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EMD Advisory Committee Meeting
March 15, 2007
De Champlain Conference Room B, Maine EMS, Augusta

Minutes

Members Present: Peter Bragdon, Kathy Blagdon, Tim Beals, Linda Dunno, Brian Gregoire,
Fran Hudson, Stephanie Gibbs

Staff: Drexell White, Steve Bunker

Guests: Randi Lemieux

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.
 - a. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None
 - b. Review/Accept February 20, 2007 minutes

The committee reviewed the February 20, 2007, minutes.

Motion: To accept the February 20, 2007 meeting minutes (Dunno; second by Beals – motion carries – unanimous)

2. Old Business

A. Maine EMD Application Process

Drexell reported that 37 services and 410 Emergency Medical Dispatchers have received EMD certification.

B. ESCB Training –Update

Steve Bunker reported that he has scheduled a Medical Priority Dispatch class in March and a Powerphone class in April. The information has been sent to PSAPs/EMD services.

C. Legislative Update

LD 627 – An Act to Ensure Uniform Emergency Medical Dispatch Services in Maine has come out of committee with a unanimous ought-to-pass-as-amended. Due to the Emergency Preamble attached to the bill, once approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, the bill will become law (vs. waiting the usual 90 days after the Legislature adjourns). Drexell reported that Tim Beals and he spoke in favor (at the hearing), no one was opposed and the Public Utilities Commission spoke neither for nor against.

D. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI)

Drexell reported that he met with the Maine EMS QA/QI committee to discuss the QI process and to find out how the QI committee might assist the EMD committee in developing questions and indicators for EMD QI.

E. EMD CEH (Continuing Education Hour) Procedures

Staff continues work on the CEH process and will be seeking rules clarification from the Attorney Generals office about use of continuing education hours by persons licensed as EMS providers and certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers.

F. EMS Manager Representative to the Committee

Committee members reviewed letters and information from four persons interested in the EMS Manager's position on the EMD committee. Following review of the submissions and discussion, the committee voted to recommend Charles McMahan, Director of Capital Ambulance Service in Bangor, be appointed as the committee's EMS Manager representative.

Motion: To recommend to the Maine EMS Board chair that Charles McMahan be appointed as the EMS Manager representative to the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Committee (Beals; Blagdon –motion carries – unanimous)

G. Curriculum Development

H. Maine EMS Protocol Development – Long Term Goal

Committee members discussed options for a standard Maine EMD curriculum and protocol. The committee reviewed five potential options that included:

- Status Quo - Maintain 3 Approved Programs (MPD, NECI, PowerPhone) & 3 Approved Protocols
- 3 Vendors using single Maine EMS-developed protocol
- Sole source vendor for curriculum and protocol
- Sole source vendor for curriculum with Maine EMS-developed protocol
- Maine EMS developed and administered curriculum and protocol

The committee worked on the pro's and con's of each option and identified additional information needed in order to reach a recommendation for the Maine EMS Board's consideration.

The committee's goal is to have a recommendation to the Board by no later than the Board's May 2007 meeting.

I. EMD Manager's Meeting

Drexell reported that he had discussed with Mike Smith, Maine NENA (National Emergency Number Association) chapter president, the possibility of holding an EMD managers meeting as part of the Maine Chapter (NENA) conference in April. Due to the possibility of conflicting schedules and trying to pack too much into the allotted conference timeframe, Drexell suggested that a manager's conference be scheduled as a stand-alone meeting at a time when there is significant information to be distributed.

There was no objection to not pursuing a manager's meeting at the NENA conference, however discussion ensued about the possibility of also having a manager's meeting as part of the yearly Samoset conference.

J. CPR Accommodation

Drexell reported that staff has received EMD applications from two individuals who were able to complete the cognitive requirements of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), but were unable to complete the psychomotor skills required for CPR certification due to physical limitations. Staff is working with the Attorney Generals office in assessing the situation and determining what course of action may be taken.

3. New Business

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drexell White