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**MAINE EMS  
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2013  
GAMBLING BOARD ROOM, AUGUSTA,  
AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND  
RATIFIED BY THE MAINE EMS BOARD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Paul Knowlton (until 2:30pm), Tim Beals, Judy Gerrish , Mike Senecal

Staff: Alan Leo

Office of Attorney General: Lauren LaRochelle, AAG

**1. CASE #12-044 – Rene Ramon - Application Review, Applicant present.**

**Summary:** On October 17, 2012, MEMS received a new application for an EMT license from Rene Ramon. On that application Ms. Ramon listed a conviction in 2009 for Minor Possessing Liquor and a conviction in 2010 for Theft by Unauthorized Taking or Transfer. Court documents confirm that Ms. Ramon committed the civil violation of possession of alcohol by a minor. A routine Criminal History Report obtained by MEMS on October 19, 2012 confirms this. The theft conviction involved a stolen credit card belonging to Ms. Ramon's mother.

**Aggravating Circumstances:** None

**Mitigating Circumstances:** None

**MOTION: Given the applicant's activities and employment since the theft conviction, applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. The Committee recommends that, upon receipt by MEMS staff of two professional letters of recommendation and a verbal recommendation by the applicant's mother, the Board issue the license with a Letter of Guidance. It is recommended that the Letter of Guidance be maintained in the file for three years and that it reference professional behavior/conduct.. (Senecal; second by Knowlton) Unanimous**

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 12-044 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

## 2. CASE #12-025

**MOTION: To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §90 (A)(3) and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) & (F) to receive legal advice and to conduct an informal conference concerning case number 12-025 (Knowlton; second by Senecal) Unanimous.**

Entered executive session at 12:50 p.m.

**MOTION: To exit executive session. (Senecal; second by Knowlton) Unanimous.**

Executive session ended at 2:05 p.m.

**Summary:** On June 27, 2012, Maine EMS received a letter and documents from Don Goulet, Captain, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office regarding an incident between licensee and a female that resulted in charges of Domestic Violence Assault and Obstructing the Report of a Crime. There were also allegations that the licensee had administered an IV Saline drip to the female on more than one occasion. Licensee was convicted of Obstructing the Report of a Crime.

**Aggravating Circumstances:** None

**Mitigating Circumstances:** Licensee has had no prior discipline and has been licensed since 1999; and licensee was truthful and forthright with the Committee.

**MOTION: The Committee recommends that, if Maine EMS receives two professional letters of recommendation before February 6, 2013, the Board resolve case # 12-025 by offering the Licensee a consent agreement that includes a reprimand for the conduct involved with the conviction and for initiating an IV in a non-emergency medical setting on multiple occasions. (Senecal; second by Gerrish) Unanimous**

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 12-025 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

## 3. CASE 12-055 - Licensee present.

**MOTION: To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §90 (A)(3) and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) & (F) to receive legal advice and to conduct an informal conference concerning case number 12-055 (Gerrish; second by Senecal) Unanimous**

Entered executive session at 2:30 p.m.

**MOTION: To exit executive session. (Gerrish; second by Senecal). Unanimous.**

Executive session ended at 3:05 p.m.

**Summary:** MEMS received a report from Capitol Ambulance that the Licensee had struck an elderly, dementia patient prior to transport to a hospital. The facility that housed the elderly patient also filed a complaint with DHHS, which was ultimately forwarded to Maine EMS by the Attorney General's Office.

**Aggravating Circumstances:** None

**Mitigating Circumstances:** The Licensee was honest and forthright with the Committee, no other negative incidents have occurred prior to this incident /this was an isolated incident and the licensee submitted multiple, strong letters of recommendation.

**MOTION: To recommend that the Board dismiss case # 12-055 and issue a Letter of Guidance as the incident does not rise to a level warranting discipline because it was unintentional. The letter will remain on file until March 31, 2016 . The Committee also recommends that the Licensee (1) submit to MEMS an outline for a class dealing with combative patients and (2) take a class on managing violent patients, lasting a minimum of 4 hours in length, within six months of February 6, 2013, and send documentation demonstrating successful completion of the class to Maine EMS.**

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 12-055 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

The Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next Investigations Committee meeting will be on March 6, 2013