

N.H. EMERGENCY MEDICAL & TRAUMA SERVICES
COORDINATING BOARD

May 15, 2014
NH Fire Academy – Concord NH

Non-approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jason Grey, Stacy Meier (Vice Chair), Richard O'Brien, Michael Pepin, Peter Row, Michael Cloutier, Frank Hubbell, Eric Schelberg, Susanna Ayers, Grant Turpin, Jeremy Thibeault, David Strang (Chair) – via conference phone.

Members Absent: Rosemary Durning.

Excused: Helene Zeilinski, Eric Jaeger, Dennis Tobin, Greg Placy, Doreen Gilligan.

Guests: Fred Heinrich, Robert Johnson, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, Steve Turner, Jeffrey Stewart, Paul Leischner, Aaron McIntire, Scott Schuler, Ken Berkenbush, Jameson Ayotte, Todd Robinson, Brian Nicholson.

Division Staff: Director Pendergast, Bureau Chief Mercuri, Vicki Blanchard, Chip Cooper, Shawn Jackson, Richard Cloutier, Kathy Doolan, Janet Houston.

Welcome/Introductions – Stacy Meier, Vice-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Stacy Meier. Chairman Strang was present via conference phone. Introductions were made.

Bureau Chief Mercuri asked for a moment of silence for slain Police Officer Stephen Arkell.

Acceptance of 01/16/14 and 03/20/2014 Meeting Minutes – Could not be voted on; there was not a quorum.

Shawn Jackson gave a short intro for the people from the National Registry. Trey Rodriguez, who is the Director of the National Registry, spoke and had a presentation for their new refresher model, the NCCP (National Continued Competency Program).

There was also a brochure handed out. One of the bonuses with this program is that it will allow providers to see the “weak” areas when people take their refreshers. Bureau Chief Mercuri also noted that this program provides a significant amount of flexibility. There was some discussion as to whether this program will become mandatory or will be a choice. Mr. Rodriguez and BC Mercuri both said they do not have any answers for that at this time. By show of hands (audience/gallery), there was a split between those in favor of this program and those not in favor. The board members present were 100% in favor; however there was not a quorum so it could not officially be voted on. There were 6 member seats vacant.

NH EMS Medical Control Board (MCB) Report – F. Hubbell

F. Hubbell was present and updated from the MCB meeting that morning. A draft of those minutes is available for review on the website.

F. Hubbell also reported that Jim Suozzi will be replacing Tom D’Aprix as Chairman of the MCB. Chair Strang added that Tom D’Aprix has certainly done a lot of hard work over the years in his position as Chair of the MCB. Chair Strang also said he could think of no one better to take over as Chair than Jim Suozzi.

NH Bureau of EMS Report

Bureau Chief Mercuri was present and had a few updates. He said applications for the Deputy Bureau Chief have closed and they are waiting for H/R to get those applications to them so they can proceed. They will be putting together an interview board soon. Two other positions are open: Program Assistant I (primarily to assist with investigations) and part-time Program Coordinator (for TEMSIS).

There was a Mobile Integrated Healthcare meeting on April 29th. The meeting was well represented and productive. They will be putting together some information for DHHS and begin moving everything forward.

Narcan has gone live.....thank you to Vicki and the e-learning group! The training is on NHOODLE.

EMS in the warm zone. They will be putting a group together and also be putting together some documents.

There have been conversations with supervisors about strategic planning. The last time anything was done was 2009. There will be updating.

Data Advisory Committee Update – Chip Cooper

Since Rae Mellow-Andrews has stepped down from the CB, the Data advisory Committee is in need of a new Chairperson, who must be a CB member. Rich O’Brien

was nominated by the advisory board. The CB will need to confirm his position when they next have a quorum.

The Data Advisory Committee has several positions that have not attended for some time due to job changes by the members or loss of interest. Several of the stakeholder positions will be contacted to see if they still wish to participate and want to assign someone new. If they are unwilling, several replacement stakeholders were suggested and will be explored.

A meeting of the 6 EMS Data Managers from New England recently occurred. The New England States will be collaborating in several areas to collect data in the same fashion. This will include two custom data elements for tracking the category and reason for transfers as well as common coding for facilities and towns.

The transition to NEMSIS version 3 is still on schedule to receive the software in late July, have education ready by the end of September and services will be able to start doing a soft transition in October. This must be done by a whole service (they can't mix the old and new forms). By December, the whole state will need to have made the transition.

Updates on EMT-I to AEMT Transition – Shawn Jackson

Shawn updated everyone on the AEMT transition. He said the overall pass rate is improving. AEMT exam prep classes are going well and there continues to be an overwhelming demand for them. PearsonVue Mobile test labs have been busy and at various locations around the state.

Equipment Sub-Committee Update – Kathy Doolan/Rich Cloutier

There was a hand out for board members. Kathy went over the handout and said it includes a graphic that represents their current structure. She said they would like the CB to look this over and discuss it at the next meeting.

Best Practices (Narcotics Diversion) – Chief Richard O'Brien

They got some feedback for EMS care at large events. Chief O'Brien said there will be a document ready for CB review at the July meeting.

Saf-C 5903.10 Update – S. Meier/D. Strang – via phone

Vice-Chair Meier said the sub-committee met to take a look at the investigatory process and they are very clear on what the problem is. The notification process, once the complaint is received, is a point of contention. The decision of who should be notified and when needs to be looked at. There should be letter changes as to content; what role the individual can play in the process and how/who they reach out to. Does this require a Rule change?

Chair Strang thanked the Bureau for making changes; one being that the EMT who is being investigated was notified before any further contact was made to a Unit leader; also they have agreed to put on hold the process of notifying anyone else until they have a chance to work through this process. Chair Strang thinks that if they tackle the issue of secondary notification, that will make the other issues being looked at go much quicker.

It was agreed that it was too premature to discuss the issues at this meeting. It was decided to bring everything to the July meeting.

Bureau Chief Mercuri noted if anyone has any questions regarding the current investigation process, Rich Cloutier has put together a power point which is available on the website.

Bariatric Project- E. Jaeger

Eric Jaeger was not present. Vicki Blanchard had updates. She said some of the equipment started arriving last week. There is an August timeline. There was a discussion at the MCB meeting about transferring patients.

Election of Officers – D. Strang

Jeremy Thibeault is replacing Mark Tetreault and representing the FST Commission. Chair Strang stressed that everyone be present for the July meeting, *if at all possible*, as that is when the election of officers will take place. ACS still does not have a representative and Chair Strang suggested getting in touch with Dr. Gupta. He said they also need to work on getting the other vacant seats filled. Stacy asked that anyone who is interested in any of these positions please let Kathy Doolan know. Dr. Strang stressed that anyone who is interested in being a public member of the CB please get in touch with Kathy Doolan.

EMS LODD Memorial Update – Kathy Doolan/Jason Grey

Kathy said the sub-committee accepted the design drawn and submitted by Scott Taylor. The display is presently in the hallway. The next step is fund raising. They will be reaching out to anyone who can get involved in this process. Jason said the \$2,000 award check went to Scott Taylor for his design. Scott then turned around and presented the committee with half of that, thus giving the fund raising its start. Thank you Scott Taylor!!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014
Location: Fire/EMS Academy, Concord