

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

**March 17, 2022**

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classroom 6 & 7

Quorum: 9 members required (currently 15 positions on the CB)

**Members Present:** Susan Barnard, Jeanne Erickson, Theresa Jarvis, Ryan Hornblower, Chair LaPlante, Eric Martin, Neil Meehan, Chad Miller, Joshua Morrison, Matthew Petrin, David Tauber

**Members Absent:**

John Freese, Kristen Johnson, Michael Kelley, Michael Newhall, Eric Wilking

**NH FST&EMS Staff:**

EMS Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, EMS Medical Director Joey Scollan, EMS Captain Vicki Blanchard, EMS Captain Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Trauma Coordinator Walter Trachim, Joseph Cartier, Maria Varanka, Crystal Tuttle (Recording Secretary), Director Cutting, Assistant Director Phillips

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM by Chair LaPlante

**1) Welcome/Membership**

A.) Chair LaPlante reminded those with expirations to reach out to their affiliations.

**2) Approval of the minutes**

A.) **Vote:** Motion made (Jarvis/ Morrison) to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes as written; passed unanimously.

**3) Division/Committee Reports**

A.) **Bureau of EMS** – Chief Justin Romanello

- i) COVID protocols set to expire at the end of the month, but has heard they may be extended. This includes the rule of having one provider on an ambulance versus two. Dr. Suozzi asked if providers should be considering putting their own protocols in place in case of the expiration, which includes PPE, and Chief Romanello said yes. There is also another way to circumvent the public health incident if it expires by asking the Commissioner of Safety to implement a public safety incident.
- ii) Maria Varanka has been working on getting CME to personal devices for continuing education.
- iii) Captain Cooper and his team has successfully launched license renewals on RespondNH, currently 1100 providers need to renew.

**B). Division Report- Director Cutting**

- iv) Director Cutting informed the Board of the newly created Recruitment and Retention Committee that will be making recommendations to the Commissioner to help address recruitment and retention issues. The Division is also planning a two day event in the Fall for EMS & Fire Scenarios to train mental health clinicians in the field.

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

- i. Medical Control Board
- ii. TMRC- TMRC needs to provide a member nomination for a representative to the CB.  
Continued work on designation of level three hospitals.
- iii. EMS Physician level of Licensure- Vicki Blanchard- No report
- iv. IC Renewal & EMS Education- Justin Romanello- Working with legal on ETA rules
- v. EMS Rules- No report
- vi. Stroke- Sue Barnard
  - (a) NH Stroke Collaborative is still monitoring the Fast- ED data to see how it is being used and is it making a difference in stroke patient care. There seem to be gaps in the data being documented, but more stroke alerts being reported. Education will be held at the Academy on stroke care, and a project with UNH students is in process.

## 5) Old Business

- i) Protocols 8.1
  - No Public Comment received.
- ii) **Vote:** Motion made (Miller/ Jarvis) to accept Protocols 8.1
- iii) Protocols 9.0 YTD Review
  - **Vote:** Motion made (Hornblower/Petrin) to accept Protocols in smaller pieces for approval by CB.

## 6) New Business/ Good of the Order- Nothing to Report

## 7) Adjournment

- i) **Vote:** Motion made (Jarvis/ Hornblower) to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM; passed unanimously

**Next Meeting: May 19, 2022 – Classrooms 5 & 6**