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Board of EMS Meeting
Maine EMS Conference Room
September 6, 2000

MINUTES

Members Present: Jim McKenney (Chair), Leo Bouchard (Chair-elect), Oden Cassidy, Debbie Dane, Richard Doughty, William Dunwoody, Paul Knowlton, Penelope Stevens, Robert Ashby, Steve Leach, Charles Little, Carol Pillsbury, Steve Hayes, Peter DiPietrantonio, Wayne Werts, John Burton (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Joanne LeBrun, Jim Caron, Donnie Carroll, Bill Zito

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Bill Montejo, Drexell White, Laura Yustak Smith, Esq. (AAG)

Guests: Chris Bolduc (Cumberland Fire/Rescue), Holly Burnham (MEDCU), Paul Conley (Freeport Rescue)

1. Introduction of Guests
2. Approval of May 3, 2000 minutes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 3, 2000 meeting as distributed. (Dunwoody; second by Stevens). Approved.

3. Old Business

None at this time.

4. New Business

- a. EMSC Committee: Jay explained that as a condition of a previous EMSC grant, the Board has been asked to establish a standing committee which would participate in the emergency medical services for children projects. Jay reported that he supported this condition and envisioned this committee working with staff and others to help develop recommendations for EMSC projects.

MOTION: To establish an EMSC Committee as a standing committee of the Board. (Leach; second by Pillsbury). Approved.

Jay asked that those interested in this committee let him know and that appointments would then be made by the Board chair consistent with other committee appointments.

- b. Investigation Committee Action Items: None at this time; however, the Committee will meet following the Board meeting to cover several action items.
- c. Operations Team Action Items: None at this time.
- d. Waiver Requests
 - i. Chris Bolduc, Cumberland Fire Dept.: Rescue Chief Bolduc is appealing to the Board for a waiver of the rule which prohibits Cumberland from displaying the word “Paramedic” on the side of the vehicle assigned to him. At issue is the fact that Cumberland is licensed at the Intermediate level with a permit to the Paramedic level. The question is directed to the rule which prohibits promoting and/or advertising a license level to which the service is not licensed.

During a recent inspection, Bill Montejo noted the “Paramedic” lettering on the vehicle and advised Chief Bolduc of the discrepancy with the Rules.

Chief Bolduc summarized his position that the vehicle is the property of the Town of Cumberland and issued to him; therefore, the Board was beyond its authority to restrict any lettering on the vehicle.

Extensive discussion ensued.

MOTION: To support the Maine EMS interpretation of the Rules and that Cumberland Fire/Rescue remove the word “Paramedic” from any and all of its vehicles. (Little; second by Leach). Approved with one in opposition (Werts)

- ii. Ham Robbins, McGovern Ambulance: Mr. Robbins has requested a waiver to enable his personal vehicle to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Services Vehicle. In his letter, Mr. Robbins wrote that this vehicle is used by him in his capacity as a paramedic with McGovern’s ambulance and this waiver would enable him to install and use red lights and a siren when responding to EMS calls.

MOTION: To deny the waiver requested by Ham Robbins. (Bouchard; second by Leach). Approved with one abstention (Hayes)

- e. Frisbee Hospital drug box system: Bill Montejo described the system for restocking drug boxes which is consistent with a similar system used by Capital Ambulance which was previously approved by the Board.

MOTION: To approve the Frisbee Hospital system for drug box restocking and tracking. (Dunwoody; second by Bouchard). Approved.

- f. Service Sponsorship: This was placed on the agenda at the request of Debbie Dane to enable discussion on the current requirement of the MEMS Law that individual licenses be conditional upon ongoing sponsorship by a duly licensed MEMS service.

Following an hour of discussion, it was agreed that a facilitated discussion would continue at the next meeting. Staff was directed to arrange for an independent facilitator for that meeting.

- g. Other: Jay reported that two Board seats; attorney and non-transporting service, are up for reappointment in October. Individuals interested in these seats should send a cover letter and current resume to Governor King.

Jim McKenny noted that it was time to assemble a Nominations Committee to solicit names for the Chair and Chair-elect of the Board. The Committee should report back at the November meeting with elections to take place at that time. The term of office will commence in January 2001.

Named to the Committee were: Penny Stevens, Steve Hayes, and Wayne Werts

5. Staff Reports

- a. Office: staff provided a summary of the activities on which they have been working.

In his report, Drexell noted the new license application which requires services include information about their QA Committee. The Board was requested to consider a service's providing this information on their application as a formal request for approval by the Board consistent with 32 MRSA § 92-A.

MOTION: To approve quality assurance programs which are provided as part of the service application and have been subsequently approved by MEMS in accordance with 32 MRSA § 92-A. (Dunwoody; second by Werts). Approved.

- b. MDPB: Dr. Burton reported that the MDPB has taken action with the recommendations of the DNR work group. Approved were the acceptance of out of state DNR programs and alternative bracelets, etc. Work continues on how best to notify stakeholders of these changes.

Discussion also took place regarding medical direction; who gives it, the quality of direction provided, and future training requirements for medical directors.

There was considerable discussion about a request from Meridian Health Care for approval of a Critical Care Transport program. After identifying a number of issues/concerns raised by the MDPB, further action was tabled until June 2001.

6. Other:

- a. Steve Leach reminded members that again this year there will be a Town Meeting with the Board of EMS information session at the Samoset Conference. This will be held on Friday, November 10, 2000 at 7:00 PM.
- b. Bill Dunwoody announced that Rick Petrie has been hired as the KV Regional Coordinator. Rick will begin his new position on October 2, 2000.

7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:00.