

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

March 16, 2023

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum: 12 members required, 22 voting members

Members Present: Susan Barnard, Theresa Jarvis, Jeremy LaPlante, Mark Hastings, Matthew Petrin, Eric Wilking, Michael Reeney, Chad Miller, Joshua Morrison, David Tauber, Mark Hastings, Ryan Hornblower, Craig Clough, Eric Martin, Joel Coelho, Chris Stawasz

Members Absent:

Kristen Johnson, John Freese, Neil Meehan

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Director Justin Cutting, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, Captain Vicki Blanchard, Captain Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Joseph Cartier, Joanne Lahaie, Walter Trachim, Maria Varanka, Liz Goguet, Matthew Robblee,

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

1) Welcome/Membership

- Chair LaPlante stated that there are still two vacancies for public members. He also announced this is his last meeting as Chair and as a member of the CB, as his term is completed.
- C. Clough and R. Hornblower have received letters from the Governor's office and are appointed. C. Stawasz approved and sitting on the Board for the first meeting today. K. Drew still awaiting letter from Governor for approved appointment.

2) Approval of the minutes

Vote: Motion made (Clough/ Jarvis) to approve the January 19, 2023 minutes. All in favor, none opposed.

3) Division/Committee Reports

A.) Division Report / Bureau of EMS– Justin Romanello

- Public Health Incident is due to expire on 3/31/23 and may not be extended. The Division is waiting to hear on the final decision by DHHS – likely will hear the last week of the month and will put out a notice to all EMS Units. Division may ask Commissioner of Safety for a "Public Safety Incident". A discussion was had about the impacts of this public safety incident on providers.

Vote: A motion was made (Coelho/ Jarvis) The Coordination Board recommends that the Dept. of Safety does not create a Public Safety Incident in lieu of the Public Health Incident for purposes of reducing the number of providers required. Majority in favor. One opposed. Motion passed.

- Trauma rules are at legal being reviewed.

- Regarding open positions within the Division, the Specialty Services PT role will not be filled. An ambulance Inspector coordinator position will be created.
- The EMR class is at full capacity, in the next two months 30 training offerings available through Bureau of EMS.
- B. Wood will be recognized for his 50 years as a certified EMT with National Registry, officially in July 2023 – an amazing amount of time served.
- Employment Security “Work Invest” program (EMT/AEMT) is going well any questions should be directed to Employment Security or the Bureau of EMS.
- Internal processes are being cleaned up and the “guest” emails that have previously been sent notifying individuals of upcoming meetings will be stopped. A location for all Board/Committee agendas and meeting minutes will be posted and all guests are welcomed to access the information from there.

Legislative reports

- Bureau Chief Romanello: Sen Bill 268 “Max’s Law” for working K9s that get injured so that they can be treated and transported by EMS. Passed the Senate and is expected to pass the House. This will be a prerequisite protocol and will be worded as “May” treat and transport, not “Must”.
- Director Cutting: HB 2 – delegates fee structure w/in DOS for Commissioner to decide upon. There is movement to exempt Law Enforcement and Firefighters from licensure to provide Naloxone to patients.

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4) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports

i. Medical Control Board- Dr. Morrison

- Reported that the Drug Diversion Task Force will now be its own Committee with stakeholders and not under the MCB. He also reported on the IFT/Critical Care protocols and behavioral health issues.

ii. TMRC

- Coelho gave an overview of the last meeting (which he was unable to attend) concerning the State Level III designation being updated to the ACS Level III. This will mandate reporting.
- BC Romanello added that legally if the hospital is “In the System” they must report. Wording is being drafted now to go out to all hospitals about this requirement and non-compliance can jeopardize their designation.

5) Data

iii. Stroke Care- Rebecca Cain

- Reported that 15 or more hospitals were involved with the annual stroke conference and the agreement there was that many more inter-facility transports were happening. Fischer Cats game upcoming and will have Stroke Awareness as the focus, L. Goguet will be singing.

6) Administrative Rules

BC Romanello reported that the ETA rules are in their final stages and will be taken off the agenda once approval process takes place. The initial “sunset date” thought has been modified by Legal and will now have two sections of rules, one for the present situation and one for full ETA implementation. When full implementation takes place the rules that are

no longer necessary will be retired and those sections reserved, which will be more effective. This time frame may be a bit more or less than 12 months.

7) Old Business

BC Romanello stated the Privacy Committee will now be a separate Board and will have their own process for review of requests that are outside of 91-A. The first meeting of the Committee will take place soon. Director Cutting clarified that this group had not met because until 2022, no data could be “shared”. J. LaPlante asked for others who might be interested in the Committee. T. Jarvis will be one of the appointed Committee members.

8) New Business

- Craig Clough was the only interested party for the Chair position. Clough accepted the position.
- Director Cutting thanked Jeremy LaPlante for his 7 years on the Coordinating Board.

9) Good of the Order

10) Adjournment

2:23 PM motion to adjourn was made – E. Wilkin and seconded by T. Jarvis

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 -Classrooms 5 & 6