Maine

Minutes

Members: Stephanie Gibbs – Chair, Laura Downing, Peter Daigle, Kathy Blagdon, Carolyn Dodge, Dave Gardner, Tracy Weed

Guests: Brodie Hinckley, Deborah Plummer

Staff: Drexell White, David Culp

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:32

Brian Gregoire sent regrets that he would be unable to attend today's meeting.

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

2. Minutes – November 2011, January 2012 & March 2012

Members reviewed minutes from previous meetings for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 2011, January 2012 and March 2012 meetings (Daigle; Weed – Carries – Unanimous)

3. Staff Reports

A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell White reported that:

- Based upon ongoing concerns with National Academy of Emergency Dispatch certification turnaround times, he contacted Maria Jacques, Director of the Emergency Services Communications Bureau (ESCB), who will be contacting the NAED about the delays in certification processing.

ESCB Update – David Culp reported that:

- Upcoming courses are listed on the 9-1-1 Bureaus web site.

- He is looking at the types of EMD –related programs that could be delivered at the Samoset conference. It is likely that a full EMD course will not be offered at this year’s seminar due to low enrollment in past years and the scheduled EMD classes occurring near the conference dates

4. Old Business

A. Quality Assurance – Update

Statewide Quality Assurance center-compliance-numbers for March & April 2012 have been provided to EMD Centers. Except for statistical outliers, Center compliance to protocols has been at or above the 90th percentile.

B. EMS Provider and Public Awareness Programs- Update

Drexell reported that the first EMD Awareness Program was presented at Waldo County Regional Communications Center in Belfast on 6/20/12. Although over fifty trainers for the EMD awareness program were trained in December 2011 and February 2012, the Belfast class was the first one conducted.

C. EMD Rules Changes – Update

The Maine EMS Board reviewed the proposed Rules changes at its June 2012 meeting and approved initiation of the formal rulemaking process. Once the proposed Rules have been approved to go to rulemaking by the Governor’s office, and have received Attorney General review, the process will begin. Hearings will most likely be conducted in the fall with an implementation date in 2013.

D. Pro QA Paramount

The most recent word from Priority Dispatch is that the Pro QA Paramount release is going to occur within the next two weeks. Centers without Computer-Aided-Dispatch(CAD) interface for the software may immediately install the software; centers with CAD interfaces may be delayed until the interfaces become available through their CAD vendor.

E. Protocol Version 12.2

The release of Version 12.2 of the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) is scheduled for this month. Drexell is attempting to obtain an advance copy to forward to the State EMS Medical Director for his approval.

5. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

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

6. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drexell White