

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (**Not Approved**)

November 17, 2022

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum: 10 members required, 20 voting members

Members Present: Susan Barnard, Jason Bean, Jeanne Erickson, Theresa Jarvis, Chair LaPlante, Eric Martin, Neil Meehan, Matthew Petrin, Eric Wilking, Joel Coelho, Michael Reeney, John Freese, Chad Miller, Joshua Morrison, David Tauber

Members Absent:

Kristen Johnson, Ryan Hornblower, Craig Clough, Mike Newhall

NH FST&EMS Staff:

EMS Bureau Chief Justin Romanello, EMS Captain Vicki Blanchard, EMS Captain Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Joseph Cartier, Joanne Lahaie, Mike Mulhern, Matthew Robblee, Walter Trachim, Dave Simpson, Maria Varanka, Crystal Tuttle (Recording Secretary), Director Cutting

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

1) Welcome/Membership

- A.) Chair LaPlante stated that there are still two vacancies for public members.
- B.) Administrative Rules state that a member is in holdover status until their third term, even with no letter on file.

2) Approval of the minutes

- A.) **Vote:** Motion made (Jarvis/Petrin) to approve the September 15th minutes. Passed unanimously.

3) Division/Committee Reports

A.) **Division Report** – Director Cutting

- i) The Division has been working with the Governor's office about securing some funding for EMS education in the State of New Hampshire. A proposal has been drafted and will go to the fiscal committee tomorrow. The amount is 2.5 million dollars. This would fund EMS classes for the next two years, and fund EMT's to become advanced EMT's.

B). Bureau of EMS- Chief Romanello

- ii) COVID protocols were extended through December 31st. If the public health incident is lifted, the Bureau of EMS will make recommendations and establish communications.
- iii) An upcoming MIH class will be hosted in Concord and in Bethlehem. IFT agencies are being contacted to gather what challenges they are facing.
- iv) Walter Trachim has done significant work on the trauma rules, and will be reviewed by the legal team.

- v) EMR renewals happened in the last month, and they were done exclusively online. 18 providers retired.
- vi) New employee Dave Simpson will be taking Liza's old position under Kathy. Diane Bunnell has retired, and this position is moving from Gorham to Bethlehem.
- vii) EMS continuing education has taken off and remains busy, with the addition of Drew Toma and Brad Wilson.
- viii) Paramedic to RN program was released to the public and has had mixed reactions. This program provides a pathway to those that may have not considered EMS before.
- ix) Bill Wood is going to be recognized in July for being the only person in the United States to have 50 years of consecutive service.

4) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports

- i. **Medical Control Board- John Freese**
 - (a) No meeting held
- ii. **TMRC- TMRC did not meet**
- iii. **Committee of Merit- Captain Higgins- Doolan**
 - (a) A meeting was held and it was discussed to keep the Sunday afternoon date for the ceremony. The proposed date is September 17th, and the nomination form has been combined for EMS & Fire.

5) Data

- iv. **Stroke Care- Sue Barnard**
 - (a) A stroke symposium will be held on March 16, 2023 by the NH Stroke Collaborative. EMS providers may have an interest in some of the items that are going to be presented, such as new pre-hospital stroke diagnosis and triage, wake up protocols, endovascular neurosurgery, critical care for the stroke patient, TIA Clinic, and a stroke survivor program.
 - (b) Get with the Guidelines is creating a no cost stroke registry for rural hospitals. This is through the American Heart Association.
 - (c) The American Heart Association is pushing out other programs as well, such as blood pressure programs and nutrition security.
 - (d) Chair LaPlante asked Joe Cartier to introduce himself, and stressed the importance of data and how Joe is a valuable resource at the Division.

6) Recruitment & Retention

- (a) Kimberly McCulloch will make a presentation at the next meeting.
- (b) A work force survey is being created to speak to providers leaving the service.

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

- (1) No Protocols at this time, will be available for January.

- (2) Maria Varanka is looking into creating an EMS Conference, so information is being gathered.

9) New Business

- (1) HandTevy Presentation
- (2) Possible alternating meeting locations.
- (3) Possible text message notifications for meetings.

10) Good of the Order

Next Meeting: January 19, 2022 -Classrooms 5 & 6