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Medical Direction and Practice Board  
July 18, 2012  
9:30 am  
Minutes

<p><u>Medical Directors Present</u> – Busko, Cormier, Sholl, Pieh, Goth, Chagrasulis  <u>Medical Directors Absent</u> – Randolph, Kendall  <u>MEMS Staff Present</u> – Kinney, Bradshaw  <u>Guests</u> – Rick Petrie, Kevin Gurney, Shawn Evans, Mike Choate, Ben Murphy, Kerry Sousa Pomelow, Chris Paré, John Kooistra, Marc Minkler, Don Sheets, Butch Russell, Norm Dinerman, Joanne LeBrun, Dan Batsie, Eric Wellman, Ginny Brockway, Sandy Benton, Heather, Cady, Joe Galego</p>		
June 2012 Minutes		Motion to Approve (Cormier second by Chagrasulis) Approved with one abstention (Busko)
ME EMS Update	<p><u>Bradshaw</u> – Drexell White will be out of work for at least 6 weeks. He may be working part time from home and will be able to take phone calls and emails. In the past few days there have been several recent articles about the change in the Termination of Resuscitation MEMS will be contracting with APEMS for the Community Paramedicine and Trauma Coordinator.</p>	
New Devices	<p>T. Pieh inquired if other EDs were using PEEP valves on the bag valve masks. Some EDs were and some were not.</p>	
Special Circumstances Protocol	<p>None Submitted</p>	
Agitated Patient Pilot Project	<p>J. Busko – Northeast EMS – One case in the Mid Coast area for which they used dose under current protocols. Behavioral issues do not seem to be as severe as before and seeing fewer numbers of these patients in whole.  R Petrie – No cases he is aware of in the Bangor area. This project was for 1 year or 25 patients.</p>	
Life Flight of Maine – Non-Prescribed Intervention	<p>Following the previous discussion regarding LOM’s Non Prescribed Intervention policy Matt Sholl and Norm Dinerman met to discuss next steps and the potential role for the MDPB. Work will continue on this with an update in September.</p>	

Policy		
Community Paramedicine Update	<p>NMCC's Community Paramedicine program has completed the didactic portion and is working on the clinical component. Eric Wellman reported that SMMC has not yet decided on whether or not they will offer this program.</p>	
Medication Shortage Update	<p>Update from the Regions –  New Shortages  Region 1 – Some hospitals are experiencing some shortages, but not with EMS medications. One service that orders medications directly is experiencing a shortage of Zofran IV and have switched to ODT.  Region 2 – No new shortages. Pharmacies are getting more magnesium and will be increasing the amount in the drug boxes.  Region 3/4/6 – Nothing new  Region 5 – nothing new</p> <p>Matt encouraged everyone to continue communications with the pharmacies to maintain the relationships. If a region hears about a shortage, please let Matt and Jay know. As the shortages appear to be easing, this item will be removed as a standing agenda item and instead will be discussed as needed.</p>	
Discussion: Patients with decision making capacity refusing transport	<p>After meeting with the Augusta Police and Fire Chiefs, T. Pieh developed a policy regarding patients with decision-making capacity refusing transport, primarily with regard to patients with mental illness. To date he is not made aware of cases where the policy has been activated. While this model seems to work well with local law enforcement/EMS agencies, the question remains how it would work in a rural setting. Jay will discuss this with the State Police counsel. Norm Dinerman requested that consideration is given to situations where a parent or guardian refuses treatment for a minor when EMS providers feel that treatment/transport is necessary. Tim will report back at the September meeting.</p>	
Revisit – Protocol Review Process Discussion	<p>The discussion about multi-state regional protocols is still active. It is likely that for the next Maine revision, it will primarily be a single state process, but perhaps by 2015, some regional protocols may be included. The time frame for the upcoming review is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Spend one meeting to discuss each section for a total of seven meetings which will end in March 2013.</li> <li>2) Send results to the Education Committee and Ops Team.</li> <li>3) Education Committee will provide update by August 2013.</li> <li>4) September, October, and November 2013 for service-level training.</li> <li>5) Go live by December 2013.</li> <li>6) Notify the services now of the time frame.</li> </ol> <p>M. Sholl suggested that each section leader take a greater role with the comments received regarding their section. All comments will go through the Maine EMS office and will be forwarded to the appropriate person. It was decided to distribute all documents associated with a protocol change 3 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and for each section leader to send in the summary of the changes. MDPB members must be diligent to read material and come to the meeting well prepared. Matt will send a template for all to use.</p>	

	<p>The schedule of protocol discussions will be posted on web site and widely distributed with the help of Ops Team and others.</p> <p>Sections assigned to MDPB members:</p> <p>M. Sholl – Purple, Brown, Gray and Black  T. Pieh – Blue  M. Cormier – Red  J. Busko – Green  P. Goth – Yellow  W. Randolph – Gold  B. Chagrasulis – Pink</p> <p>Encourage all to start the review process now for medical research, and for each region to review protocols from other states.</p> <p>Maine EMS will not be publishing a printed version of the protocols, but it was decided to keep the same format this year. Future revisions may take on a different format .</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
MEMS Education	Continue working on transition courses, continuing CEH modifications and CBO modifications – but nothing new to report	
MEMS Operations	Have not had a meeting since the last MDPB meeting.	
MEMS QI	Reviewing the QI ASA project today.	
IFT Subcommittee		

**There will be no IFT/MDPB/QI meetings in August.**

Next Meetings – September 19, 2012 –IFT – 8:30 – 9:30  
MDPB – 9:30 – 12:30  
QI – 1:00 – 3:00