

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

May 18, 2023

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum: 20 members, 11 needed for Quorum

Members Present: Rebecca Cain, Joel Coelho, Kevin Drew, Mark Hastings, Ryan Hornblower, Theresa Jarvis, Justin Kantar, Eric Martin, Chad Miller, Matthew Petrin, Michael Reeney, Laura Sheridan, Chris Stawasz, David Tauber, Eric Wilking

Members Absent:

Craig Clough, John Freese, Kristen Johnson, Neil Meehan, Joshua Morrison,

NH FST&EMS Staff: Justin Romanello, Vicki Blanchard, Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Walter Trachim, Joe Cartier, Maria Varanka, Crystal Tuttle

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

1) Welcome/Membership

- a) Vice Chair Miller introduced Justin Kantar representing the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire and Laura Sheridan a public member who works closely with first responders as a psychologist.

2) Approval of the minutes

Vote: A motion was made (Jarvis/Wilking) to accept the minutes from the March 16, 2023 meeting as presented. All in favor. None Opposed.

3) Division/Committee Reports

- a) **Division Report / Bureau of EMS-** Justin Romanello
 - a) The public health incident expired on May 11, 2023. Discontinued all COVID related emergency protocols and staffing modifications.
 - b) A letter regarding data sharing has gone out to all hospitals to ensure compliance.
 - c) Education: MIH & IFT programs continue to grow. EMR continues.
 - d) Licensing: 500 EMS providers did not renew in the last renewal cycle. A discussion was had regarding data. Below are data numbers discussed:

EMS Licensed Units	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Transport	167	168	167	162	167
Non-Transport	139	139	132	133	133
Total Units	306	307	299	295	300

Provider Level	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (5/1)
EMR	197	189	212	185	210	227
EMT	2799	2828	2853	2659	2732	2524
Advanced EMT	1254	1312	1352	1392	1441	1413
Paramedic	1098	1145	1167	1182	1231	1230
Grand Total	5348	5474	5584	5418	5614	5394

EMS Activations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
911	179485	196272	177301	204421	216106
IFT	46882	51916	45073	53101	47690
Total	226367	248188	222374	257522	263796
EMS Transports					
911	98261	111419	97781	113245	118005
IFT	45876	50683	44289	51817	46469
Total	144137	162102	142070	165062	164474

- e) Chief of the Bureau of EMS, Justin Romanello, was appointed by Secretary Buttigieg on May 2, 2023, as a member of the National EMS Advisory Council. He participated in the first meeting on May 10th and 11th.

B). Legislative reports

- a) K9 Protocol (SB 268): Vice Chair Nathan will have a meeting with veterinary professionals to go over BLS for operational canines.

4) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports

A. Medical Control Board- Vicki Blanchard

- (a) 14 protocols were discussed, 13 passed and one is being revised by the protocol committee.
- (b) Presentation by Dr. Tim Fisher- OB/GYN Recommendations: Dr. Tim Fisher of Dartmouth gave a presentation of the STONE project and gave recommendations to the MCB about certain protocols.

B. TMRC- Joel Coelho

- (a) Stop the Bleed events upcoming, discussed 480 overdose deaths in NH for 2022.

C. IC Renewal & EMS Education- Justin Romanello

- (a) EMR program continues, several upcoming classes this summer.

D. Stroke Care- Rebecca Cain

- (a) May is National Stroke Awareness Month. The 2023 NH Heart Walk will be on Sunday, June 4th.
- (b) Certifications are important for stroke care, remains a focus to get as many hospitals certified as possible.

E. Administrative Rules- Justin Romanello

- (a) Discussion was had about challenges regarding rules timeline.

A motion was made (Coelho/Tauber) that the Coordinating Board holds the opinion that the rule making process be expedited for educational training, as it impacts recruitment and retention. All in favor. None opposed.

5) Old Business

a) Protocol Approval- Vicki Blanchard

- a) Discussed protocols that were provided at last meeting.

A motion was made (Wilking/ Jarvis) to accept the protocols, except for 4.7 & 4.4. Fifteen in favor, one abstention. None Opposed.

b) Privacy Committee- Justin Romanello

A motion was made (Jarvis/ Hornblower) to appoint Mark Hastings and Laura Sheridan to the privacy committee. All in favor. None opposed.

c) Committee of Merit- Kathy Higgins Doolan

- a) EMS & Fire are still accepting nominations, will send out the nomination form to CB voting members.

6) New Business

- b) Chris Stawasz wanted to inform everyone of HB 373 Relative to Billing for Ambulance Services.

7) Good of the Order

8) Adjournment

A motion was made (Tauber/Jarvis) to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 PM. All in favor. None opposed.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2023 -Classrooms 5 & 6