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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2010
DECHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Tim Beals (chair), Steve Diaz (ex-officio), Ken Albert, Joe Conley, Peter DiPietrantonio, Richard Doughty, Judy Gerrish, Bob Hand, Paul Knowlton, Steve Leach, Geneva Sides, Lori Metayer, Percy Thibeault (via videoconference), Wayne Werts, Roy Woods

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Alan Leo, Jon Powers, Drexell White

Regional Coordinators: Steve Corbin, Donnie Carroll, Rick Petrie, Joanne LeBrun

Office of Attorney General: Laura Yustak Smith, AAG

Guests: Jeff Rowe, Eric Wellman, David Robie

1. Introductions made and guests welcomed.
2. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2009, as amended to include reference to the work group addressing the issue about unlicensed providers (Leach; second by Doughty)
Unanimous

3. Public Comments – none
4. Old Business – Waiver of 12 Lead ECG for services permitted or licensed at the Intermediate level. Alan Leo presented a waiver request on behalf of the Board that provided details about the services that are that are affected by the requirement for a 12 lead ECG effective 1/1/10. The Board discussed the waiver process and reviewed the components of Ch 13 regarding waivers.

The Board found that with regard to Ch 13.2.1 and 2 were neutral and did not affect the decision regarding the waiver; Ch 13.2.3 the Board found that there may be injury or harm if the waiver were not granted, which supports the waiver; re: Ch 13.2.4, the Board found that a wavier would not pose a health or safety risk which supports the waiver, re: Ch 13.2.5 the Board found that based upon the data presented and discussions with the services affected that this would not establish a precedent, which is neutral with regard to the waiver.

MOTION: To extend until July 31, 2011, the deadline for the following services to obtain a 12 lead ECG: Alna Rescue, Denmark Rescue, Hancock Vol Fire Dept., Kenduskeag Rescue, Mechanic Falls Rescue, Milford Fire Dept., Plymouth Rescue, Westport Fire Dept First Responders, Windsor Rescue, China Rescue, Corinth Rescue, Gouldsboro Fire Dept.,

Bagaduce Ambulance, Searsmont Ambulance, Belgrade Rescue, Bristol Fire/Rescue, Etna Rescue, Holden Rescue. (Leach; second by Sides). Carried with 9 in support and 3 opposed.

Members asked that MEMS and the regional offices assist services to encourage their communities to support local EMS services and for EMS services to pursue funding opportunities through Homeland Security Grants and other funding sources.

5. New Business

- a. Legislative & Budget Updates – Jay reported that there have several discussions regarding budget cuts for FY 10 & 11, but at this time there have been no additional changes to EMS that have been previously described.
- b. Medical Director Report – Dr. Diaz reported that the MDPB is planning a retreat for January 20 Agenda items include orientation for new MDPB members, H1N1, EMD protocol 36, PIFT, new devices, airway QI, and medical director town meetings. The HART committee is working on data to look at the Maine experience with STEMI. Dr. Sholl is attending the NAEMSP annual meeting where topics include changes to CPR and NEMSIS, including discussions on developing national protocols using NEMSIS QI markers.
- c. Investigations Committee

MOTION: For the Investigations Committee to approve the minutes of the 11/18/09 Investigations Committee meeting. (Doughty; second by Knowlton) Unanimous

MOTION: For the Board to ratify the Investigation Committee minutes from 11/18/09 with typographical corrections. (Albert; second by Woods) Unanimous

MOTION: For the Investigations Committee to approve the minutes of the 12/2/09 Investigations Committee meeting. (Doughty; second by Knowlton) Unanimous

MOTION: For the Board to ratify the Investigation Committee minutes from 12/2/09. (Woods; second by Leach) Unanimous

MOTION: That through January 2011, Maine EMS staff will be authorized to review unlicensed practice by EMD providers who were certified but did not renew their Maine EMS license in a timely manner. (Woods; second by Leach). Unanimous with one abstention (Werts)

- d. Operations Team – Joanne LeBrun reported that topics discussed at the Ops Team meeting included EMT-I written exams during the transition to courses sponsored by Training Centers, the MDPB retreat, narrow banding radio requirements, a meeting with Maine CDC on Regional Resource Center goals and objectives, the IPE retest form, and an update on activities within each region.
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Data – Jon Powers provided the annual report of the data committee that included proposed changes to the data required by services exporting data into MEMSRR. The Board expressed concern about the time of these changes on budgets for software and training.

MOTION: To table any action on changes to the MEMSRR data until a fiscal impact can be compiled. (Albert; second by Werts). Unanimous.

- ii. EMD – Drexell reported that QI meetings are planned in several locations over the coming months, starting in Portland area, then Bangor, then central Maine.

Drexell also asked for clarification regarding the earlier Board action regarding staff review of unlicensed EMD providers. Board confirmed that their previous action was limited only to individuals and would not apply to centers.

- iii. Exam Committee

MOTION: To approve the updated version of the Exam Administrator Manual (Leach; second by Gerrish). Unanimous.

Other – none at this time

6. Staff Reports – Jay reported that the deadline for applications for the Training Coordinator position has been extended until January 8, after which time interviews will be conducted.

Jay also reported that EMS Management training series will begin again starting on January 29. The goal is to offer a day of training every 2-3 months over the coming year.

7. Other – Laura Yustak Smith reported that the attorney for Rita Lundin advised that Ms. Lundin has decided not to pursue an appeal of the Board's decision.

Adjourned at 12:25 – next meeting will be March 3, 2010.