

**N.H. EMERGENCY MEDICAL & TRAUMA SERVICES  
COORDINATING BOARD**

**May 17, 2012**

**Newington Town Hall – Newington, NH**

**Approved Meeting NOTES**

***[ NO Quorum present – no votes taken – notes of discussions documented ]***

**Members Present:** Jason Grey, Eric Jaeger, Don Johnson, Terry LeBlanc, Rae Mello-Andrews, Stacy Meier, Ron O'Keefe, Eric Schelberg, David Strang (Chair), Mark Tetreault

**Members Absent:**

**Excused:** Michael Cloutier, Doreen Gilligan, Richard O'Brien, Michael Pepin, Greg Placy, Peter Row, Dennis Tobin

**Guests:** Rich Cloutier, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, Ted White

**Division Staff:** Vicki Blanchard, Chip Cooper, Kathy Doolan, Janet Houston, Clay Odell, Perry Plummer, Angela Shepard

**Welcome/Introductions - D. Strang, Chair.**

"Welcome and thank you" by Chairman Strang. Statement made that no quorum of the membership was present (17 active members, 11 required, 10 present). No decisions would be made today but discussion could take place.

**Acceptance of 03/15/12 Meeting Minutes - D. Strang**

All present reviewed minutes, no suggested changes were made. No vote able to be taken.

**N.H. EMS Medical Control Board (MCB) Report – V. Blanchard** (moved to later in discussion)

**N.H. Bureau of EMS (NHBEMS) Report – C. Odell**

C. Odell referred to the Bureau Bulletin that was sent via email to the membership and made available as a handout for those in the audience. He mentioned the education workshop for instructors that was held and presented by the National EMS Educators, and thanked all for participating. He also mentioned that seven applicants had submitted paperwork to be considered for the EMS Education Coordinator position vacated by E. Perry, and that interviews will be held 5/18/12. C. Odell thanked C. Cooper for supervising the Education Section during the months the position was left open. He also thanked the licensing staff for attending to the 2000+/- applications received this refresher season.

A. Shepard thanked everyone involved during recent trauma review, hospital site visits. She also mentioned the upcoming STEMI/Stroke Summit planned for June 5, 2012 and reminded all to attend (handout made available).

C. Cooper mentioned the upcoming "Town Meeting" (6/14) to discuss TEMSIS changes with end users and that field bridge federal funds are coming to the Division. He also mentioned that Image Trend is testing the components now and that the funding will help increase speed and accuracy of the system. The Town Meeting will be a video-conference to as many sites statewide as possible (Ex: Littleton, Keene, Durham) - RSVPs required.

[Please see written Bureau Bulletin in folder for additional information]

## **N.H. EMS Medical Control Board (MCB) Report – V. Blanchard**

V. Blanchard gave a summary of the morning meeting: Dr. Ray Kelly was nominated and voted onto the Medical Control Board. Legislative updates were given and a status report was given on the discussion that the subcommittee on non-traditional EMS has been having (on-going). A “conflict of interest” disclosure for the membership was discussed by the Board. All protocol changes were discussed and a discussion on the pre-hospital use of Angiomax/Plavix took place – most were concerned that no pre-hospital statistics on this use exists. The Board Members were asked to research this medication and find out how their hospital deals with its use. A request was made to have everyone bring information back to the July MCB meeting – discussion will be tabled until then. Pre-requisite protocols were discussed. It was also mentioned that the Coordinating Board (CB) still needs a member of the MCB to sit on the CB as a representative. The Stroke/STEMI conference date was mentioned. TEMSIS Town Meeting (6/14) was mentioned – RSVPs will be necessary ( A site will not be opened if no one expected at that site).

[MCB Minutes are posted on website - draft and approved]

## **Old Business:**

### **Best Practices Update- M. Pepin**

M. Pepin not present. P. Plummer will work with M. Pepin to finalize the “Lights and Sirens” SOGs and will then send the information to the Local Government Center and Primex so as to be incorporated into training they will do with appropriate clients/departments. He also mentioned that the light preemption systems are still an issue to be worked-on.

J. Houston asked if the information would come before the Best Practices Committee before going to LGC/Primex, to which Director Plummer confirmed that it would need to. P. Plummer will ask M. Pepin to call a meeting at that time.

### **EMS Survey Update – C. Cooper**

C. Cooper stated that the survey is complete and that he had hoped to have hard-copies of the survey for all members at this meeting but did not have time to have them prepared. He will send the copies to each of the members in the near future.

### **Benchmark Committee Update – C. Cooper**

C. Cooper gave a short update stating that the sub-committee was only two meetings away from reviewing the entire set of benchmarks. He mentioned the last meeting was cancelled but that in general they have had 18 – 20 ppl. involved.

### **EMT-I to AEMT Task Force – C. Odell**

C. Odell stated that great progress has been made by the Task Force. Development of the conversion course is underway and that the last meeting on the curriculum was held yesterday and that it will be ready to go soon. The Brady book was reviewed by the group and they feel that 24 hours should be an appropriate allotment of time for this program in order to cover all necessary material to assist providers in successfully completing the exam.

The mock exam is being worked on (8 hours), the mobile testing lab is in process and the equipment will be made available through NH DHHS, Rural Health and Primary Care Section funding. The Bureau Chief has worked with the National Registry to get them to approve an Exam-in-Lieu option for Intermediates (one attempt/Intermediate) to convert up to AEMT. All Intermediates may have to complete a practical exam that will include skills to be determined (possibly only Pediatric IO). He is still working on the process of National Registry “vouchers” for the exam fee (one attempt/Intermediate is being proposed) – Division funds to pay for this attempt (approx. \$88,000 for 4 year time frame). The website is current with information on the “I” to AEMT conversion status.

E. Jaeger commended the Bureau Chief and Task Force for the progress they are making and a “fabulous job” being done by C. Odell on this project.

### **EMS Legislation (combined with EMTs working in the non-traditional setting) – C. Odell**

Dr. Strang and Bureau Chief Odell gave the status on the following:

**HB 1631** – Initially this bill was deemed “inexpedient to legislate” by the House ED&A Committee but was then brought back to the table and then passed in the House. It now requires that a plan shall be developed and implemented for “individuals possessing a New Hampshire emergency services license to provide non-emergency services at social and sporting events”. The plan is to be developed by 7/1/13. They agreed that the sub-committee of the MCB/CB to continue work on this issue.

The sub-committee has been discussing pre-requisite protocols and that the EMS personnel will need to meet certain guidelines but no affiliation will be necessary. Development of training on “treat and release”, insurance requirements and medical control needs are also under discussion.

The history of the bill and various options available were discussed amongst those present.

### **New Business:**

#### **Election of Officers – D. Strang**

- D. Strang noted that no voting could be accomplished today as no quorum of the Board is present, but that for discussion and planning sake a report of nominations should be given. K. Doolan stated that she had received some nominations via email from the membership – One nomination for the “current slate of officers”, two nominations for “D. Strang as Chairman” and Dr. Strang confirmed that he would be interested in continuing the position; and two members expressed interested in the Vice Chair position; S. Meier and E. Jaeger are each interested.

[**NOTE:** An email was later received (posted 4:20 5/16/12) from M. Pepin that stated that he was interested in the VP position if D. Strang was still interested in Chairman, but that if Dr. Strang was not going to run for Chair, M. Pepin would be interested in the Chairman’s position]

#### **Items of Interest:**

- Discussion took place on the lack of attendance and productivity that the “on the road” meetings seem to have and that it would make sense to keep the Academy/Concord location in the future, allowing at times for special locations if warranted.
- D. Strang mentioned that he would not be available for the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and would contact M. Pepin to make sure he would be present to run the meeting as the current Vice Chairman.
- P. Plummer mentioned that the NE Poison Control Center located in Maine is having financial trouble (Federal funds no longer available) and that NH is looking to locate funds to assist in keeping this critical service open. The Dept. of Safety, Health and Human Services and hospitals are all being requested to search their coffers for money to aid this program - \$660,000 needed or it will be “going away at the end of the month”.

- E. Jaeger asked about the waveform capnography rules vs. protocol situation and asked that the entire equipment list be looked at to make sure it was up-to-date. E. Jaeger, R. Mello-Andrews and J. Erikson agreed to review the current list and compare it to the protocols.
- K. Doolan mentioned that June 1, 2012 is the deadline for all nominations to the 2012 EMS Annual Awards Committee and to please take the time to make deserving nominations.

**Adjournment: 3 PM**

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday – July 19, 2012**

**Location: Fire/EMS Academy - Concord**