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Medical Direction and Practices Board  
Minutes  
February 17, 2016

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IFT Subcommittee – will not meet this month

Present – Dr. Couture, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Zimmerman. Via teleconference: Dr. Busko, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Kendall

Absent – Region 5 currently vacant

Maine EMS – Shaun St. Germain, Alan Leo

Guests – Ben Zetterman, Marc Minkler, Rick Petrie, Nate Yerxa, Dennis Russell, Joanne Lebrun, Kevin Gurney, Chip Getchell, Dan Batsie, Jon Kooistra, Norm Dinerman, Peter Tinley, Stephanie Cordwell, Nate Yerxa, Rob Sharkey, Bethany Nash, Pete Allen, Mike Senecal

MDPB Agenda – to begin at 09:30

- 1) Introductions
- 2) January 2016 minutes – Motion – Zimmerman, Seconded – Pieh - Approved Unanimous
- 3) State/Community Paramedicine/Medical Director Manual –
  - a. Medical Director Manual first draft should be ready in April.
  - b. Shaun St. Germain reminded everyone about the Community Paramedicine Conference to be held on May 18, 2016.
- 4) New Devices – None
- 5) Special Circumstances Protocols – None
- 6) PEGASUS Update – Sholl no new update.
- 7) Physicians Deployed into the Field-
  - a. The MDPB discussed the possibility of having physicians respond to emergencies in the field to assist the EMS crew. Three proposed programs described, from Maine General Hospital (Dr Pieh), St Joe's Hospital (Dr Busko) and Maine Medical Center (Dr Sholl/Zimmerman). Nuances/similarities and differences between all discussed and include scheduled physician visits, urgent physicians visits and emergent physician interventions in the pre-hospital environment (including mass Casualties, severe traumas, prolonged extrications that may involves lifesaving measures, etc.). Value to the EMS system and the hospital systems discussed. Discussion re: New Hampshire program and the means by which NH is considering endorsing physicians in the field (based largely on the PA program). NH with one physician in the field and two additional programs in planning. MEMS Staff will look into licensing or credentialing and who that would involve, a service, providers, vehicles etc.as well as who the liability lies with. Shaun St. Germain – to review any potential rules implications. Drs. Pieh/Busko/Sholl – will continue to review the PA/NH processes and bring recommendations back to the MDPB. Discussions to continue.
- 8) 2017 Protocols-

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- a. Tentative Review Schedule: Dr. Sholl discussed the schedule and assignments and they are:
    - i. Gold – AC - May (Sepsis)
    - ii. Blue = JB - #2 (respiratory distress)
    - iii. Red – KZ - #3 (Cardiac Arrest)
    - iv. Pink = TP - #4 (Stroke)
    - v. Green – KK - #5 (Seizure)
    - vi. Yellow – TJ - #6 (STEMI)
    - vii. Purple/Brown/Grey/Black – MS - #8
  - b. Discussion was held regarding best practices for patient call in to the ER. What information would be provided and to whom? Creation of model checklists for various time sensitive conditions was discussed. More discussion will take place throughout the protocol review process.
- 9) April Meeting-The April meeting will be a joint meeting with the Education Committee and due to scheduling this meeting will be moved up a week to April 13<sup>th</sup>. MDPB members – if questions arise for the Education Committee members - bring such questions to that meeting.
  - 10) New FDA Approved IN Naloxone Device for lay people- The board discussed the new 4 ML naloxone being sold to lay people and does the training approved by MDPB for Firefighters and LEO's need to change to accommodate this? After discussion it was decided to change the training program. Motion made by Dr. Sholl, seconded by Dr. Zimmerman. Approved – All
  - 11) Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act.-Dr. Busko has been gathering information on this and is reviewing this data from other states. Maine Ambulance Association has offered to provide the Medical Director coverage for \$150/year/service. This discussion is ongoing.
  - 12) Recruitment of MDPB members- It was brought up that the job description needs to be re-worked a bit before continuing to recruit new members. Motion by Dr. Sholl, seconded by Dr. Busko, unanimous.
  - 13) Follow up-OHCA projects- A group of folks will be attending the Resuscitation Academy in Seattle in March with potential for additional members to attend in the fall. There will be a conference call on February 18<sup>th</sup> about CARES involving Me., NH., VT., and Conn. The project continues and the Regions will be contacting the schools about teaching CPR to the students.
  - 14) EMS-C- The meeting will be rescheduled for some time in March.
  - 15) IFT-No meeting.
  - 16) Old Business-
    - a. OPS-No report.
    - b. Education-The committee is prepping for protocol education and continuing the dialogue with the Exam Committee.
    - c. QI- No report.
    - d. IFT- We will start this up again in April.
  - 17) Adjourned 12:10- Dr. Pieh