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EMD Committee Meeting  
Thursday October 22, 2015, 2015 9:30 a.m.  
TELECONFERENCE  
Minutes

Members: Laura Downing, Peter Daigle, Bill Holmes, Kathy Blagdon, Cindy Moore-Rossi, Dave Gardner, Brain Gregoire, Carolyn Dodge, Dan Mayotte

Guest: Deborah Plummer

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
  - A. Introductions – Dan Mayotte was introduced as the new EMS Agency Representative to the Committee. Dan is a Paramedic supervisor with Delta Ambulance in Waterville and the Chief of the Vassalboro First Responders.
  - B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

Drexell reported that Stephanie Gibbs her regrets that she would be unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes – June 18, 2015

Members reviewed minutes from June 18, 2015 meeting, for approval.

***Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting (Gardner; Holmes – Motion Carries – Holmes abstained)***

3. Staff Reports
  - A. Maine EMS Update

Drexell reported:

- The Maine EMS Board established a Rules sub-committee at its October 2015 meeting that will meet on November 5, 2015 to thoroughly review the proposed changes prior to Board action (to begin formal rulemaking). The most significant change in the EMD sections of the Rules is the proposal to require the electronic version of the EMD protocol in all Maine-licensed EMD Centers, which would affect Kennebunkport PD Communications, Kittery PD Communications and South Berwick PD Communications. One of the affected Centers indicated that it was pursuing purchase of the software; one stated that they would give up the EMD Center license rather than buy the software and one had not considered the proposal.

- The (abbreviated) EID Tool is still in effect for EMD Centers.
- Staff changes – Drexell reported that Katie Boynton has joined the Maine EMS office as the Licensing Assistant, Jason Oko has been hired as a Licensing Agent and Shaun St. Germain is the new Maine EMS Director.
- That non-emergency legislation became effective October 15, 2015. He reviewed the new law changes (that had been distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting).
- He has completed the majority of 2015 EMD Center visits, with completion scheduled for November.
- Recent action by the Board included a significant fine levied to an EMD Center allowing unlicensed practice.

#### 4. Old Business

##### A. Determinant Code Implementation

Staff is seeing more interest in EMS service determinant code use. Drexell and Peter will be presenting an EMD awareness program at the Samoset EMS Conference in November, and Drexell will be providing awareness training to Capital Ambulance in Bangor in December.

##### B. Protocol 33 – Acuity Levels

The Committee reviewed the draft of the Protocol 33 & 37 acuity levels. Following extensive discussion, the consensus was to present the finalized draft to the State EMS Medical Director with the recommendation that the acuity levels be provided for use by Centers that do not have locally defined acuity levels.

##### C. EMD Refresher

The EMD Refresher sub-committee conducted a pilot EMD Refresher in July. They have since met to review evaluations from the first program, and plan to conduct another pilot refresher in the near future.

##### D. Version 13

Version 13 of the EMD protocols is due out this month and that he has been working with State EMS Medical Director Matt Sholl on approval. Once Version 13 is released, Maine EMS will set an implementation deadline several months after the release date to ensure that Centers have adequate implementation time. Training in the updated protocols should be able to be handled at the local level.

#### 5. New Business

#### 6. Next Meeting - Set Agenda, Date and Time

The next EMD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

#### 7. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted - Drexell White