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**MAINE EMS
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2011
CHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA
RATIFIED BY THE MAINE EMS BOARD ON 12/7/11
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Paul Knowlton, Lori Metayer, Tim Beals, and Steve Leach at 9:00 a.m.

Staff: Dawn Kinney and Alan Leo

Office of Attorney General: Laura Yustak Smith, AAG and Lauren LaRochelle, AAG

1. CASE # 11-042- 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 11-042. (Knowlton; second by Beals) Unanimous.

Entered executive session at 08:25 a.m.

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

Executive session ended at 8:45 a.m.

Summary: The complaint alleged that a Licensee provided emergency medical treatment with an expired license. Specifically, he provided treatment to two patients on September 1, 2011, when his license had expired on August 31, 2011.

Aggravating Circumstances: None

Mitigating Circumstances: The Licensee has been licensed for 17 years with no other disciplinary action; had sufficient training to renew his EMT-P license at the time of license expiration; self-reported to Maine EMS; and was cooperative, remorseful, and accepted responsibility.

MOTION: To recommend that the Board resolve case # 11-042 by offering the licensee a Letter of Guidance to remain in the Licensee's file for three years. The Committee finds that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that the Licensee violated Chapter 11 § (1)(30), Providing treatment at a level for which a person is not licensed or for which a service is not licensed or permitted. The Committee recommends, however, that the Board find that the violation does not rise to a level warranting disciplinary action due to the mitigating circumstances. (Beals; second by Knowlton) Unanimous.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Committee will consider its duties with respect to Case # 11-042 complete upon ratification by the Board of the Committee's recommendation or other final action by the Board.

2. CASE 11-034 – Licensee not present

MOTION: To enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §92 and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) & (F), to receive legal advice and review of confidential material concerning case number 11-034 . (Knowlton; second by Beals) Unanimous.

Entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.

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

Executive session ended at 9:25 a.m.

MOTION: To recommend that this case be tabled to a future meeting to allow staff to schedule an informal conference. (Leach; seconded by Metayer) Unanimous.

Adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next Investigations Committee meeting will be on November 2, 2011.