

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

July 19, 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:

Grant Turpin (Chair), Mike Newhall, Joshua Morrison, Chad Miller, Jeanne Erickson, Susanna Ayers, Susan Barnard, David M. Tauber, Clay Odell, Frank Hubbell, Greg Placy, Eric Jaeger, Scott Schuler, Matthew Petrin, and Jeremy Thibeault **(15)**

Members absent:

Richard O'Brien (Vice Chair), Jeremy LaPlante, Don Johnson, Kristen Krauss, Lisa Patterson, and Mike Harnois **(6)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Chief of Strategy and Planning Nick Mercuri; Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Captains: Kathy Higgins-Doolan, and Vicki Blanchard; Joanne Lahaie, Rachel Horr, Gerard Christian, Andrew Mason, and June Connor (minutes) **(9)**

Guests:

Pamela Drewniak, Steve Erickson, John Hall, Mark Hastings, Michael Kelley, Aaron McIntire, Joey Scollan, and Anna Sessa **(8)**

I. Call to Order

- Item 1. Welcome – Chair Grant Turpin called the meeting to order at 1:00PM; a quorum was present.
- Item 2. Introductions were made; new member representing the NH Association of EMTs: David Tauber.
- Item 3. Membership
- 2 expired terms: Chad Miller and Lukas Kolm
 - Matthew Petrin's (NH Assoc. of Rehabilitation Administrators) first term was renewed; his second term expires on 6/2/2021.

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion made (Erickson/Ayers) – *to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 CB meeting*, passed with an abstention from Jeremy Thibeault.

III. Division / BEMS Reports

Bureau Chief Justin Romanello gave the report.

- Andrew Mason, the Division's Simulation Coordinator, was introduced as well as Rachel Horr, the new Records Management Coordinator who will be helping the Division transition to the new

user management system. They each took a few minutes to inform the group about their jobs at the Division.

- BC Romanello explained that the simulation program is treated like a fireground prop; each department will get to use it twice a year without charge; anything beyond that will be at an hourly rental cost (TBA).
- EMS in the Warm Zone – Hospital Coordinators and Medical Directors will be invited by departments to come and watch this program. This program is currently booked into the fall, and 100 departments are in the queue for next year. 16 grants are left, so if your municipality has not yet done this program, you are encouraged to do so.
- In late fall, 2018, nurses and doctors who want to be involved working as EMTs will be able to take a new hybrid program which will prepare them to take the National Registry exam; 12 people are in line to do this, and the cost will be \$600-\$700 per student with a class size of 4 students. This is not a subsidized program. The emphasis of the program will not be on anatomy and physiology, but rather on how EMTs do things and what they are expected to know at their level in order to pass the NR test. The Recruitment and Retention work group will get involved with this in terms of helping to streamline the process.
- From September 10-14, 2018, NHTSA will be doing an evaluation of the NH EMS system; our last assessment was in 1990!

From Chief Nick Mercuri: (after his legislative update below)

- SAMHSA Grant employees: 2 full-time employees (Paula Holigan and Liz Lufkin) have been hired to work on this \$3 million federal grant, specific to training EMS about substance abuse prevention.
- Governor's Commission money: to be used for Narcan education and compassion fatigue; Paula Holigan has developed some education on this topic which will be made into an online module by the E-Learning group at the Division. The Governor's Commission also awarded about \$50,000 to take the education on the road.

Item 1. Legislative update (**see attached from Nick Mercuri**)

IV. Committee/Board Reports

Item 1. Medical Control Board update

Frank Hubbell reported. The MCB meet this morning, July 19, 2018.

Highlights of the meeting:

- * Edits were made on several protocols and were approved.
- * Josh Patrick spoke about the Advanced Sepsis care packet; the members voted to approve it
- * CARES will be transitioning to Frisbie Memorial Hospital.
- * Poison Control and 911 are working out a way to cooperate during calls.
- * Anna Sessa gave a presentation on EMS for Children and brought in pediatric dosing tools for the group to see.
- * Susan Barnard gave a presentation on the Stroke Collaborative.
- * The group discussed spinal motion restriction for the elderly.
- The next MCB meeting is scheduled for September 20, 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 June 20, 2018.

Highlights of the meeting:

- * The Process Improvement conversation centered on the best way to get all 26 hospitals to participate in the trauma registry. The hospital designation matrix is getting more streamlined and easier to use.
- * **Trauma Conference theme: Emergency Preparedness, November 1 & 2, 2018 at the Fire Academy.**
- * **August 23 2018 from 9AM to 4PM: 2nd Annual Data Summit!**
- * There is an increased push for therapy services in the ER, and occupational therapy continues to be an underutilized resource, particularly due to the fact that it is not available 24/7.
- * The ME's office was asked to provide statistics for Motorcycle Week as well as pediatric statistics on accidental deaths.
- * The Hospital Designation sub-committee is working to streamline the PRQ and went over the designation schedule for the rest of 2018.
- * The Division's strategic plan draft should be ready by the next TMRC meeting.
- * The next meeting of the TMRC is scheduled for August 15, 2018 at 9:30AM.
- * Here is the link to the minutes for TMRC meetings:
 - o https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html

Item 3. Work group reports **(NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT ON A WORK GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT NICK MERCURI OR GRANT TURPIN.)**

- a. **Implied consent and EMS refusals** – Eric Jaeger reported. The committee has met twice; no changes are being recommended yet. There is a need for additional education; the question is about recognizing under what circumstances patients have the right/capacity to refuse care. Do EMTs have protection if they elect to transport these types of patients whose judgement is impaired? The group is thinking that they will come up with a list of materials that can be used to answer the letter on this topic that was received by Chair Turpin back in 2015. Perhaps the protocol having to do with this can also be clarified. **Chair Turpin asked for a list of thoughts that could be used to help write the response letter. Eric Jaeger and Chief Nick Mercuri can work on this.**
- b. **EMS Physician level of licensure** – Vicki Blanchard reported
The group had a phone conference and discussed that a certification or added qualification is more appropriate than a license. The other big question was about oversight and how it would work. The group intends to do some research about what other states are doing.
- c. **I/C Renewal & EMS Education** –
The group met once; now that Liza Burrill has returned to work after being on leave, it is the intention to get going on this topic.
- d. **Recruitment and Retention** –
The group has met once. They talked about defining the problem and backing it up with data. NHTSA and NASEMSO are potential sources of data. Since the group last met, the NHAFC has also established a sub-committee to work on this issue. Additionally, we will be able to tack on to a rural health survey which is going to gather workforce data.
- e. **EMS Rules** –(Done after Susan Barnard's talk about stroke.)
The EMS Rules draft, amended and approved by the CB to move forward to the next phase of the rule making process on March 15, 2018, is still with legal. (NOTE: The amendment included crossing out the word "commercial" on the equipment list as it pertained to a pelvic splinting device.) Assistant Director Jeff Philips and BC Romanello are assisting legal to get this done.

For your convenience, the rule-making process, listed in the March 15th minutes, is repeated below:

RULE MAKING PROCESS:

- * Draft initial proposal and have it approved by the commissioner
- * LBA does a fiscal impact statement within 10 business days
- * Rulemaking notice gets filed and is published in the rulemaking register the following week
- * **Public Hearing process, after which further changes can be made**
- * Written comment period week after public hearing
- * After written comment period expires, we are then able to fix the final proposal
- * Final proposal then goes before JLCAR

Item 4. Stroke care – S. Barnard

- Susan reported that she gave a Stroke Collaborative presentation during the morning MCB meeting.
- FAST ED: Though there is no definitive science for any of these pre-hospital tools yet, Susan encouraged its use for large vessel occlusions. (FAST ED is being adopted by other states.)
- AHA training video for the FAST ED has been created and will be available in September with American CME; it is free for Emergency Medical providers.
- November 6, 2018: Annual Stroke Conference at the Grappone Center.
- August 3, 2018: Stroke education at the Fischer Cats game (in conjunction with Comic Con!)
- The Brain Injury Association of NH set up a pilot program with Concord Hospital; all discharged stroke patients were called within 2 weeks of their discharge to see if they could benefit from any other resources. Due to its success, all of the hospitals in NH are now getting on board with this post hospital process.

V. Old Business

Item 1. EMS Provider Safety: Hours of Work **(see attachment)**

Chief Nick Mercuri gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Item 2. Tracking of medical errors

- This topic evolved from a discussion of the Ready, Check, and Inject program which took place at the May 17th meeting. June Connor was asked to keep it on the agenda for this meeting.
- Jeanne Erickson stated that this subject is being discussed by EMTs; the concern is about being punished for making errors.
- This topic should be something taken up by the Rules workgroup.
- The end goal should be to understand problems and improve processes; it involves culture change.

VI. New Business

Item 1. EMS-C data from pre-hospital agencies – Anna Sessa **(see attachment)**

Anna gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Item 2. Pediatric dosing tools – Anna Sessa

Username and Password for the Handtevy Test App: DemoS1668.

Item 3. NREMT LCCR – State Required Subjects – Justin Romanello **(See attachment)**

BC Romanello passed around a draft of the Local Continued Competency Requirement (LCCR). The members discussed the list. **It was agreed that everyone should come back with suggestions for the September 20th meeting.**

VII. Good of the Order / Items of Interest (none)

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made (Schuler/Petrin) – *to adjourn the meeting at 3:37PM*, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2018

(Minutes written by June Connor)