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**Medical Direction and Practices Board
 October 17, 2018**

Members Present – Dr. Sholl, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Saquet, Dr. Collamore, Dr. Opacic, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Tilney, Dr. Nash

Members Absent – None

Staff – Shaun St Germain, Don Sheets, Marc Minkler

Stakeholders – Dr. Dinerman, Stephanie Cordwell, Ben Zetterman, Rick Petrie, Joanne Lebrun, Jay Bradshaw, Chip Getchell

MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0900

- 1) Introductions –
- 2) September 2018 MDPB Minutes –0905-0910
 - a. Dr. Ritter, Dr. Nash motion to approve with intent to fix the sentence about NEOB
Unanimous
- 3) State Update – St. Germain 0910 – 0925
 - a. Medical Director’s Resources – No update
 - b. CARES – We have a new contract with Claire Dufort to work on data entry.
 - c. Heart Rescue – we have been meeting and have a path planned to move forward with a state of the science conference to be followed by train the trainers and local events.
 - d. EMS-C – We continue to seek the pediatric medical director who will be involved in overseeing the program. Marc is at the conference in Philadelphia currently and data.
 - e. Evidentiary Blood Draws – Shaun discussed the Memo that went out to the system. There was a request from the State Police to discuss this further as they were concerned this would seriously hamper law enforcement. Shaun met with them and felt it was worth having further discussion.
 - i. Jay Bradshaw gave background on how we got to the current law
 - ii. Dr. Pieh proposed that care should not be impacted but there is a need to support public safety and remove barriers for providers by making this an authorization and creating some immunity for providers who engage in this
 - iii. There was a lot of discussion about the challenge in rural areas where they may only be a single provider who can do this and is also is taking care of the patient.
 - iv. There will be further discussion and action
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocols – NONE
- 5) New Devices – NONE
- 6) UPDATE –Medication Shortages – Nash /Zimmerman/All – 0925 – 0935
 - a. Diphenhydramine is short and there is already some local impact
 - b. Sodium bicarb is also back on the shortage list but does not appear to be as bad
 - c. Magnesium shortages seem to be resolving slowly
- 7) Follow Up - Discussion re: re-arrest in route to the hospital – Pieh/Zimmerman/All – 0945 – 1000

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- a. Dr. Pieh gave some background on the issue and what the letter to providers and services is intended to do. Start a conversation with their local ED about taking deceased patients.
 - b. There was discussion to bring the hospital licensing folks on board to give their support if appropriate as some hospitals are standing behind statements of its illegal.
 - i. Edited letter will be sent out. Dr. Sholl will follow up with the OCME, Hospital Licensing folks, MHA, MAA to ensure everyone is on board.
- 8) 2019 Protocol Update – Sholl/Zimmerman /All – 1000 - 1100
- a. Timeline review – Zimmerman/All – 1000-1005 – Dr. Sholl reviewed where we are in our schedule.
 - i. Tim Nangle had brought a concern to Matt about the go live date from a data standpoint. There was discussion about possibly moving to a January start date.
 - b. Conference Call reviews – 1005-1010
 - i. October 1st conference call – review major themes that arose – Restraints, hyperglycemia,
 - c. Protocol TO DO List/: 1010-1055
 - i. Gold Section Review Ritter/All
 - 1. Epinephrine – Prelim data is roughly 9.5% of respondents don't carry this and expressed barriers that we may be able to work through. The regions have offered to work to help get more feedback from additional services and then reach out to those who do not have the medication currently.
 - 2. Stroke Protocol –
 - a. FAST-ED scale was turned into a score chart and added to protocol
 - b. Triage protocol some edits have been done and will be updated for final review.
 - i. Some additional language about flying patients will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 3. Lactate monitors – Dr. Ritter motions to eliminate lactate monitors in the field for now Dr. Bohanske Seconded – Consensus is it's not changing care and is often providing inaccurate information. Unanimous approval
 - ii. Yellow Section Review – Collamore/Zimmerman/All
 - 1. Dr. Zimmerman gave an overview of changes that will be covered during the next meeting. Time was short this meeting as this is a joint meeting shared with Life Flight of Maine.

Old Business 1055-1100

- 1) Ops – MEFIRS use and report difficulties were discussed. Don discussed the National continued competency program and how we can work within our system to best support providers who maintain their NREMT certification
- 2) Education – Airway training is in progress the MDPB should see a draft before their next meeting and the education committee would appreciate feedback.
- 3) QI – the group will meet today, last meeting was some really good discussion about a process for moving forward and ideas of what projects to undertake.
- 4) Community Paramedicine – continues to work on levels of education and naming conventions.

1100 Dr. Kendall motioned to adjourn Dr. Zimmerman seconded. Unanimous