

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

## January 19, 2023

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum: 12 members required, 22 voting members

**Members Present:** Susan Barnard, Jeanne Erickson, Theresa Jarvis, Chair LaPlante, Mark Hastings, Neil Meehan, Matthew Petrin, Eric Wilking, Michael Reeney, John Freese, Chad Miller, Joshua Morrison, David Tauber, Mark Hastings, Ryan Hornblower

**Members Absent:**

Kristen Johnson, Joel Coelho, Eric Martin, John Freese, Craig Clough

**NH FST&EMS Staff:**

EMS Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, EMS Captain Vicki Blanchard, EMS Captain Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Joseph Cartier, Joanne Lahaie, Mike Mulhern, Walter Trachim, Dave Simpson, Maria Varanka, Liz Goguet, Mike Munck, Crystal Tuttle (Recording Secretary), Assistant Director Phillips, EMS Director Joey Scollan

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM by Chair LaPlante

**1) Welcome/Membership**

- A.) Chair LaPlante stated that there are still two vacancies for public members.
- B.) Susan Barnard introduced her replacement for the American Heart Association, Rebecca Cain.

**2) Approval of the minutes**

- A.) **Vote: Motion made (Jarvis/Wilking) to approve the November 17th minutes. All in favor, none opposed.**

**3) Division/Committee Reports**

- A.) **Division Report / Bureau of EMS**– Justin Romanello
  - i) Licensing background checks are taking 2-3 weeks for new or lapsed licenses.
  - ii) A survey went out about a Statewide 2024 EMS Conference, as well as a survey for continuing education needs.
  - iii) A new EMR class has started, and EMS in the Warm Zone will be running soon.
  - iv) The Division is working with Employment security to work out the logistics of the 2.5 million grant for EMTs.
  - v) HB 373 relative to balance billing is in legislation, which can impact ambulance services.

**4) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports**

- i. **Medical Control Board-**

- (a) Reviewed protocols- restraint and behavioral. Stroke protocol will go back to subcommittee. POCUS group gave a presentation on education for ultrasound. Drug diversion task force is looking for more members.
- ii. **TMRC-** Trauma rules are at legal.
- iii. **Committee of Merit-** Captain Higgins- Doolan
  - (a) The next ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at the Capitol center for the Arts.

#### **5) Data**

- iv. **Stroke Care- Sue Barnard**
- v. NH Stroke collaborative may have data available via the hospitals. IFT and nicardipine discussion on maintaining BP.
- vi. UNH has a therapy class that has been helping with education, introducing a blood pressure class.
- vii. EMS data user group meeting next Wednesday with Joe Cartier.

#### **6) Recruitment & Retention**

- (a) Kimberly McCulloch will make a presentation at the next meeting.

#### **7) Administrative Rules**

- A.) **EMS Level of Licensure- Captain Blanchard**
  - (1) Nothing to report
- B.) **ICE/ Renewal /EMS Education**
  - (1) Admin rules are still at legal.

#### **8) Old Business**

#### **9) New Business**

- a). Discussion on materials and how they are being distributed.

#### **10) Good of the Order**

#### **11) Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 -Classrooms 5 & 6**