

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

**July 20, 2023**

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum:

**Members Present:** Rebecca Cain, Craig Clough, Kevin Drew, John Freese, Mark Hastings, Ryan Hornblower, Justin Kantar, Eric Martin, Chad Miller, Matthew Petrin, Michael Reeney, Chris Stawasz, David Tauber, Eric Wilking

**Members Absent:** Joel Coelho, Teresa Jarvis, Kristen Johnson, Neil Meehan, Joshua Morison, Laura Sheridan

**NH FST&EMS Staff:** Justin Cutting, Justin Romanello, Vicki Blanchard, Kathy Higgins Doolan, Max Dodge, Walter Trachim, Mike Mulhern

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM

**1) Welcome/Membership**

**2) Approval of the minutes**

**A motion was made (Miller/ Hornblower) to accept the May 18, 2023 minutes. All in favor.  
None opposed.**

**3) Division/Committee Reports**

**A. Division Report / Bureau of EMS**

- I. Operational Canine Protocol will be a BLS/ALS Pre-requisite protocol. Met with veterinarian group to discuss protocols.
- II. Matt Robblee met with the CDC project officer to discuss funding for NH MIH programs.
- III. Planning for the 2024 Statewide EMS Conference is underway.
- IV. Naloxone licensing has expired and is no longer required.
- V. The fully funded EMR program has reached the 6-month mark and the program has been evaluated. Consideration for:
  - Wage Reimbursement is currently exclusive to EMTs, would like to expand to AEMTs, as well as the 1k sign on bonus.
  - 4 weeks of wage reimbursement to be changed to 160 hours.
  - Explore volunteer organization issues.
  - Explore preceptor bonus program.
- VI. EMS Roundtable was held with Executive Counselor Cindy Warmington, Senator Sue Prentiss, Director Justin Cutting, Chief, Justin Romanello, Justin Kantar of PFFNH, Chris Stawasz of AMR/GMR, Ed Daniels and Dr. Ed Duffy of Littleton Healthcare, to discuss ongoing EMS concerns.

- VII. Affiliation data was requested, but the system only allows forward looking numbers and not historical data. 69% of providers have one affiliation, 22% have 2 affiliations, 7% have 3 affiliations, 1.5% have 4 affiliations, and nine people in the State have 6 or 7 active affiliations.

**B). Legislative reports**

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

**A. Medical Control Board- Dr. Morrison**

- (a) Appointed new member to Region 1, Dr. Ryan Gerecht. Reviewed protocols with changes and voted on reviewing protocols with an equity lens with members of the BIPOC community.

**B. TMRC**

- (a) A resident from Dartmouth is looking to research the flow of trauma patients through hospitals and has applied to the Privacy Committee for data.
- (b) TMRC voted to turn the level 3 accreditation over to the American College of Surgeons in 2026 and voted to eliminate state pediatric designation for trauma centers.
- (c) Trauma triage and transport protocol discussion, requires some clarification in the language. A discussion was had about antibiotics and open fractures as well, the TMRC voted that there is not enough evidence for recommendation.

**C. IC Renewal & EMS Education**

- (a) Educational Training Agency rules have been approved by the Division, legal, the Commissioner and Fiscal Impact to Legislative Services. Will be moving to public comment and JLCAR soon.

**D. Stroke Care- Rebecca Cain**

- (a) NH Stroke Collaboration met in June where there was a demo from the EMS Coordinator from Wentworth Douglass of a Triage App that is gaining popularity. The app provides great information for Stroke care and other data that can help providers.
- (b) UNH OT student group completed work on blood pressure management and stroke for patients that is easy to read and can educate the community.
- (c) Discussed clinical trials and early data for extended administration of Tenecteplase versus Alteplase where patients are responding well.
- (d) Training and preceptorship at hospital programs was discussed at the committee and encouraged.

**5) Old Business**

**A. Protocol Approval**

- (1) A motion was made (Hornblower/Petrin) to approve the protocol changes to POCUS, Air Medical Transport, Baby Safe Haven, Bariatric Triage, Infection Control, Communication, Continuity of Care, Consent for treatment of a Minor, Crime Scene, CPAP, Suction and Hypothermia. All in favor. None opposed.**

**B. Privacy Committee**

**6) New Business**

- A. Children in EMS Presentation by Anna Sessa.
- B. New 911 medical protocol changes for prone CPR.

**7) Good of the Order**

**8) Adjournment**

**A motion was made (Miller/ Kantar) to adjourn. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Next Meeting: September 21, 2023 -Classrooms 5 & 6**