Maine Board of EMS
Minutes of September 5, 2018 Board Meeting
Held in the Champlain Conference Room at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Scott Susi called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Scott Susi, Chair, Fire Chiefs Assn. Rep
Joe Kellner, Chair-Elect, Region 4 Rep
Dennis Russell, Not-for-Profit Rep
Brent Libby, Fire Chief Rep
Laura Downing, EMD Rep
Heidi Cote, Emergency Nurse Rep
Lori Metayer, Region 2 Rep
Judy Gerrish, Public Rep
Tim Beals, Region 3 Rep
Joe Conley, For-Profit Rep
Matthew Sholl, State Medical Director
Brad Chicoine, Municipal EMS Rep
Nathan Allen, Region 5 Rep
Carolyn Brouillard, Non-Transporting Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT
Vacant, Region 1 Rep
Greg Coyne, Region 6 Rep
John Martel, Emergency Physician Rep
Julie Ontengco, Hospital Rep

STAFF PRESENT
Shaun St. Germain, Director
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Jason Oko, Licensing Agent
Janet Joyeux, Assistant to the Commissioner
Tim Nangle, Data Coordinator
Katie Boynton, Project Manager
Marc Minkler, EMS-C Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT
Kate Zimmerman, Associate State Med. Dir.
Ben Zetterman, Aroostook EMS

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DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
No members disclose a conflict of interest.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL
Review and approval of the minutes of July 11, 2018.
In a motion by Libby, seconded by Russell to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carries unanimously.
Review and approval of the minutes of August 1, 2018.
Tim Beals asks to clarify items from the minutes. In a motion by Beals, seconded by Libby, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There is no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS
In a motion by Beals, seconded by Conley, to take the agenda items out of order. Motion carries unanimously.

Service License Level Response to 911 Calls
Shaun St. Germain provides information to the Board regarding the potential violations relating to service license responses where individuals providing care are not licensed at the level required by the service license. There is discussion on the history of investigations cases which had patient harm due to this process. There is discussion on the benefits of having EMTs learning the critical skills needed to provide the best care possible. There is discussion on the shortage of paramedics in areas and how this can affect those services. There is much discussion on the definition of “able”.

In a motion by Beals, seconded by Libby, that the Board issue an opinion regarding Rules, Chapter 3, Section 7(1) that as long as a person who is licensed at the service’s license level is in the vehicle, the person is able to provide care. Motion carries with one member opposed (Downing).

OLD BUSINESS
ASMI Discussion
Joe Kellner reminds the Board of the two action items due by October 1, 2018: to clarify the regional terminology and determine the contract deliverables. Joanne Lebrun talks about what is going on related to QI in her region. Rick Petrie talks about what Nate Yerxa is doing with QI in his regions and how they’re assisting their services. Ben Zetterman talks about his regions historical QI plans and the process to update the plans and dealing with turnover. There is discussion about what providers in each region are looking for from their Regional Offices. There is discussion about the financials and funding for the regions. Shaun asks if each region should be provided with the same set of deliverables. There is discussion on the frequency, content, and delivery of reporting.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourns at 10:56 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on October 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katie L. Boynton, Project Manager

Board approved: