

## NH MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

NH Fire Academy  
Concord, NH

### MINUTES OF MEETING September 18, 2014

**Members present:** James Suozzi – Chair; Kenneth Call, Frank Hubbell, Patrick Lanzetta, Joseph Leahy, Doug McVicar, Tom Trimarco, Brian Sweeney

**Members absent:** David Hirsch, Mathurin Malby, Jonathan Vacik

**Guests:** Harry Wallus, John Siedner, Josh Morrison, Siobhan Hurley; Steve Erickson; Aaron McIntire; Stacy Meier; Eric Jaeger; Jason Grey; Fred Heinrich; Richard Riley; Andrew Merelman; Joel Coelho; Michael Pepe; Ken Berkenbush; Paul Leischner; Mary Ellen Gourdeau; Brian Nicholson; Chuck Hemeon; Richard O'Brien; Jeffrey Stewart; Pamela Drewniak; Grant Turpin; Mark Hastings; Bruce Goldthwaite; Janet Houston; Jeanne Erickson; Jason Preston; Scott Schuler; Michael Flynn; Joshua Morrison.

**Bureau Staff:** Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri; Deputy Bureau Chief Jon Bouffard; Vicki Blanchard; Chip Cooper; Kathy Doolan; Richard Cloutier; Shawn Jackson.

#### **Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. There were no votes taken during lack of quorum. Quorum was made at 09:10.

Introductions were made. Chair Suozzi asked for a moment of silence for paramedic/fire fighter Bob Chatel who recently passed away.

**Approval of the July 17, 2014 Minutes** - Motion was made; seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

**Membership** - Chair Suozzi said they have a couple of people awaiting their letters of appointment. Dr. Sweeney's membership was approved.

#### **Bureau/Division Updates – Chief Mercuri**

BC Mercuri was present and had some updates which can be found in the Bureau's newsletter. The new newsletter should be on the website by the end of today. The NCCP group is moving forward and trying to iron out a few things. They are taking a look at how we refresh and reducing the hours.

#### **Coordinating Board Update – Hubbell:**

Dr. Hubbell was present and had an update. Coordinating Board has voted to support the NCCP pilot program. There was an election of officers. Grant Turpin is the new Chairman. Dr. Strang was thanked and praised for his efforts.

### **Trauma Medical Review Committee – Call:**

Dr. Call was present and had an update. He mentioned that last meeting a new Chair and Vice-Chair was elected. They are: Rick Murphy (Concord Hospital) is now the Chair and Gary Curcio (Elliot Hospital) is the Vice Chair. They are also coming up with a new set of guidelines for credentialing hospitals.

### **TEMSIS Update**

Chip Cooper was present and updated everyone. He said they are trying to work out the timeline for the transition and there are some challenges connecting our licensing database with the new system. They have to make sure all parts are working properly. There will be a demo site starting in late October for people to go to. They have spent time looking at Narcan data in the last 6 months. There has been an increase in usage. They are trying to get people to do better documentation. Chip said the MCB might want to consider putting out a statement about being good EMS providers. Chair Suozzi said perhaps when they do the next rollout. Meantime they can put something in the new bulletin.

### **Education Section Update**

Shawn Jackson was present and had updates. He said we are coming into what will probably be the last refresher season. Simulation program continues to be in high demand and will be at the EMS North Country Conference this year. AEMT prep program continues to be in high demand and will also be at the EMS North Country Conference. The AEMT transition exams and the mobile exam lab has been moving around the state quite a bit. Pass rates are: 66% first time pass rate; 77% overall pass rates. About 725 Intermediates are left to transition. We are planning for the NCCP pilot program, which redefines how we deliver our refresher education. It has been discussed that if we release the information too soon everyone will be confused and think they can use the NCCP this refresher season. They cannot. They can begin using it April 1, 2015. The ad-hoc committee on refresher training reconvened earlier this summer and are looking to modify the course auditing process to more of a peer review process.

### **Protocol Updates**

Air Medical Transport: Added criteria for burns > 20% BSA or inhalation burns. Added information regarding the use of the air medical transport crew in the event the patient went into cardiac arrest upon their arrival.

Pediatric Transportation: Updated RSA reference due to change in booster seat law. Updated photographers. Remove backboard reference, as this it is no different than adult.

Police Custody: Added a bullet linking to the Restraints Protocol.

Domestic Violence: Added a new section addressing children on scene of domestic violence.

Restraints: Placed chemical restraint medication into the protocol with the addition of Ketamine. The board voted unanimously to not include Ketamine at this time but to continue to watch for pre hospital studies.

Sexual Assault: New protocol.

Motion was made by F. Hubbell and seconded by T. Trimarco to approve the protocols. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Protocol Consideration**

Crics: Protocol Committee recommended the MCB consider placing both surgical and percutaneous crics in the protocol and allow the EMS Unit and Medical Director choose which is right for their service. The board agreed and asked that the Protocol Committee bring forward protocols for approval.

Narcan Dosing: There was discussion regarding narcan repeat dosing and dosing range. Blanchard and Suozzi will work on an EMS bulletin to address.

Pediatric Epi Pen, minimum weight: The minimum weight for the Pediatric Epi Pen was amended from 16-35kg to <35kg by unanimous vote.

Ondansetron ODT for AEMTs: There was discussion regarding moving Ondansetron down to the AEMT level. Cooper presented data showing 44% of the time Ondansetron and IV fluids only were administered. The argument of role creep versus tying up paramedic resources for nauseated patients was discussed. T Trimarco moved that Ondansetron be moved to the AEMT level for Nausea and Vomiting adults, McVicar 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously.

### **Athletic Trainers Meeting**

Vicki Blanchard said she was asked to attend the Athletic Trainers Association conference to discuss the Spinal Restriction protocol. They put together a meeting with the Athletic Trainers, Vicki and Dr. Suozzi to talk about helmet and pad removal and our new Spinal Trauma Protocol. We learned that the trainer's protocols will be changing in 2015, until that we are encouraging everyone to reach out to athletic trainers in their areas to discuss these topics before meeting on the field. Dr. Suozzi said the athletic trainers are very supportive of what we are doing. He said their guidelines may change next fall to follow our protocols more.

### **Bariatric Project Update**

Eric Jaeger was present and said he had no complete update at this time. He said they had a meeting which was productive. Bill Wood will be carrying the project forward to the Bureau. All of the equipment has been deployed. HSEM is open to us getting more money from them for the project.

### **Critical Care Update**

Sue Prentiss said she Vicki and Jon put together a proposal that was accepted two weeks ago. They are hoping it will be picked up by an intern. If it isn't picked up by the end of October there will be an opportunity to apply again in the spring for an intern.

### **Drug Diversion Meeting**

Jeff Stewart said their next meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup>. There is specific language to be added to the hospital affiliation agreement. The challenge is regulation. PFFNH has joined them and is collaborating on resources. The other big piece is going to be an educational component for the UCDC's to gain more control over the coordinators. What is their responsibility? They have the title, they need to have responsibility. Discussion ensued.

### **Other Topics**

Chip Cooper said they are in need of a new medical director to join their data advisory committee. Please send Chip and e-mail if you are willing to commit.

BC Mercuri reminded everyone of the Fire Service and EMS Committee of Merit Awards on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please try to be there. Provider of the Year is Robert Atwater from Derry FD; Unit of the Year is Waterville Valley Public Safety; Educator of the Year is John Snow of Bedford FD; and the Mitchell Connelly award goes to Tony Maggio of Barrington FD.

**Adjournment:** 11:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 20, 2014 – Fire Academy – Concord NH

Respectfully Submitted,

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