

Medical Direction and Practice Board
20-May-2009
Minutes

In Attendance Members: Tim Pieh, Matt Sholl, Peter Goth, Colin Coor, Kevin Kendall, Jonnathan Busko, Steve Diaz

Excused Members: Anthony Bock

In Attendance Staff: Jan Brinkman, Dawn Kinney, Alan Leo

In Attendance Guests: Paul Liebow, Norm Dinerman, Scott Cook, Ginny Brockway, Kelsi Bean, Jennifer Grant, Warren Waltz, John Brady, Dan Batsie (Ed. Rep.), Rick Petrie (Ops. Rep.), Rebecca Dyer

Topic	Discussion	Action(s)
1) Introductions and Announcements	Introductions	None
2) Minutes April 2009	None	Motion by Kendall with second by Pieh to accept, unanimous approval
3) MEMS Update	<p>1) No idea yet if any changes in the biennial budget. Should know a lot more in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>2) Jay would appreciate feedback on the weekly airway reports. There are some data entry and export/import issues that we are currently researching.</p> <p>3) We are working on Asst. State EMS medical director job description.</p> <p>4) Lots of data QI issues (anticipated) - also working on training programs for different types of users.</p> <p>5) Access to data an issue we need to discuss. Perhaps a sub committee (Diaz, Sholl, Busko, Bradshaw) as the only conduit appropriate right now is to ask MEMS QI to do the queries and scrub the data.</p> <p>6) EMS Awards held yesterday. We are looking for honest critique and suggestions. Of note, lots of mention of volunteerism around EMS, and this has not changed in years, and is this a sustainable model in our economic environment.</p>	None
4) Discussion of Volunteerism	<p>Lots of open discussion around the cornerstone of volunteerism in EMS. This sentiment was echoed many times in Governor Baldacci's speech at Hall of Flags yesterday. Although most services have paid day time crews, only larger services are able to staff 24 hours a day and thus first responders still rely heavily on volunteers as do smaller transporting services. This is important to maintain but also not the best system overall. Can we garner support for more ubiquitous EMS response independent of a service, can the RRC's be helpful here, what can we do to help shepherd those with good</p>	Need further fleshing out of this discussion, no actions at this point.

	ideas on how to improve our system?	
5) Companion Book	Consensus for all us to read and give Jan Brinkman and Steve Diaz feedback that includes the page numbers to which the comments are referenced	Review by MDPB and all others invited.
6) Critical Care Transports	Awaiting the PIFT survey completion and some ideas still of case studies to help direct this	Awaiting completion of PIFT survey
7) PIFT Survey Update	<p>The PIFT survey was launched on April 15, 2009. Although the survey was projected to close on May 15, 2009, surveys continue to be completed as recently as today. I believe we will reach our maximum return by May 27. After that date, the survey will be closed and I will begin to compile the data for our June meetings.</p> <p>As of May 18, the following have completed their respective surveys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91 PIFT Providers, representing 17 services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of the 91 PIFT Providers – 40 respondents did not list their service affiliation • 27 PIFT Service Chiefs (68% participation –there are 40 PIFT Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of the 27 Service Chiefs – 4 answered anonymously • 12 PIFT Service Medical Directors (33% participation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of the 12 Medical Directors - 6 answered anonymously <p>The MDPB members have agreed to look at the PIFT medical direction list for their regions and call the medical directors of PIFT to encourage participation</p>	The MDPB members have agreed to look at the PIFT medical direction list for their regions and call the medical directors of PIFT to encourage participation
8) Airway Update	<p>1) Educational components – Busko and Batsie – developing</p> <p>2) Structure and Modeling – Sholl and Petrie – awaiting content from Education components group</p> <p>3) QI – Diaz and Bradshaw – working on Image Trend reporting</p> <p>4) Record Keeping – Pieh, Brinkman, and Petrie – 3 Options delivered of (a) Set-up Unique CEH numbers to track this; (b) go to Individual Certification cards (merit badge system); (c) Require service to keep records. The consensus is that option “a” of unique CEH numbering is the way to go.</p> <p>Also an offline discussion on uniqueness and specificity of pediatrics – this has a bigger discussion attached to it that includes EMSC – may bring it back next month</p>	Most still in process but we did decide on record keeping to support the unique CEH numbering solution

9) OLMC Update	In hands of MMC – Sholl will check status	none
10) MDOC Update	October 17, 2009, 8 am, MaineGeneral Medical Center, Dean Auditorium, Waterville, Maine	Please advertise and spread the word. Diaz has drafted MDOC letter and will check in with Bradshaw around this.
11) Specialty Program Update	BOD in June 2009	None
12) QI Committee	Working on reporting our reports we have in place out of Image trend – issues with diligence in Electronic Run Report completion and setting up the data correctly in the report	In process
13) Education Committee	Working on TCAP per Batsie. Documents being finished. Also, IC piece and moving away from NECEMS and to NHTSA curriculum which also involves looking at licensure levels. This means 2 levels of instructors, potentially.	None
14) Operations Committee	Petrie reported that they had an abbreviated May meeting so they could attend to the legislative discussion on EMS funding bill. The EMS funding bill has been tabled, PSAP funding increase from \$0.30 to \$0.37 has been put in place, they discussed the PIFT update, they discussed transporting children safely in Ambulances Program to integrate with EMT class, they discussed the budget being “up in the air,” they checked in with follow-up updates and they received an EMD provider CEH updated from Drexell White	None
15) Roundtable	Discussion of the following three articles: <i>Efficacy of Soap and Water and Alcohol-based Hand-rub Preparations against Live H1N1 Influenza Virus on the Hands of Human Volunteers</i> , Grayson, ML <i>et al</i> , CID 2009;48 (1 February) pp 285 – 291. <i>Personal Protective Equipment and Antiviral Drug Use during Hospitalization for Suspected Avian or Pandemic Influenza</i> , Swaminathan, A <i>et al</i> , Emerging Infectious Diseases, Vol 13, No 10, October 2007, pp 1541 – 1547. <i>Antiviral and the Control of Influenza Outbreaks</i> , Hota, S and McGeer, A, CID 2007;45 (15 November) pp 1362 – 1368.	Good discussion
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18) Next Meeting: June 17, 2009		