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Minutes

**Members Present:** Dr. Pieh, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Saquet, Dr. Busko, Dr. Jalbuena, Dr. Sholl, Dr. Kendall, Dr. Nash

**Members Absent:** Dr. Collamore

**Staff:** St. Germain, Sheets

**Others:** Dennis Russell, Rob Sharkey, Geoff Miller, Stephanie Cordwell, Joanne Lebrun, Nathan Yerxa, Chip Getchell, David Mejia, Kevin Gurney, Brian Chamberlin, Sam Schaab,

- 1) Introductions
- 1) July 2017 Minutes – Dr. Sholl motion to approve with edits Don referenced Dr. Pieh Second, Dr. Zimmerman corrected the dates of the Resuscitation academy Unanimous
- 2) State/Community Paramedicine/Medical Director Manual/Cares/Heart Rescue Update – St. Germain
  - a. ASMI Report – Small work groups are meeting as the second part of the Board Meetings.
    - i. Dr. Sholl has reminded the group that there is space for them to participate in the ASMI workgroups and it would be great to have as much involvement as possible.
  - b. Community Paramedicine November 1<sup>st</sup> the new law will go into effect. There will be a CP meeting tomorrow to discuss a work plan moving forward Dennis Russell is taking a leadership role with this group and there will be a formal committee formed under the Board.
  - c. Medical Director video will be finalized shortly
  - d. CARES – Tim has completed the training and Lisa Israel is not able to attend this meeting due to a family emergency.
- 3) PEGASUS Update - None
- 4) Special Circumstances Protocols - NONE
- 5) New Devices – NIO IO Device
  - a. Dr. Busko - This device was brought to him by a biomechanical engineer and physician.
  - b. There is a gap in availability for sub 3 y/o patients
  - c. There is not a robust amount of information on the efficacy of this device.

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- i. Dr. Pieh motions to pause until we have more information on live patient use, Dr. Kendall seconds, Unanimous
- 6) 2017 Protocol Education
  - a. Thanks to the Education Committee for putting this together.
  - b. Thanks to everyone for reviewing the educational material
  - c. Dr. Pieh Motions: Instructors approved by the regional office, in person will use a paper test provided by Maine EMS. Dr. Bohanske Seconds. Passes Unanimously
  - d. Tentative Regional Trainings
    - i. Region 1 – Sept 29 – 9a – 1p Yarmouth Fire
    - ii. Region 2 – Oct 5 – 3p – 6p Conference room H
    - iii. Region 3 – Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1-5 MGMC classroom 1
    - iv. Region 4 - Sept 28 11a – 3p Mathieu auditorium EMCC
    - v. Region 5 – 12 – 4 20<sup>th</sup> NMCC
    - vi. Region 6 – Sept 22 – 9a – 1p Rockland Fire
  - e. Status of the online training is nearing completion
  - f. Dr. Pieh brought up some comments that came up at their regional meeting.
    - i. There is concern about the timeline of the roll out is it was pushed back due to weather and scheduling
    - ii. MDPB wants to support services and providers and no objections to adjusting the timeline were voiced.
  - g. Dr. Pieh motions: Make the effective date of the new protocols January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. Dr. Zimmerman seconds, passes = Unanimous.
- 7) Medication shortages – discussion/awareness
  - a. Waldo County Fentanyl – transient fentanyl shortage. In stock now. Discussion re: need to maintain awareness re: medication shortages.
- 8) Medical Direction Project
  - a. Videos – in progress
  - b. Slides – Will be complete before the Samoset
  - c. Conference at the Samoset – it is intended that this training could be made available to teach at the conference.
- 9) Resuscitation Academy – A number of Maine EMS Providers have attended the Seattle/County Resuscitation Academy which has been costly for the Heart Rescue foundation. They are now looking to support Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont starting their own academy. First meeting/conference on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the New Hampshire EMS conference. MDPB members asked to share the “Save the Date”.
- 10) Stroke Workgroup – October 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next workgroup meeting. This has been a collaboration of the stroke centers and Maine EMS.
- 11) Upcoming research projects -
  - a. SCREEM
  - b. Rural Cardiac Arrest
  - c. Pediatric Telemedicine
- 12) Change in access to MEFIRS – Dr. Sholl gave a recap of the path that led us to alter the access of regional offices to the MEFIRS system. This was not taken lightly but was done as a necessity to meet the law.

- a. MDPB members expressed the frustration this has caused in workflow and have offered to be involved in ongoing dialogue with the Board and Maine EMS about ways to restore privileges and workflow.

13) Old Business

- a. Operations – Has been discussing the MEFIRS access and ways to work with Maine EMS to continue QI practices
- b. Education – Has been focused on protocol training
- c. QI – Has not met but will meet this afternoon