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Please Note: This meeting will be shared with the LifeFlight of Maine CPC, which will begin at 1115. Please note, these meetings will be virtual. MDPB Agenda – Meeting begins at 0900

Minutes

Members present: Matt Sholl, Bethany Nash, Kate Zimmerman, Beth Collamore, Colin Ayer, Mike Bohanske, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Benjy Lowry, Rachel Williams, Tim Pieh, Seth Ritter, Dave Saquet, Emily Wells, Pete Tilney,

Members Absent:

MEMS Staff: Chris Azevedo, Melissa Adams, Daren Davis, Dam Hurley, Jason Oko, Robert Glaspy, Ashley Moody, Jason Cooney, Anthony Roberts,

Stakeholders: Chip Getchell, Don Sheets, Joanne Lebrun, John Moulton, Michael Reeney, Patrick Underwood, Phil MacCallum, Rick Petrie, Rob Sharkey, Dr. Kevin Kendall, Dr. Norm Dinerman, Joanne Benoit, Dr. Jonnathan Busko, Stephen Smith

- 1) Introductions – 0900-0905
 - a. Dr. Sholl makes introductions and calls roll.
- 2) August and September 2023 MDPB Minutes – 0905-0910 – Sholl
 - a. August and September meeting minutes are tabled to the November meeting.
- 3) State Update
 - a. At this point, Director Hurley is not present to give his update. Dr. Sholl elects to proceed with other items out of order to make best use of the time until Director Hurley's arrival.
- 4) UPDATE – Medication Shortages – Nash/All – 1000 – 1015
 - a. Bethany Nash discusses.
 - i. Nothing other than continuing issues, to report:
 1. Unresolved emergency syringe shortages
 2. Glucagon issues
 3. Ketamine shortages
 4. Lorazepam injection shortage appears to have resolved.
 5. Minor issue with pre-mixed bags of TXA.

- b. Dr. Meehan-Coussee discusses issues with 100 mL bags of saline.
 - c. Colin Ayer discusses pushing out medication notes regarding fluids that should be kept in stock for medication mixing. Discussion by the group.
- 5) Emerging Infectious Diseases – 1015-1020
 - a. Dr. Sholl discusses.
 - i. We are entering flu and RSV season.
 - 1. Dr. Williams suggests to all to encourage older population to get RSV vaccinations to prevent spread to children.
 - ii. The bulletin distributed previously has been redistributed as a reminder for clinicians.
 - b. Dr. Meehan-Coussee discusses reminding agencies to mask patients with fevers, coughs, etc., and also handwashing.
- 6) Committee Assignments – Sholl
 - a. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and a chart listing MDPB members and their positions on various committees and other groups within Maine EMS. The topic came up and was discussed at the EMS Board meeting.
 - b. Discussion by Dr. Sholl and the group regarding spreading out participation in the various committees. Dr. Sholl updates the chart as needed during the discussion.
 - c. Dr. Collamore could participate in EMS-C. Dr. Ritter could do QI. Dr. Nash could assist with IFT or EMS-C.
 - d. Dr. Sholl will send an email to the group, with the list being discussed with the group and the positions that he and Dr. Zimmerman have been asked to step away from. Offline discussion can follow. The group agrees.
- 7) State Update
 - a. Director Hurley is now present at the meeting and gives his update.
 - b. Director Hurley announces his resignation as EMS Director, effective 27 Oct 2023. He has been offered an opportunity in another state.
 - c. Director Hurley is working on a transition plan.
 - d. Maine EMS Connectivity project puts communications connectivity on ambulances. Director Hurley discusses. It is hoped that this will help mitigate roadway incidents and reduce injuries.
 - i. This is a 2-year grant funded project, after which services will have to assume fiscal responsibility.
 - e. Maine EMS continues to work on stabilization funding pathway. There was a presentation to the Board regarding pathway for services to receive funds. Director Hurley discusses with the group. .
 - f. There is an RFP for support for the MOUD program. Proposals due 20 Nov 2023. Jason Oko posts a link for the RFP in the ZOOM chat.
 - g. Director Hurley fields questions from the group.
 - i. Director Hurley discusses his process for transition out of Maine EMS.
 - 1. The application period for the EMS Director position is open until 23 Oct 2023.

8) Special Circumstances Protocol Review – NONE

9) New Devices – NONE

10) Pilot Program Reviews 0935 - 0945– All

- a. Delta Vent Transport of Stable Patient Pilot – Monthly Report
 - i. Chip Getchell gives the pilot report and discusses with the group.
- b. Jackman Pilot Project – Quarterly Report
 - i. Dr. Sholl shares his screen while Dr. Jonnathan Busko gives the quarterly report and discusses with the group.
 - ii. Dr. Sholl discusses the pathway of transition of the Jackman Pilot out of pilot stage and into a permanent operation.
 1. Dr. Sholl queries the group for a small group to look at the “off ramp” process. They would then come back to the main group with recommendations for the process.
- c. Discussion re: Board Request
 - i. Director Hurley and Dr. Sholl have been discussing the Pilot projects. Lifespan of 3 years. They are beginning to think of how they might build off-ramps for pilot programs to transition and to determine the next steps. We’ve been discussing what the project might look like. Those ideas are culminated in the documents included. They were presented to the Board, and they wanted the MDPB to look at this and bring it back to the Board.
 1. The EMS Board would like the MDPB to focus on this Off-ramp concept.
 2. Programmatic evolutions are included as well, which we are not yet ready to discuss
 3. Looking for a group to meet to discuss the project this bring back a proposal to the MDPB. Looking specifically at the group who had reviewed this in the past.
 4. A group involving Drs. Sholl, Zimmerman, Ritter, Meehan-Coussee, Tilney and Pieh will meet.
 - ii. Director Hurley encourages the group and the Boad to look at the longevity of the project in the context of other things going on. It’s time for Maine EMS to think about:
 1. Is there a new licensure level for Critical Care paramedic
 2. Is it time for a level of licensure that exceeds Community Paramedicine but can act independently in environments such as the current Jackman Pilot project.
 3. Look at the career ladder for EMS in Maine.

11) Data Request – Sholl/Davis

- a. Data Use Agreement with DHHS
 - i. Darren Davis discusses.
 - ii. Data pertains to Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose patient journey. This request is for an extension to existing data use agreement.
 - iii. Joanna Benoit, Project Director for the grant, discusses.
 - iv. **Motion by Dr. Pieh and seconded by Dr. Saquet to extend the data use agreement date. No discussion. Motion carries.**

12) 2023 Protocol review process

- a. Timeline review – Sholl/Zimmerman/Collamore
 - i. Dr. Sholl discusses the poll that was sent out to the group regarding availability for doing live and online protocol update presentations.
 - ii. Dr. Sholl shares his screen and reviews the project timeline.
- b. Protocol Updates – Sholl/Zimmerman/Collamore/Azevedo
 - i. Protocol Education:
 1. Status Update
 2. Chris Azevedo discusses current progress on protocol education with the group.
 - a. The skeleton course is up on MEMSEd. Resources are being reviewed and added into both the presentations themselves and the course pages.
 - b. Recording of presentations is in progress at this time. The Green and Yellow sections are finished. The Pink section will be recorded with Dr. Williams this afternoon. The Gold section will be done on Friday. Monday and Tuesday, the Blue, Red, and Ecchymotic sections will be recorded next week.
 - c. Once recordings are done, the presentations will be edited so that the course can be split into two separate courses for completions by levels of care. The ALS course will be for Paramedic and AEMT. The BLS course will be for EMR and EMT.
 - d. Blue, Red, Orange and Ecchymotic
 - i. Drs. Saquet and Ritter – will help with Red and Orange
 - ii. Dr. Pieh – will help with Blue (very short)
 - iii. Dr. Tilney - willing to help with Ecchymotic.
 - ii. App update
 1. Chris Azevedo and Drs. Sholl and Zimmerman discuss status of app update, components, and timeline with the group.
 - a. Need final protocol PDFs which also need final review.

- b. Formulary should go out with the rest of the protocol update. Dr. Nash will assist with the Formulary.
 - iii. Training Schedule – Sholl/All
 - 1. Dr. Sholl discusses the schedule for webinar and in-person protocol update presentations.
 - 2. November 28th afternoon will be the in-person day (11 Members)
 - a. January 26 morning is the next best day (10 Members),
 - 3. Virtual - Dec 8 am, Jan 27, Nov 17 pm (8), Dec 15 am
- 13) Ongoing Items for Future Meeting Discussion
- a. Update - PIFT – Tilney
 - i. Drs. Sholl and Tilney discuss.
 - ii. The Maine Municipal Association were interested in hearing about PIFT, and a meeting with them was held.
 - iii. Some lanes need to be setup do delineate provider skills/meds and designate what is PIFT and what is SCT. Looking to do this next month.
- 14) 911 and 988 discussion – Sholl/Melissa Adams
- a. Melissa Adams shares her screen and discusses 988 and Maine Crisis Response Policy with the group.
 - i. This policy is what the state is rolling out to PSAPs currently.
 - 1. Addresses call receipt, acknowledgement, and transfer of behavioral health calls.
 - 2. Policy allows a telecommunicator to transfer a call to the Maine Crisis Line once it is deemed safe and appropriate to do so.
 - 3. Following the included decision tree will assist in determining existence of imminent danger, medical emergency, or scene safety concerns.
 - ii. History of the policy
 - iii. Policy development
 - iv. How the policy works, explanation of process flow.
 - b. Discussion and questions and answer from the group.

Old Business – 1105-1115

- 1) **Ops** – Director Hurley/Ops Team Members
 - a. No report.
- 2) **Education** – A Koplovsky/C Azevedo
 - a. Chris Azevedo
 - i. The EMS Board approved transition from traditional psychomotor skills exams to full implementation of EMT psychomotor skills portfolios.

- 3) **QI** – C Getchell/J Oko
 - a. Chip Getchel - today's QA meeting is cancelled. When a Board Chair changes, it is a good time for committees to think about leadership changes as well. If you are interested in QA, please submit a letter of interest.
- 4) **Community Paramedicine** – B. Lowry/J Oko
 - a. Dr. Lowry – Work continues on conceptual documents for Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice document and licensure.
- 5) **EMSC** – M Minkler, R Williams
 - a. Dr. Williams- EMS-C committee meets next week. Viral season is approaching.
- 6) **TAC** – K Zimmerman, A Moody
 - a. Dr. Zimmerman – No major updates. Hybrid in-person/virtual meeting of the committee is scheduled for next week.
- 7) **MSA** – K Zimmerman, A Moody
 - a. Dr. Zimmerman – Virtual meeting next week.
- 8) **Cardiovascular Council**, A Moody
 - a. No updates
- 9) **Data Committee** – D. Davis/K Meehan-Coussee
 - a. Dr. Meehan-Coussee
 - i. Continuing to rollout NEMSIS 3.5. Educational classes are scheduled.
 - ii. Dr. Meehan-Coussee shares her screen and discusses SUD Patient Journey data charting.
- 10) **Maine Heart Rescue** – M Sholl, C Azevedo
 - a. No report.
- 11) **Adjournment**
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Nash and seconded by Dr. Saquet. No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 1119 hrs.

The LFOM CPC Meeting will begin at 1115.