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

Medical Directors Present – Kendall, Chagrasulis, Sholl, Pieh
Medical Directors and guest by teleconference – Busko, Zimmerman and Dinerman
Medical Directors Absent – Goth, Randolph
MEMS Staff Present –Bradshaw, Leo, Sheets, Powers, Kinney
Guests –Rick Petrie, John Kooistra, Butch Russell, Shawn Evans, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Murphy, Chris Pare, Shaheim Griffin, Travis Vicary

Introduction	Introductions were made.	
June Minutes		**MOTION:** To approve June minutes with the spelling of Nexus(Pieh second by Kendall) Unanimous
ME EMS Update	Bradshaw– No bills were carried over, the bill to increase Medicare reimbursement passed for 2015. There were a varity of CPR bills that were voted down. Budget – Budget passed, departments now going through individual budgets.	
Community Para-medicine	Bradshaw, Eleven services have been approved for Community Paramedicine pilot projects. The last service will be going to the steering committee in September. The next step is reporting the evaluation of project, to collect some positive information that may allow the legislature to add additional services for this project.	
New Devices	None presented.	

Special Circum-stances Protocol	None presented.	
Agitated Patient Pilot Project	No new cases.	
TASER	M. Sholl reported that in Southern Maine, a law officer was sued for removing the TASER probes. Matt and Jay to meet with the Criminal Justice Academy, Maine Police Association, Maine Sheriffs, EMS Services and others in early September and will bring this back to the MDPB.	
New England Organ Bank	New England Organ Bank (NEOB) is requesting EMS providers to use their protocols regarding deceased patients. Due to the Termination of Resuscitation, they are seeing a big decrease in donors. As this protocol goes way beyond what the EMS providers would do, they will be developing an educational program. This program will be available on the MEMSED web site as well as being presented at the Samoset this fall.	
Protocol Update	1. Regional feedback and comments to date: OPS met and reviewed the protocols section by section. All comments were sent to Matt. Region 2 has had 2 telephone/Go To Meetings and the last one scheduled for next week. Joanne will send summary to Matt by the end of July. Other regions are considering this method and will send any other comments. Region 4 had questions regarding the definition of ALS being Critical Care or Paramedic only. This will be added to the FAQ's. Much discussion on services being required to have a pump to administer Pressors. This will be added to the Pressor White Paper and will send out a letter to all paramedic and permitted to paramedic level services advising them of the pump requirement and to find out the impact this will cause the service. Matt and Tim will develop the paper and letter and Jay will send it from the MEMS office. Discussion on Post Resusitation regarding adding an age requirement. Kate and Jon to discuss with the Pedi CC folds at MMC and EMMC. Kevin will do additional research on this topic. 2. Update on the 2013 protocol app process: RFP sent out on Friday and approximately 2 dozen applications back so far. On line but if folks are interested in a copy, let Jay know as the office is tracking this. August 13th is the closing date and Dec 1st is the completion date. 3. Talking Points and White Papers: Five of the seven are finished and can be posted on the Maine EMS web site. Becky and Kevin will finish and send to Matt. 4. Educational process update: Dan Batsie reported that they are working on the Protocol update program. Portland Fire is assisting with the lesson plan, final product will be done by the September meeting. There will be a Basic and Advanced level program. This will be sent to the MDPB when completed. Will use the same education process as the last update; Rollout with 6 large seminars to include medical directors and will also be a train-the-trainer. This will also be put on MEMSED. 5. Next steps: Matt and Jay will address the comments to date and if any clarification is needed, he will speak with the person involved with that section. Any decisions made will then be pushed out to all the medical directors.	

Tourniquet	Discussion on tourniquets and the requirements. The group approved the paper as written. Tourniquet required elements: 1. Commercially manufactured device 2. Be a minimum of 1 inch wide 3. Be latex free 4. Use a windlass or mechanical advantage to tighten the device Don will have this put on the Maine EMS web page.	
NECC Conference	Matt discussed the upcoming NorthEast Cerebrovascular Consortium (NECC) conference and annual meeting on October 17, and 18, 2013 in Boston. Anyone interested contact him.	
Response to Active Shooter White Paper	Tim would like to develop a white paper from MDPB so that all first responders will know their role. He will bring this back to the September meeting. EMS is taking a big interest in the programs for response to active shooters and are providing funds for training and equipment. This will be reviewed by Dan Batsie and John Kooistra. Matt will check with Connecticut EMS to see if they have any programs for response to active shooters. Additional discussion on educational programs for blast injuries and hemorrhage control. Dan Batsie and John Kooistra will develop programs on blast injuries and hemorrhage control.	
MDPB Retreat	Looking for a fall date for a retreat to put together all projects.	
Companion Manual	Matt will review what has been developed to date and will be reaching out to other members.	
Old Business		
MEMS Education	Already reported above.	
MEMS Operations	Met on July 10th and went over all the protocol changes with comments. These comments were sent to Matt and he and Jay will go over them and apply/make changes appropately to the protocols.	
MEMS QI	Meeting today to discuss the next project that will review cardiac arrest.	
IFT Sub-committee	Recognize the need for a PIFT update. Will be working on developing a program. Will review and find the most common transfers and develop protocols to guide the paramedics.	
Next Meetings	September 18, 2013 NO MEETING IN AUGUST. IFT – 8:30 am – 9:30 am MDPB – 9:30am – 12:30 pm QI – 1:00pm – 3:00 pm	