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Medical Direction and Practice Board
April 17, 2013
9:30 am
Minutes

<u>Medical Directors Present</u> – Kendall, Goth, Chagrasulis, Sholl, Randolph, Zimmerman, Pieh <u>Medical Directors Absent</u> – None <u>MEMS Staff Present</u> –Bradshaw, Sheets, Powers, Kinney <u>Guests</u> – Rick Petrie, Kevin Gurney, Dennis Russell, Shawn Evans, Marc Minkler, Leah Mitchell, Joanne Lebrun, Chris Pare, Miles Block, Kerry Sousa Pomelow, Jack Lewis, Josh Webb, Scott Cook, Erick Wellman, Nathan Yerxa, Jo Horn, Tom Judge, Norm Dinerman. Teleconference - Busko, Al Leighton, Pete Tilney		
Introduction	M. Sholl introduced Kate Zimmerman, D.O., FACEP as the new Region 1 Medical Director. Kate has an extensive history in emergency medicine; currently working at the Emergency Department at Maine Medical Center, and has been an EMT through Paramedic from 1991 – 2007.	
March Minutes		<u>MOTION:</u> To approve March minutes (Kendall second by Pieh) Unanimous
ME EMS Update	<u>Bradshaw</u>– Gave a Legislation update. Maine EMS will be monitoring LD 196 “An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for Public Safety Answering Points”; this was tabled. LD 235 “ An Act to Improve Insurance Coverage for Volunteer Responders”; , this was tabled, LD 275 “Resolve, to Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to Expand the Existing quality Assurance System”; , this was tabled, and is the lead agency for LD 298 “An Act Regarding the Membership of the Emergency Medical Services Board.” This was passed to add a Fire Chief, and remove one of the public representatives, and LD 708 “An Act to Reduce Emergency Rescue Costs”, this will be set up as a pilot project, and LD 709 “An Act to Require Students to Receive Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation”, this was not passed. Bill just introduced to increase reimbursement for ambulances from Maine Care.	

	Budget process has been through the initial hearing and several work sessions. All the departments were to report budgets back. The Appropriation Committee will start working on this. The EMS Memorial Bike Ride will officially be starting in Augusta this year. Jay, Matt Sholl, Tim Pieh, and Don Sheets plan to participate, and welcome any others that are interested. It was reported that the Bike Ride will correspond with the EMS Memorial unveiling, and with the EMS Awards on May 18, 2013 tentatively to begin at 9:00. Matt gave an overview of each of the days of the five day ride.	
Community Para-medicine	<u>Bradshaw</u>, Steering committee have approved applications from Delta, United, North East Mobile Health, St. George, Crown, Calais. Other applications to be reviewed are NorthStar, CA Dean, Castine, and Millinocket.	
IRB review for Southern Maine University	Jay gave an overview of the purpose of the data collection to be able to link the patients from the crash to hospital to release. To look at the Maine EMS data 1.2 million records to improve the quality of the data. Could also look at not only crashes, but medical as well. This was preliminarily approved by the Board in April, 2013 and now is coming before the MDPB as it was postponed for the March meeting. Al Leighton gave a presentation on what they could do by examining our records for completeness and how to link all the data bases together. Before they could start this project had to get approval from Southern Maine University IRB committee. Introduced the team that would be working on the project to include himself, Rebecca Noreus, and Teresa Hubley. The approval from Maine EMS defines all the data sharing requirements that must be met. Jay will draft this contract and get it out to Al within the next few days.	<u>MOTION:</u> To Approve the RIB for SMU. (Pieh, seconded by Goth).
Outside access to the MEMSRR	EMMC, Maine Med, and SMMC hospitals requesting to allow them access to all EMS data. For the stroke, stemi, and cardiac arrest data. These hospitals were approved by the Maine EMS Board.	<u>MOTION:</u> To allow access to the hospitals for the Maine EMS data (Pieh seconded by Randolph). Unanimous.
New Devices	None	
Special Circumstances Protocol	None	
Agitated Patient Pilot Project	Dr. Randolph and Dr. Busko- currently have nothing new to report.	
Life Flight of Maine	The Life Flight of Maine annual report was presented by Tom Judge and Norm Dinerman. 1. All members of MDPB are invited to be members of the clinical practice committee,	

annual report	many are currently active members. 2. Universal qualifications for requesting Life Flight. 3. Would rather be started and then cancelled if not needed. 4. No significant protocol changes. Protocol review is ongoing. 5. Added isolettes and balloon pumps for transfers in both bases. 6. Discussion on Just Culture protocol. 7. Updating each aircraft with a cost of approximately 1 million each. 8. Sponsoring a Pediatric Conference in Presque Isle.	
New England Protocol	No report	
Protocol Review Discussion	Yellow: Goth 1. Goth reviewed the hypothermia protocol. This will require additional education in the protocol update. Kevin, Matt, Peter and Jon will work on this protocol. 2. Discussion on replacing Dopamine with Levophed. If anyone has any questions contact Matt or Jon. a. Require little education b. This is a cheaper drug c. Can only be administered through a pump d. Cardiologist do not have a preference. 3. Draft 3.1 for all to review and get any comments back to Matt by April 19th. 4. Moving Forward. Second draft review between April and May, then share with the public. Discussion on MDPB assisting with the protocol update. 5. Each Medical Director work with Education committee to prepare talking points. 6. Fireside Chat, for each section, for the rationale for the new changes. 7. Assist a regional Train-the-Trainer. 8. Assist in creating a section on MEMSED. 9. Assist in developing FAQ's and white papers. Becky - Pedi pain control Kate – ALTE Tim – Pressors in EMS Jon – Traumatic Arrest Whit – Seizures Peter – Drowning Kevin – Post Arrest Care	
September MDPB meeting.	This meeting is in the middle of the NASEMO Annual Meeting. Matt expects to be back for the meeting, but Jay will not be here. Discussion on if a month off for the summer is needed. Will discuss in May.	
Glucometer requirements for Maine EMS	How to define an approved glucometers is very outdated. Working on language to update this.	
Drug Shortages	No Report	
Other	Becky discussed an incident last month where a dose of epi 1:1000 was given IV instead of IM. Just wanted all to be aware of this, as epi is such a dangerous	

	drug, to get the word out in their regions. If there is a shortage, this has to be delt with in the region by the pharmacy.	
Old Business		
MEMS Education	Discussion on the protocol rollout with members assigned to individual sections.	
MEMS Operations	Much discussion on the EMS supplemental that will come out on May 17 th . EMS Awards, Memorial and the bike ride. Discussion on the students between the ages of 16 – 18 doing clinical ride time. The services that will be proctoring these students must have a Junior Plan approved by Maine EMS. Janet Cummings, Coordinator for the Child Safety program spoke regarding where the program is going and the upcoming safety seat technician program. This program now has more flexibility to it which should allow more participants.	
MEMS QI	Meeting today and reviewing the ASA survey.	
IFT Subcommit tee	Compiling the work done to date and how to define best practices.	

Next Meetings – May 15, 2013

IFT – 8:30 – 9:30

MDPB – 9:30 – 12:30

QI – 1:00 – 3:00