

Medical Direction and Practice Board
21-January-2009
Minutes

In Attendance Members: Matt Sholl, David Ettinger, Tim Pieh, Kevin Kendall, Peter Goth, Steve Diaz, Anthony Bock

In Attendance Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Jan Brinkman

In Attendance Guests: Jeff Regis, Colin Coor, Rick Petrie (Ops Rep), Ginny Brockway, Warren Waltz, Joanne LeBrun, John Kooistra, John Brady, Doris Laslie, Scott Cook, Jason Fairbrother, Butch Russell, Dan Batsie (Ed Rep), Ginny Brockway, Laurie Metayer (Board Rep), Rebecca Dyer, many students from NEEMS paramedic class who did not sign in...

Topic	Discussion	Action(s)
1) Introductions and Announcements	Done	Dr. Coor was introduced by Dr. Ettinger as the new MCEMS medical director.
2) November 2008 Minutes	None	Motion by Kendall and second by Ettinger to accept and unanimous approval.
3) Legislative and Budget	The Legislature is in and curtailment for FY 2009 is in and its impact to MEMS is about \$100,000. Staff person to help with programming was not accepted. Budget—some difficult times currently and projected. No department bills in at this time. Not known if any progress for a Blue Ribbon Level Commission for Mental Health Issues.	None
4) Airway Programming	Robust discussion of how we teach initial and continuing airway knowledge and skills, and how we might tackle remediation. How do we cover didactic, do we have OR access and if we do have access do we have volume, are we able to do SIM training, can we arrange live or nearly live tissue lab? We had a robust 2005 Airway Training with pretty complete rollout but do not have the QI data on how effective this was, and can we get such data? Do we know the data on failed intubations and what happens in these cases? S MEMS had a model for Airway Training with manikins and again, do we have QI or data on the success of such a system? Do we have reluctance on the part of ED providers to address or tell us about missed intubations? Perhaps we should query a national list serve on frequency of skills training for airway maintenance? Goth purported an FAQ on top 10 bad myths.... Such as don't hold your breath when intubating. We need to standardize our pillars, have training that is 50% practical, figure out that this needs to be done every ____ months, and really get this as specific as possible. At some point, ironing out the variations in	We will meet as a subgroup on February 18, 2009, 8:30 am, just before the MDPB.

	curriculum will be appropriate. One purported idea is quarterly updates for all (what does this mean) for airway education. Can we morph 2005 update to meet today's needs? Portland FD has addressed some of this internally based upon their perceived attrition rates and focus on hands-on. Should we model this like NAEMSP and the wilderness medicine 4 position papers they have to set the pillars for wilderness medicine— will this model work for Maine Airway? Is there a way to look at CE layout and identify high-risk areas and see if these should be mandated as specific trainings (we have gone away from this in part in the past).	
5) OLMC	Audio being updated	None
6) Specialty Programming	Education discussed and OK with this – to Ops?	Still in process
7) Wilderness protocols	Mike Senecal sent Diaz and the group all the work to date – we all need to review this and re-meet	In Process
8) Disaster protocols	This has been recently compiled, reading for fine editing at this point	In Process – meet next month
9) MEMS QI	Attempting to move to exclusive use of MEMSRR	Meeting this afternoon
10) Education Committee	(A) Training Center Approval Process to MEMS board; (B) Specialty Program reviewed and will give feedback to Busko but largely supported; (C) AVOC—Spring stakeholder meeting; (D) NREMT CoAEMSP discussion here at MEMS on February 13, 2009	None
11) Operations Committee	Topics that they discussed: (A) EMS Memorial Update and fundraising efforts; (B) PIFT survey – next topic on today's agenda; (C) Student Handbook: TCAP; (D) Highway Safety Project; (E) Carry over money for EMSC; (F) Mental Health Transfers	None
12) PIFT and Destination Follow-up	Presentation by LeBrun, Brinkman and Petrie: Survey monkey mock-up circulated on questionnaire to services and separate questionnaire to providers on status on their services of PIFT use and concerns. Discussion and recommendation given to this team at time of presentation	To circulate to entire group
<u>13) Next Meeting: February 18, 2009</u>		