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Minutes
March 16, 2016

Members Present: Dr. Sholl, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Couture, Dr. Jalbuena, Dr. Busko,
Dr. Kendall

Members Absent: Aroostook currently without a Medical Director

MEMS Staff: Jason Oko, Alan Leo, Shaun St. Germain, Don Sheets

Guests: Joanne Lebrun, Leah Mitchell, Mike Choat, Kevin Gurney, Chip Getchell, Bethany Nash, Rick Petrie, Stephanie Cordwell, Dan Batsie, Nathan Yerxa, Marc Minkler, Chris Pare, Ben Zetterman

MDPB Agenda – 09:30

- 1) Introductions
- 2) February 2016 minutes – Motion to approve the minutes with the suggested edits Dr. Couture, Dr. Pieh Unanimous
- 3) State/Community Paramedicine/Medical Director Manual Update – St. Germain
 - a. Community Paramedicine –
 - i. New application from Belfast Fire will be reviewed shortly
 - ii. Medicare will be starting May 1st with patient contacts
 - iii. There is a meeting the 30th of March here at Maine EMS to discuss the current state of the projects.
 - iv. May 18th and 19th in South Portland hosted by United will be a Community Paramedicine presentation. The MDPB will be holding their meeting there.
 - b. Jay is working on the Medical Director Guidebook with some clarification being sought on a few sections. Jay hopes to have the manual completed in the next few weeks with a final product finished prior to June.
 - i. There will be continued dialogue about how to roll this out and Dr. Sholl has asked that the regional directors and medical directors contemplate venues in their areas where we may be able to hold trainings. The group is interested in creating a Trailer/teaser to engage groups at local hospitals and possibly Maine ACEP.
- 4) New Devices – None

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- 5) Special Circumstances Protocol
 - a. Dr. Zimmerman is working on a special circumstance protocol in southern Maine but this is not yet ready to be presented. It involves a patient with pulmonary hypertension and a specific medication infusion they receive.

- 6) PEGASUS Update –
 - a. Manuscripts are being finalized with intent to have a special insert in 2016.
 - b. There is a PEGASUS App in development.
 - c. There are a number of organizations watching this project closely.

- 7) Recruitment Update re MDPB Positions
 - a. There have been 3 applicants thus far. 2 for the Pharmacist/Toxicologist and 1 for the Assistant State Medical Director.
 - b. MDPB members are going to continue to spread the word in an effort to get more applicants. May, will be the deadline for applicants and interviews. The intent will be to get a minimum of two applicants before closing a position. Dr. Sholl will send out the current applications to the group.

- 8) EMS-C discussion – St. Germain
 - a. We are going to try and get onboard with EMS for Children within the coming grant cycle. There are some changes in how the money can be spent so we should be able to use some money from the grant to fund a position. Some action items necessary are to form an advisory council for EMS-C and have a pediatric doc involved.

- 9) Follow up re: Maine Municipal Association Insurance
 - a. This is immunity under the tort claims. There is clarification of admin only protection. There are a number of discussion Dr. Sholl is having with Maine EMS staff and the AGs office about credentialing vs licensing and how to embrace deployable physicians.

- 10) CARES – Discussion re: status/process
 - a. There have been a lot of conversations about how to implement CARES in Maine. We have started the process to participate in this program. There will be an IRB next month related to this project.

- 11) Heart Rescue – A group of folks will be going to Seattle next week to attend the Resuscitation Academy and will be reporting back next month on the experience.

- 12) 2017 Protocol Review
 - a. Gold – AC - May (**Sepsis**)
 - b. Blue = JB - #2 (respiratory distress)
 - c. Red – KZ - #3 (Cardiac Arrest)
 - d. Pink = TP - #4 (**Stroke**)
 - e. Green – KK - #5 (**Seizure**)
 - f. Yellow – TJ - #6 (STEMI)

- g. Purple/Brown/Grey/Black – MS
- h. Follow Up discussion with NH/New England – re: collaborating on the New England Protocol process - Sepsis, Stroke, and Seizure were selected as focused collaborative products for the next protocol update. Jim Suozi will be the initial point person to contact with NH and their protocol process.
- i. Don is still working on LucidChart to see if it is a viable option.
- j. The group will work to send Dr. Sholl and Don dates for their protocol webinars.
- k. The group will also be working on hand off info that will be essential with time critical illnesses.
- l. Another area for the group to consider during protocol reviews is to implant quality metrics into our protocols. This was first started in 2011 here at MEMS and there is currently a national project (COMPASS) that is looking at this as well and we may be able to get a jump on some of these ideas to prepare Maine.
- m. Dr. Zimmerman asked if there had been any further work around school based CPR programs. Dr. Zimmerman has contacted all of the 40 schools in her region and has heard from half with some working with local EMS agencies to lead this process.

13) Old Business

- a. Ops – Working on a number of projects. One is working with CDC and MaineCare to identify frequent system utilizers and mechanisms to work with these patients. The supplement will be coming out May 15th for EMS week in every published newspaper. May 17th 1430 at the state house will be the Awards. Trying to set up meetings with Maine Responds and Highway safety. NEOB will be providing education for EMS.
- b. Education – Have been working with Exam to update the Psychomotor exam at the BLS level.
- c. QI – Recording will happen today for the current project
- d. IFT
 - i. Discussion re: restarting the IFT group to consider vents – when who what goals. This will happen in June.
 - ii. ME Hospital association this has not had traction yet to schedule a meeting but we will be continuing to work with them to establish a process.
- e. Adjourned: 1225 Dr. Pieh Dr. Couture