

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

September 19, 2019

1:01PM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy

Classrooms 1 & 2

98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

Quorum: 11 members required (currently 20 positions on the CB)

NOTE: "Action Items" are in bold red.

Members present:

Grant Turpin (Chair), Susanna Ayers, Brian Allard, Susan Barnard, Frank Hubbell, Don Johnson, Kristen Krauss, Chad Miller, Joshua Morrison, Clay Odell, Lisa Patterson, Matthew Petrin, Greg Placy, Scott Schuler, David Tauber and Jeremy Thibeault. **(16)**

Members absent:

Jeremy LaPlante (Vice-Chair), Jeanne Erickson, Mike Harnois, and Michael Newhall **(4)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Director – Deborah Pendergast, Assistant Director – Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief – of EMS Justin Romanello, Chief of Strategy and Planning – Nick Mercuri; Captain Vicki Blanchard, Captain: Kathy Higgins-Doolan; Gerard Christian (minutes) **(7)**

Guests:

Craig Clough, John Hall, Eric Schelberg, Joey Scollan, and Anna Sessa **(5)**

I. Call to Order

Items 1 – 2: Welcome/Introductions/Membership

Introductions were made and Christine Arsnow was welcomed to the board representing the Academy of Pediatrics

- Vacancies: NH Medical Society

II. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion Made (Thebeault/Ayers) - *to approve the minutes as written from the May 23, 2019 meeting; passed unanimously*

III. Division / BEMS Reports

Item 1. Division and BEMS Updates – Director-Pendergast and Bureau Chief Romanello

- Director reports that the division has expanded its teleconference capabilities adding Nashua fire.
- FEMA AFG grant has been awarded. Funds to new SCBA, new burn building lining, new haul truck and a new pediatric simulator.
- Bruce Goldwathe has been hired as the new simulation coordinator.
- Division has just hosted quarterly NCCP training with over 2 dozen students attended. The next quarterly NCCP training will be 12/14/19 0800.
- Governor and Council along with fiscal committee have approved a \$50,000 advance to our budget to cover the programs under the continuing resolution.
- BC Romanello reports that the Division is continuing to work with the Commissioner to fill the medical director position, no change at this time.

- Clinical Bulletins 55 & 56 regarding defibrillation of pediatric; Zoll will attenuate in AED model whereas Physio and Phillips will not. The Chief has heard back from services and is satisfied with their plans for what to do in pediatric cases.
- Bulletin 57 was released regarding the pediatric transport protocol
- Bulletin 58 was released regarding Maine EMS and their identification of a set of NPAs that have had faulty flanges or have fallen into the nasal passage.
- Committee of Merit on September 30.
- Several positions are held up in the budget, until a budget is passed.
- Division EMR course to be held later this fall.

Item 2. Legislative Report –Chief Nick Mercuri

- Mercuri reports that the LODD bill has passed with much press circulating around it. It should be noted there was significant effort on the part of many organizations to get this passed. Coverage excludes individuals not operating on emergency work by contract (interfacility transport work). Coverage does cover municipal third services, contracted 9-1-1 services, and search and rescue services (as long as they have signed in with Fish and Game at the base.
 - Turpin asked- Can we clearly identify the groups that aren't covered by this bill? Then work to start including them.
 - Mercuri- Yes, I can make the list- But please help to edit the list if we miss someone. We would also have to develop the strategy, as the group has already received push back from some lawmakers.
- Subcommittees are meeting- **HB685** ambulance balanced billing next meeting in 10/1/19, Mercuri will attend and report back.
- **HB___** First responder suicide, could be good however this seems redundant with SB___ that was already passed in the senate.
 - Turpin- Violence against a healthcare worker a felony is something that would be great to have as a law; support from the Bureau would be appreciated.
 - Mercuri- we can't submit any legislation, but can reach out to law makers for support
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IV. Committee/Board/Workgroup Reports

Item 1. **Medical Control Board** update – Frank Hubbell

The MCB met this morning, September 19, 2019.

Highlights of the July meeting:

- Protocols approved with the following changes:
 - Victims of Violence: Added a new section on human trafficking; updated the BRUE language and clarified reporting responsibilities
 - Immunization Prerequisite: Changed wording “epidemic” to “public safety incident” to align with the rest of the state
 - RSI: No major changes, pharmacists are working on a dosing chart to reduce med errors
- There was discussion regarding the CARES Registry with about 500 cases entered and another 200 to be entered. Then we will start looking at the data.

- The next MCB meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019.

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 – Scott Schuler

The last TMRC meeting was held June 19th, 2019

Highlights of the TMRC meeting:

- Concord Hospital received their ACS adult II, State Pedi III Trauma Center verification
- They are in need of more data from the hospitals not using the Image Trend trauma registry

- EMS Supgroup updated the EMS hospital resource guide updated with more capabilities from just trauma to additional skills.

The next meeting of the TMRC is scheduled for October 16, 2019 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. Workgroup Reports:

a. EMS Physician Level of Licensure: Blanchard/Morrison

Continue to making progress and gotten through significant parts of the heavy lifting including scope of practice and liability and will now focus on the application process. Once that is complete they will present a draft for legal counsel and The Board of Medicine.

b. I/C Renewal & EMS Education: Bureau Chief Romanello

Bureau Chief Romanello reported there will be an I/C stakeholder Education Training Agencies meetings upcoming on October 1, 2019 9:00 – 11:00 am and 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Fire Academy and teleconferenced to the Bethlehem classroom and then again in Bethlehem on October 8, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

c. Recruitment and Retention: Bureau Chief Romanello and Chief Nick Mercuri

Rural health and Division have beta tested the survey, made corrections and are ready to roll the program out through user management to all EMS providers in the future. Mercuri notes that the fire chiefs are also experiencing workforce issues. Should plan to bring these groups together.

d. ADD- Hours of Work study as an agenda item gather data to report (IAFF, MILITARY, and NURSING) Hubbell will lead the group. Schuler- Can't necessarily mandate the solution- but should/could suggest a best practice or need for internal policy.

e. EMS Rules:

No discussion, will have corrections for the next meeting.

Item 4. Stroke Care –Sue Barnard

- ME, NH and VT had their last conference call for the Stroke protocol which will now include the FAST-ED assessment. Next they will work on the education, which will part of the protocol rollout. Resources (app and video) are available which will be helpful when putting together the training.
- Get with the Guidelines (AHA) has rolled out a feedback form for EMS stroke care. We will have to work on collaborating with TEMSIS for data.

V. Old Business

Item 1. QA/QI –No discussion

Item 2. Data Requests – No discussion

Item 3. Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Privacy Committee – No discussion

VI. New Business

MRH Director: Mercuri- there has not been much work done on this topic at the time. ACEP wants to get involved with the group to discuss both the scope and the role and then the experience.

VII. Good of the Order / Items of Interest

Item 1. Committee of Merit Update – Captain Higgins-Doolan
September 30, 2019 at the Capitol Center for the Arts.

Item 2. Turpin announced he will be resigning from the Coordinating Board after the Committee of Merit Awards, he has taken a new job in Salt Lake City. He stated he very much appreciated his roll on the Coordinating Board and felt it does important work and was very honored to have served.

Assistant Director Phillips stated that the vice chair will run the November meeting and in the meantime anyone interested in running for the chair position to send a letter of intent to Haley O'Brien.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made (Hubbell/Thibeault) – *to adjourn the meeting at 2:10PM*; passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER: November 21, 2019

Voting members should let Hayley O'Brien know ASAP whether or not they can attend to ensure a quorum will be present.

(Minutes: Blanchard/Christian)