

**NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board**

**MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**

**May 20, 2021**

1:00PM

Virtual - Zoom

**Quorum: 9 members required (currently 17 positions filled and 5 true vacancies)**

**Members present via Telephone:**

Jeremy LaPlante (Chair), Chad Miller (Vice Chair), Brian Allard, Sue Barnard, Jeanne Erickson, Ryan Hornblower, Michael Kelley, Terry Jarvis, Neil Meehan, Joshua Morrison, Matthew Petrin, Scott Schuler and David Tauber **(13)**

**Members absent:**

John Freese, Michael Newhall, Lisa Patterson and Jeremy Thibeault **(4)**

**NH FST&EMS Staff present:**

Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief - Justin Romanello, Medical Director - Joey Scollan, Captain Kathy Higgins-Doolan and Hayley O'Brien **(5)**

**I. Welcome/ Membership**

Meeting called to order at 1:01PM by Chair Jeremy LaPlante

Chair LaPlante read the "Checklist to Ensure Meetings are Compliant with the Right-To-Know Law during the State of Emergency" and then Hayley did a rollcall attendance for board members. Members that have upcoming expirations have been notified and are encouraged to submit reappointment letters as soon as possible.

**II. Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion made (Miller/Kelley) to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes; passed unanimously via rollcall vote.**

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| <b>Allard</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Barnard</b>    | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Erickson</b>   | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Hornblower</b> | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Kelley</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Jarvis</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>LaPlante</b>   | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Meehan</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Miller</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Morrison</b>   | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Petrin</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |
| <b>Schuler</b>    | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Tauber</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |

**III. Division / BEMS Reports**

Item 1. **Division and BEMS Updates** – Reported by Bureau Chief Justin Romanello

- a. Back to pre-covid operations. Classes are run at full capacity, optional mask use and 6 feet socially distant recommendations. Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, all Board meetings will be back in person. A quorum must be physically present.
- b. The potential New Director is a retired Hampton Deputy Chief, Justin Cutting. Went to the Governor's Office and will be pushed to Governor & Council for final approval and bar any issues.
- c. April 30<sup>th</sup> was the end of licensing period. The process went smoothly with the new system, Respond NH. Generally the Division loses about 300 providers, but gain about 300 as well. This year, the Division lost an additional 200 providers.
- d. Last 3 electrostatic sprayers are finally gone. Tablets are still at the Academy if departments/units are in need of them.
- e. Final numbers for the FROST program resulted in identifying 70 responders that were asymptomatic, but tested positive for Covid-19.

**Item 2. Legislative Report –Chief Justin Romanello**

- a. SB 143 has moved past the Executive session, this will be heard at the House meeting. This is regarding data sharing.
- a. SB 133 is an omnibus bill, the Executive session is next Tuesday. This is in regards to the repeal of replica and just culture. Significant discussion of repealing replica opposed to it and in support of it has been seen. Supporting Just Culture has been recognized, hasn't seen much, if anything about opposing this

**IV. Committee/Board/Workgroup Reports**

**Item 1. Medical Control Board Update – John Freese absent, Josh Morrison reported**

- a. Minor updates within the Protocols were approved. Description found in MCB minutes.
- b. Here is the link to the minutes for MCB meetings:  
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

**Item 2. Trauma Medical Review Committee Update - Scott Schuler reported**

- a. Moving Level 3 Trauma to ACS review rather than State review.
- b. 4 reviews upcoming.
- c. Here is the link to the minutes for TMRC meetings:  
[https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma\\_minutes.html](https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html)

**Item 3. Workgroup Reports:**

- a. **EMS Physician Level of Licensure** – Have not met, nothing to report.
- b. **IC Renewal & EMS Education** – Meeting held last week to go over final details. Hoping to bring the full package to this Board soon.
- c. **Recruitment & Retention** – At a standstill right now. The survey has been the main focus.
- d. **EMS Rules** – Still in place. Nothing new to discuss. No new rules going through the process.

**Item 4. Stroke Care –Sue Barnard presented**

- a. Peer learning group has been meeting. Great participation.
- b. Helping hospitals get there stroke hours by teaching each meeting.
- c. Some more critical access hospitals are interested in getting there acute stroke ready certification.
- d. Any hospital that does get with the guidelines, there is a new EMS feedback report. Hospitals just need to activate it in their system and it gives top to bottom feedback of EMS on the stroke run.
- e. Fast Ed data is being looked at by Sue & Vicki. Follow ups have bene conducted.
- f. Free stroke education with Dr. Tim Lukovitz and his team from Dartmouth. Reach out to Sue if you're interested.

**V. Old Business**

**Item 1. Data Requests – Chair LaPlante**

- a. A sub-committee is to be formed for data requests regarding education and research purposes. The time commitment should be minimal, but just needs to be set up before a data request comes in. Data would

include EMS Trauma System Data and TEMSIS Data. Sue Barnard, Ryan Hornblower and Josh Morrison have elected to be members of this sub-committee.

**VI. New Business**

Item 1. **Local Medical Director/MRH Responsibilities** – Dr. Scollan

This can be removed, nothing more to report.

Item 2. **CMC Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (E3T)** – Clay Odell absent - tabled

**VII. Good of the Order / Items of Interest**

Item 1. Anna with EMS for Children reported that they just finished up their prehospital EMS statewide assessment with just over 70% response. The National Pediatric Readiness Assessment has just opened, they are hoping to get all Emergency Departments and leadership at the Emergency Departments to take the survey. Mailings went out with how to take the assessment. This will be open until the end of July.

Item 2. Representative David Danielson out of Bedford was admitted to Hospice with cancer. He was involved in the cancer legislation, PTSD for First Responders and their mental health. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Item 3. Hayley will let the Board know what she finds out from legal about moving forward with in person meetings.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**A motion was made (Schuler/Erickson) – to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 PM; passed unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER: July 15, 2021 – Classrooms 5 & 6**