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Medical Direction and Practice Board
March 21, 2012
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Agenda

<p><u>Medical Directors Present</u> – Cormier, Busko, Sholl, Pieh, Goth, Randolph <u>Medical Directors Absent</u> – Klein, Chagrasulis, <u>MEMS Staff Present</u> – Bradshaw, Powers</p> <p><u>Guests</u> – Mike Choate, Shawn Evans, Eric Wellman, Jessica Robichaud, Joanne Lebrun, Nate Yerxa, Butch Russell, Don Sheets, Ginny Brockway, Brian Chamberlin, Kerry Pomelow, Rick Petrie</p>		
Feb 2011 Minutes	Presented - approved as amended	<p>Motion to Accept: Pieh Seconded: Cormier Approved By: All</p>
ME EMS Update	<p>Bradshaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It appears that the budget cuts for FY12 (now through June 30, 2012) may be toward the lower end of the previously mentioned range. The details are still being worked out. - Of greater concern is how the FY 13 budget (starts July 1, 2013) will be affected by the ongoing budget cuts. - RFP for trauma system coordinator upcoming 	
New Devices	None Submitted	
Special Circumstances Protocol	None Submitted	
Agitated Patient Pilot Project	<p>Update - Training with Camden last week and expected to go live in the next few weeks, Rockland and Capitol training upcoming. Pen Bay seems to be seeing fewer Bath Salts patients – EMMC saw the numbers drop for a while, but are now increasing again.</p>	
TEMS Discussion	<p>Discussed MEMS history in discussing TEMS including former work group and the Specialty Program Project. Update from Jonnathan Busko that he has been working on TEMS protocol for Bangor through the Specialty Program Projects process that was approved by the MDPB in 2007 and that this process has proven to be very difficult.</p> <p>Nate Yerxa and John Kooistra (both practicing on TEMS teams) both felt as if MEMS protocols were mostly sufficient for TEMS emergency situations but less so for non-emergent situations (Team Care/Preventive Care).</p> <p>General discussion re: process from this point on.</p> <p>Decision – will re-convene the TEMS workgroup to discuss the following 2 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What is the best “place” for TEMS protocols to exist in Maine – under Specialty Programs or in the Companion Manual? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When discussing this – will need to address the difficulty of the Specialty Program process to date 	

	2) If the program “lives” in the Companion Manual, will need to discuss who can access the protocols, what the protocols are, and the support structure behind the protocols (initial education, medical director needed, QI requirements, need for continuing education, etc)
Community Paramedicine	- Community Paramedicine pilot project – committee process went well with a unanimous ought pass with minor amendments – still not out of committee but should be soon and if passes, will go into effect 90 days after the vote with expectations toward July/August - RFP for Community Paramedicine released recently
Drug Shortages	Update from the Regions – 1) Region 3 – no new news – remain low on same meds but no initiation of alternate protocols 2) Region 5 – No changes 3) Region 1 – No changes from last month – still some shortages effecting the hospitals but pharmacies protecting EMS stock 4) Region 4 – No new shortages to report. Shortages of typical PIFT meds will likely result in increased calls to PIFT medical directors 5) Region 2 – No new shortages to report 6) Region 6 – Zofran supplies restored and no other new medications shortages to report Letter to the Pharmacists has been drafted. Jay will put on state letterhead and send to regional offices. Regional offices are then asked to put their own contact information on the letter before forwarding to hospitals within their region. Update re: MESMED Update re: discussions with NNEPC and the state and national stockpiles. Karen Simone, NNEPC Director is the point of contact. In the event of a need to access these stockpiles, hospital pharmacies would contact Ms. Simone directly. This discussion also shed light on uncertainty regarding the rules regarding drug boxes. MEMS staff drafted a letter to services reviewing the rules and regulations regarding drug boxes. Questions about requirements should be directed to MEMS staff.
Discussion: Patients with decision making capacity refusing transport	Update from Jay Bradshaw – Has presented to the AG’s office who is reviewing it. On first review the AG that works with MEMS is supportive but is sending to other AG’s that work with DHHS as well for review... Expecting to hear within the next 1-2 weeks
Old Business	
MEMS Education	Eric Wellman – CBO’s/CEH categories were discussed at the last meeting – with the understanding that the education committee is only PROPOSING changes at this time. Subcommittees working on Clinical Behavioral Objectives (CBOs) to reflect the national education standards.
MEMS Operations	Maine EMS newspaper supplement upcoming on May 18 th No actionable items
MEMS QI	Update - meeting after MDPB to continue work on initial data report re: administration of aspirin to chest pain patients.
IFT Subcommittee	Update – - MHA meeting was canceled, due to snow storm. Anticipate meeting with them at their next meeting in June. Jay & Matt - working on the cover letter for the PIFT survey. - Meeting April 13 th to finalize the Medical Director Manual.

Next Meetings – April 18, 2012

IFT Sub Committee – 8:30

MDPB – 9:30 – 12:30

QI – 1:00 – 3:00