

## MDPB Minutes September 19, 2001

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, B. Callamore, D. Stuchiner

MEMS Staff: D. White

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Bill Zito, Rick Petrie, B. Dunwoody

Guests: T. Judge, P. Marcolini, P. Goth, J. Regis, J McKenney

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 06/16/01	none	Adopted	None.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>			
1. Legislative Update	Bradshaw: legislature is out of session.	None	None
2. September 11, 2001	Group discussed recent terrorist attacks and Maine EMS preparedness. Despite a degree of chaos, particularly in the area of incoming information, the Maine EMS system seemed to respond well with good communications. No significant changes appear to be necessary.	None	None
3. Protocol Revisions and New Book	Progress continues. Plans for the new book appear to target winter 2001-2002 as a release date.	Copies of the latest revisions were distributed for review by MDPB members. Burton asked all to review with October 15, 2001 deadline.	<b>All Reviews to be returned to Bradshaw or Burton by October 15, 2001.</b> Burton and Bradshaw will review final copies.
4. Cspine protocol	Discussion included proposal revisions by MDPB and Burton. Latest version was reviewed – minor changes have taken place over summer to be consistent with Nexus and to simplify, improve. Burton discussed QA plan – a statewide plan for prospective evaluation. The desire is to integrate the EMS QA with regional ED/hospital data, particularly trauma centers, to evaluate outcomes and efficacy. Group discussed issue of how to interface with new protocol	Group adopted plan to create new training manual (Burton/Diaz), statewide QA, and to implement with new protocol book. This will delay new book, hopefully not beyond a few months.	Burton and Diaz to work on training manual. Burton will continue work on QA effort. <b><u>Item for November agenda.</u></b>

<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p>1. Cricothyrotomy Study</p> <p>2. Mannikin Intubation model for Maine EMS</p> <p>3. EMS training in Maine hospitals</p>	<p>book.</p> <p>Results of Cric study were reviewed. This involved 10 weeks of work and integration with 19 Maine hospitals. Evie Marcolini presented findings. Highlights include:  -41% crics in medical patients  -80-93% success rates in all crics  -68 crics in 8 years, 6 survivors  -all survivors were trauma patients</p> <p>Discussion deferred.</p> <p>Discussion regarding need for participation of Maine hospitals in Maine EMS provider training. It is unclear the level of current participation. However, areas where participation and training opportunities are successful appear to be overburdened with requests from other regions. This may be an issue for the Maine Hospital Association.</p>	<p>There appears to be need for this protocol, some restrictions regarding medical patients was discussed. Consideration of LMA or Combitube would hopefully address medical patients with crics.</p> <p>Group discussed alternate airway devices briefly.</p> <p>Discussion deferred.</p> <p>Burton and Bradshaw discussed need for baseline data before discussions with the MHA. This data should be collected in the weeks/months ahead, reviewed, then presented to the MHA for discussion.</p>	<p>Further consideration should be given to an action plan for alternative airway devices for Maine EMS.</p> <p><b><u>Item for November agenda.</u></b></p> <p>Burton and Bradshaw will work on this issue and inform group of progress.</p> <p><b><u>Item for November agenda.</u></b></p>
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<p><b><u>Other Business</u></b> 1.Decert/recert/cert</p>	<p>Burton asked that this item remain at the top of agenda for the 2001-2002 session. No changes to date. Laura Yustak Smth is continuing to develop issues with the regions for presentation at later date- Drexel and Laura are meeting in September to firm up AG positions. All regions have submitted consent agreements for review.</p>	<p>Emphasis should remain on decert process, recert and cert are not difficult in comparison. Retreat or meeting focus on this issue is possible once the legal issues have been clarified.</p>	<p><b><u>Item for November Agenda.</u></b></p>
<p>Next meeting 11/28/2001 (0930 - 1230)</p>	<p>November 21 is day before Thanksgiving. October cancelled – ACEP and NASEMSD.</p>		

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