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**Medical Direction and Practices Board – January 17, 2024**  
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### Minutes

*Members present:* Matt Sholl, Kate Zimmerman, Mike Bohanske, Beth Collamore, Benjy Lowry, Bethany Nash, Rachel Williams, Dave Saquet, Seth Ritter, Emily Bryant, Colin Ayer, Tim Pieh, Pete Tilney, Kelly Meehan-Coussee

*Members Absent:*

*MEMS Staff:* Chris Azevedo, Jason Oko, Anthony Roberts, Soliana Goldrich, Jason Cooney, Darren Davis, Rob Glaspy, Anna Massefski, Ashley Moody, Taylor Parmenter

*Stakeholders:* Brian Langerman, Michael Reeney, AJ Gagnon, Rob McGraw, Eric Wellman, Bob Hand, Chip Getchell, Dr. Jonathan Busko, Ben Zetterman, Jack Lewis, Dr. Kevin Kendall, Joanne Lebrun, Dr. Norm Dinerman, Mike Choate, Don Sheets, Dwight Corning, Phil MacCallum, Rick Petrie, Rob Sharkey, Mike Senecal

- 1) Introductions – 0900-0905 –Sholl
  - a. Dr. Sholl makes introductions and takes roll.
- 2) Nov 2023 MDPB Minutes – 0905-0910 – Sholl
  - a. Pending August, September, October and December minute will be added to next month's agenda.
  - b. Motion to approve November 2023 minutes made by Dr. Zimmerman and seconded by Dr. Lowry. No discussion. Motion is carried.
- 3) State Update – 0910-0925 – Deputy Director Roberts
  - a. Deputy Director Anthony Roberts discusses the arrival of the new EMS Director.
    - i. Wil O'Neal's first day in the office will be 22 Jan 2024.
    - ii. There will be an in-person staff meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by to meet the new Director.
  - b. Work continues on getting the stability funding distributed to EMS services.
  - c. Deputy Director Roberts thanks all those who worked on the Jackman Pilot project.
- 4) Alternate Devices – NONE
- 5) Pilot Projects – 0925 – 0940 – Sholl/All
  - a. Delta – Monthly Report
    - i. Chip Getchell had previously emailed a report to Dr. Sholl. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and Chip Getchell discusses each case.

- b. MMO – Quarterly Report – *Due Dec 2023 (BUMPED TO Jan '24 due to storm) then March 2024*
      - i. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and discusses the report for Portland FD.
    - c. Jackman – Quarterly Report – *Due Jan 2024 then April 2024*
      - i. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and Dr. Busko discusses the pilot report.
- 6) UPDATE – Medication Shortages – 0940-0950 - Nash/All
  - a. Dr. Nash is unable to give a report at this time, and so Dr. Sholl discusses.
    - i. Ketamine stock is recovering from the shortage. However, lorazepam is sparse and may affect midazolam stock if used as an alternate.
    - ii. Prefilled syringes still have issues in some locations.
- 7) Emerging Infectious Diseases – 0950 – 0955 – Sholl
  - a. Dr. Sholl discusses increases in COVID, influenza and RSV cases.
    - i. Many hospitals have resumed masking practices within patient healthcare areas. Messaging has been discussed with the Office regarding communicating this as an operational bulletin.
- 8) 2023 Protocol review process – 0955 - 1025 – All
  - a. Timeline review – Sholl/Zimmerman/Collamore
  - b. Update on education
    - i. Dr. Sholl relates we are at the final month of education delivery. At this time, there are only two more webinars to complete.
    - ii. MEMSEd enrollment is the same as last month. Completion figures will not be tallied until the initial education period is done on 31 Jan 2024.
    - iii. Formulary Update
      - 1. Dr. Nash has advised that the formulary has been updated and is ready for posting and distribution.
    - iv. FAQ Update
      - 1. After the last MDPB meeting, Dr. Sholl worked on an FAQ update. This was circulated with requests to have feedback returned by last Friday. This will be published this week.
    - v. App Update
      - 1. Chris Azevedo discusses the app development process, and that the app developer will be on schedule. There will be some new coding for the app, which will allow some new features.
  - c. Discussion re: 2023 Protocol Review Debrief – dates
    - i. Dr. Sholl discusses the work done thus far during the 2023 update process and reviewing the process at this time.
    - ii. Dr. Collamore suggests the process coordinators should meet first and hotwash the process so ideas can be generated and brought to the group.
- 9) Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice – 1025 – 1040 – Lowry/Goldrich
  - a. Soliana Goldrich and Dr. Lowry discuss the scopes of practice materials for community paramedicine with the group.
    - i. There are two levels of scopes of practice that were proposed. The scopes would be additive to existing scope of practice:
      - 1. Affiliate level
      - 2. Technician level
    - ii. Work is being directed towards putting this material into statute and rule. The goal is better standardization of community paramedicine work throughout the state.
    - iii. Dr. Zimmerman suggests doing a high-level overview of the presented documents with the group.

- iv. Soliana Goldrich shares her screen, reviews and discusses the Community Paramedicine Technician and Affiliate Scope of Practice document with the group.
  - 1. Key points from the committee include
    - a. the scope of practice would be additive to existing scopes of practice,
    - b. the document is readable from a physician standpoint.
- v. Dr. Sholl asks that this document be brought back for one last review at the February meeting.

- 10) PIFT Program – Tilney/Sholl – 1040 – 1055
  - a. This was postponed until the February meeting.

#### **Old Business – 1055 - 1110**

- 1) **Ops** – Deputy Director Roberts/Ops Team Members
  - a. Joanne Lebrun - No report. The Ops Team did not meet
- 2) **Education/Exam Committee** – A Koplovsky/C Azevedo
  - a. Education did not meet in January. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 14 Feb 2024.
  - b. The Board approved the proposed standards for AEMT SMCs (Portfolios), which will be required as on 1 July 2024, when the NREMT officially sunsets their two remaining psychomotor skills exams.
- 3) **QI** – C Getchell/J Oko
  - a. Chip Getchell
    - i. The committee meets at 1330 hours today.
    - ii. Agenda for today includes work on the pediatric newsletter, selecting a new committee chair, and discussion of the 2030 Vision document as applies to QA/QI.
- 4) **Community Paramedicine** – B. Lowry/J Oko
  - a. Dr. Lowry – no other items to report on.
- 5) **EMSC** – M Minkler, R Williams
  - a. Dr. Williams – Maine Health is currently working on pediatric readiness, which works with EMS-C.
  - b. Working on some educational videos which can hopefully be shared.
- 6) **TAC** – Ashley Moody
  - a. TAC meets next Tuesday. Hoping to refocus regarding the statewide trauma plan.
- 7) **MSA** – Ashley Moody
  - a. MSA meets next Tuesday. Working on outcome data.
- 8) **Cardiovascular Council** - A Moody
  - a. No report.
- 9) **Data Committee** – D. Davis/K Meehan-Coussee
  - a. Darren Davis –
    - i. Jason Oko has been working to transition EMS agencies to NEMSIS 3.5.
    - ii. Data Committee meets today at 1300
- 10) **Maine Heart Rescue** – M Sholl, C Azevedo
  - a. Maryland Spring RA will be 29 & 30 May. We are trying to train and obtain physicians for our efforts in Maine.

**11) Items for next Month**

- a. Discussion – AED Registry – Moody
- b. PIFT
- c. Return to CP for suggested edits
- d. Review small group discussion regarding protocol hotwash and set date for debrief.

Meeting transitions to LifeFlight of Maine CPC after the break, at 1110 hours