

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

May 17, 2018

1:00PM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Classrooms 5 & 6, Dormitory Building
98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

NOTE: "Action items" are in bold red.

Members present:

Richard O'Brien (Vice Chair); Susan Barnard, Jeanne Erickson, Mike Harnois, Frank Hubbell, Don Johnson, Chad Miller, Michael Newhall, Clay O'Dell, Greg Placy, and Scott Schuler, **(11)**

Members absent:

Susanna Ayers, Eric Jaeger, Lukas Kolm, Jeremy LaPlante, Matthew Petrin, Jeremy Thibeault, and Grant Turpin (Chair) **(7)**

Members excused because they were not properly notified of the meeting: Kristen Krauss, Joshua Morrison and Lisa Patterson **(3)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Captains: Chip Cooper, Kathy Higgins-Doolan, and Vicki Blanchard; Richard Cloutier, Gerard Christian, Joanne Lahaie, and June Connor **(9)**

Guests:

Brian Allard, John Chisholm, Steve Erickson, and Aaron McIntire **(4)**

I. Call to Order

Item 1. Welcome – Vice Chair Richard O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:10PM.

Item 2. Introductions were made.

Item 3. Membership

- Currently, there is 1 true vacancy on the CB: Rep. for Assoc. of Emergency Medical Technicians
- 2 expired terms: Chad Miller and Lukas Kolm
- Matthew Petrin's term expires on June 2, 2018 (NH Assoc. of Rehabilitation Administrators)

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion made (Hubbell/Harnois) – *to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 CB meeting,* passed unanimously.

III. Division / BEMS Reports

Bureau Chief Justin Romanello gave the report.

Item 1. Legislative update

SB 370	REPLICA – couple of changes made	passed committee and conference
SB 374	EMS Protocols exempt from rule making process	passed; Governor's approval needed
SB 456	State Medical Director separated from MCB Chair; will start 7/1/2019	passed; Governor's approval needed
SB 482	EMS Data requests no longer going to DHHS; holdover from when the Bureau of EMS was part of DHHS. Committee appointed by the Chair of the CB will now vet and approve data requests.	passed (June will get copies of the law for the next meeting.)
SB 552	Family members/patients choosing where trauma patients should be transported	study committee
HB 1430	EMS revenue & where it is deposited	went to a study committee
HB 1684	Law enforcement not going through federal background checks for EMS license	passed
SB 523	CPR in Schools	went to committee – will not pass It should be up to the schools and not mandated; concerns were also raised about the ability of children to perform compressions.
SB 541	Cancer	funding issue
SB 544	FS & EMS Funding; Division will be receiving \$130,000 from General Fund for FY 19	No permanent fix yet

Item 2. CPR in Schools – discussed above. Aaron McIntire also spoke about the Seattle, WA model in which in order to get a driver's license, one must obtain a CPR card, etc.

IV. Committee/Board Reports

Item 1. Medical Control Board update

- Frank Hubbell reported. The MCB meet this morning, May 17, 2018.
- Highlights of the meeting:
 - * Drug Diversion Train-the-Trainer for EMS Coordinators: June 12th at 10AM at the Division. The work of this group is nearly done.
 - * Protocols – few changes made
 - * Poison control and 911
 - * Discussions: Ketamine, roll of the Medical Director, Stroke working committees
 - * Sue Barnard was invited to present at the next meeting.
- The next MCB meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018.
- Here is the link to the minutes for MCB meetings:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

Item 2. TMRC report – S. Schuler

- The TMRC met on April 18, 2018.
- Highlights of the meeting:
 - * The data staff from the Division is starting to present data reports.
 - * The hospital capability list continues to develop; it is going to be a working link within the protocol itself.
 - * The Stop the Bleed program continues to be promoted.
 - * The State Trauma Conference will be held at the NH Fire Academy rather than in Portsmouth; cost was an issue.
 - * The members voted in favor of deleting the word “commercial” from the equipment list as it refers to a pelvic splinting device.
 - * Alia Hayes reported that although 3 more hospitals may pursue designation, behavioral health management in emergency rooms is much more of a priority at this time.
 - * The Medical Examiner’s Office submitted statistics on 2017 Accidental Deaths.
 - * Elliot Hospital received a full term State Level III designation through April 4, 2020.
- The next meeting of the TMRC is scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 9:30AM.
- Here is the link to the minutes for TMRC meetings:
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html

Item 3. Work group reports

- a. **Implied consent and EMS refusals** – Nick Mercuri was not present and no report was given.
- b. **EMS Physical level of licensure** – Vicki Blanchard reported that the group had a preliminary brainstorming meeting within the last couple of weeks. Categories were discussed, such as local physicians being licensed ambulance attendants or medical directors assisting with calls. Rules and regulations will be needed to determine certifications and training requirements. The Pennsylvania model will be studied. The group will meet again in June.
- c. **I/C Renewal & EMS Education** – Chad Miller reported that the group met and reviewed some “big picture” ideas. The broad strokes that came out of the meeting had to do with authorizing training centers that could present their programs to the board; the idea is to allow these centers to have some control as to how their programs are presented. The I/C position was also discussed; currently, one must be certified in Instructor Level III in order to teach EMS. Those not interested in actually coordinating a class but just teaching it might be certified in Instructor Level I only. A discussion ensued about the whole process and how it needs to be streamlined, especially for those who are already professional educators. Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips explained that the idea is for agencies to be able to focus on education. The process would be for the Division to approve the organization that wants to teach as a training agency rather than going through the approval process every time a program is requested. Any agency wanting to significantly change its program delivery would be required to meet with the Division again. Finally, the group discussed putting a time limit on testing as a quality measure of pass rates.
- d. **Recruitment and Retention** – The group met with Chief Nick Mercuri. Don Johnson reported that the scope of this issue needs to be defined because EMS isn’t the only group affected. Specialists will need to be brought in. Marketing is a huge component of this. Bureau Chief Romanello went over the data sheet breaking down the 502 people that did not re-license; he will be calling individuals to try to get more information as to why they did not re-license.
- e. **EMS Rules** – Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips stated that the EMS Rules are still with legal. We are still on track, time-wise.

Item 4. Stroke care – S. Barnard

- Sue went back to the NH Stroke Collaborative to see if a large vessel occlusion scale could be chosen for pre-hospital. The FAST-ED was chosen for NH, at least for now; it matches closely with the NIH stroke scale. This will be introduced at the Stroke Collaborative Workshop being held at the Academy on Friday, May 18th.
- May – NH Stroke Month: Governor Sununu signed a proclamation on May 16, 2018.

V. Old Business

Item 1. EMS Provider Safety: Hours of Work

This topic was postponed and will be covered at the next meeting on May 17, 2018.

VI. New Business

Item 1. EMS-C data from pre-hospital agencies – Anna Sessa

Anna was not present, and no report was submitted.

Item 2. Pediatric dosing tools – Anna Sessa

(same as Item 1 above)

Item 3. Future legislative wish list – J. Phillips for N. Mercuri

- Licensed EMS providers on the MCB – Clay O'Dell would like to see this happen in the future, and others agreed. Currently, the MCB is EMS region-based.

VII. Good of the Order / Items of Interest

- Jeanne Erickson spoke about the concerns of the ENA regarding the Ready, Check, and Inject program. A discussion ensued about this program and evolved into the larger issue regarding the tracking of medical errors. This topic should be put under "Old Business" for the next meeting.
 - **Gerard Christian will get ketamine RCI data for the next meeting.**
- Assistant Director Jeff Phillips thanked Chip Cooper for all of his hard work over the last 18 months preparing the Division for what will be a complete transformation in the way it does business. The RFP he submitted was over 200 pages! THANKS CHIP!!
- **NH EMS Awards nominations deadline: July 1st Click on link below for nomination form:**
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/documents/nominationform_000.pdf
- EMS Week: Next week!

A motion was made (Hubbell/O'Dell) – to cancel the July 19th meeting, the motion failed with 4 in favor and 7 opposed. **JUNE WILL SEND OUT AN RSVP EMAIL....PLEASE RESPOND!!!!**

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made (Miller/Harnois) – to adjourn the meeting at 2:38PM, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2018