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EMD Committee Meeting  
October 16, 2008 9:30 a.m.  
De Champlain Conference Room, Maine EMS, Augusta  
Minutes

Members: Stephanie Gibbs Chair. Brian Gregoire, Fran Hudson, Kathy Blagdon, Linda Dunno

Staff: Drexell White, Steve Bunker

Guests: Laura Downing, Randi Lemieux, Brodie Hinckley, Peter Daigle, R.J. Legere,  
Wendy Morrison

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:41 p.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

1. Regional EMS Council Proposal for EMS System using 9-1-1 funds.
2. Electronic Run Reporting

B. Review/Accept September 18, 2008 minutes

The committee reviewed the September 18, 2008, minutes.

***Motion: To accept the September 18, 2008 meeting minutes (Dunno; second by Blagdon – motion carries – unanimous)***

2. Old Business

A. Staff Report

Drexell reported that there is one site visit to complete for 2008.

The Maine EMS office is seeing an increase in calls concerning EMD training and license renewal.

Drexell will be presenting EMD information to the New England Council of EMS annual meeting in Newport RI in November as part of an American Heart Association New England Strategies Council presentation.

## B. ESCB Report – Steve Bunker

Steve Bunker reported:

- Priority Dispatch Inc (PDI) has been selected as the statewide protocol provider. Contract negotiations are in process and include negotiations concerning liability exceptions raised by PDI. The contract will cover:
  - Basic EMD training programs
  - EMD protocols
  - QA/QI training
  - Continuing Education – Priority Dispatch Continuing Dispatcher Education Advancement Series
  - Train the trainer programs
  - Electronic protocols and Quality Assurance
- The ESCB will not be able to reimburse EMD vendors directly until a contract for EMD training is signed – EMD Centers will need to pay for the course directly and be reimbursed by the ESCB. Steve stated that he realizes that (many times) reimbursed dollars do not return to training budgets, but to municipal and county general funds. Once a contract is signed, Steve can once again direct bill.
- Steve will be meeting with the PUC at the end of October to outline current and future education needs and models.
- The ESCB and Maine EMS will once again be presenting courses as part of the 2008 Mid Coast EMS Council Conference held at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.. A full EMD course will be presented as part of the conference.

## C. Priority Dispatch Inc (PDI) Update

Drexell reported that contract negotiations are under way between the ESCB and PDI. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

## D. Continuing Education Categories and Requirements – Update

Drexell reported that he will be submitting proposed rules changes concerning EMD continuing education to the EMS Board's rules subcommittee. Changes will include the committee's recommendation that EMD licensing be based upon certification through the EMD vendor as well as housekeeping changes to make rules consistent with Maine EMD law.

## 3. New Business

### A. Protocol Transition

There was little discussion as transition information was discussed during the ESCB report and in that Maine EMS and the ESCB are awaiting completion of a contract so that work can begin on transitioning the 260+ EMD licensees who will need the PDI training program.

Peter Daigle, from the Portland Fire Dept asked about the timing of obtaining the electronic protocols and whether the ESCB would reimburse Portland if the Center were to purchase the electronic protocol software.

Steve Bunker will follow-up on Mr. Daigle's question.

## B. Regional EMS Council Proposal for EMS System using 9-1-1 Funds

Stephanie reported that at the previous evening's Mid Coast EMS Council meeting, there was discussion about a plan by the regional EMS councils to submit legislation to use 9-1-1 surcharge funds to help fund the regional EMS councils.

Drexell indicated that the proposal had been discussed by the EMS Operations Team and that the proposed legislation would be a bill put forth by the regions, not by Maine EMS.

## C. Electronic Run Reporting

Stephanie reported that some EMS services are indicating "EMD performed" on the Maine EMS electronic run report, when EMD may not have been performed. She expressed concerns that EMS providers are unclear of the difference between Pre- Arrival Instructions (PAIs) and Post Dispatch Instructions (PDIs).

Drexell will follow-up with Ben Woodard concerning EMD fields on the electronic run report.

### 4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 at Maine EMS in Augusta.

### 5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White