

NH EMS Medical Control Board**MEETING MINUTES** (Approved)**July 20, 2017**

9:00AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Classroom 2, Administration Building
98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

Members present:

James Suozzi, Chair; Kenneth Call, Trevor Eide, Frank Hubbell, Joshua Morrison, Joey Scollan, John Seidner, Thomas Trimarco (8)

Members absent:

David Hirsch, Patrick Lee, Brian Sweeney, Harry Wallus (4)

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Director Deborah A. Pendergast, Captains Richard Cooper and Vicki Blanchard;, Richard Cloutier, Gerard Christian, and June Connor (minutes) (6)

Guests:

Derick Aumann, Kevin Blinn, Craig Clough, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, John Freese, MaryEllen Gourdeau, Mark Hastings, Chuck Hemeon, Eric Jaeger, Dennis Ketner, Michael McShane, Andrew Merelman, Michelle Nathan, Brian Nicholson, Jason Preston, David Rivers, Justin Romanello, Eric Schelberg, Candace Tierney, Patrick Twomey, Jared Whalen (22)

I. Welcome**a. Introductions / Disclosures / Membership**

- Chair Suozzi called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. A quorum was present with 7 members present; one more arrived at 9:15.
- All those present introduced themselves.
- Dr. Patrick Lee has submitted his resignation; Dr. Michelle Nathan will be replacing him once the Division receives a nomination letter from EMS Region 2 and the MCB votes to ratify her nomination.
- Dr. John Freese will be taking over for Dr. Trevor Eide as soon as the Division receives a nomination letter from EMS Region 3 and the MCB votes to ratify his nomination.
- Vicki Blanchard introduced Gerard Christian; he will be assisting Vicki as a "Time Sensitive Care" program coordinator.

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion made (Call/Eide) – *to approve the minutes, as corrected in Section III, from the May 18, 2017 MCB meeting, passed unanimously.*

III. Division / Committee Reports

a. Bureau of EMS and Division updates

Director Pendergast reported the following:

- **September 25, 2017 at 6:30PM** – 26th Annual NH Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services Committee of Merit Awards and Recognition Presentation at the Concord Auditorium. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- On July 19th, the Division hosted a program entitled, “Shields Against Addiction”. This was a training session for first responders, law enforcement officers, and healthcare workers about the psychology and physiology of addiction.
- **Personnel changes:** In addition to the hiring of Gerard Christian, Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard’s position is in the process of being re-classified and will be posted as soon as that process is complete.
- **Facilities update:** The auditorium now sports new LED lighting and ceiling tiles; this fall, the carpeting and seats will be replaced.
- On Friday, July 14th, 23 Recruits graduated from their 12 week program that included both Firefighter I and Firefighter II.
- The Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant Fire Brigade just finished a 6 week training program on campus. Next year, they have requested that the Academy do all of their refresher training for their EMS first responders and EMTs.
- Division wide - Chief Nick Mercuri and Paula Holigan are in the midst of traveling all over the state to hold “Town Hall” style meetings in an effort to gather input about Fire Services and EMS needs. This input will be used to help establish a plan for the future.
- Waivers for law enforcement officers – Commissioner Barthelmes gave his approval for Director Pendergast to be able to approve waivers for background checks for law enforcement officers who want to become licensed to administer Narcan.

b. Coordinating Board update

- Frank Hubbell reported that no quorum was present for the meeting on May 18th, so no official meeting was held.
- The next CB meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2017.
- Here is the link to the minutes for CB meetings:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>

c. Trauma Medical Review Committee update

- Kenneth Call reported. The TMRC met on June 21, 2017.
- Highlights of the meeting:
 - * The TMRC members voted to approve Elliot Hospital for a Pediatric Level III Trauma Center designation for 3 years from the time of their last review. They also voted to approve Elliot Hospital for a 1-year provisional Level III Adult Trauma Center designation until such time as the ACS acknowledges the Type II deficiency correction; the TMRC will then grant the full 3-year Level III adult designation.
 - * The TRMC members voted to approve Parkland Hospital for a provisional Level III Adult Trauma Center and Level IV Pediatric Trauma Center designation through December of 2017; it will need to have a successful focused chart review by that time, focusing primarily on the PIPS process. All other deficiencies will have to be corrected within 12 months in order for Parkland to be granted the full 3-year designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center and Level IV Pediatric Trauma Center.

- * **SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2017 – NH State Trauma Conference at the North Conway Grand.**
 - * Jonathan Snow is the new representative to the TMRC from the Medical Examiner's Office.
 - The next meeting of the TMRC is scheduled for August 16, 2017 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
- d. Drug Diversion meeting – No report

IV. Protocol

a. Roll-out

The E-Learning Department has lost 2 staff members, so until they are replaced, Vicki Blanchard and Chris Rousseau are working on getting the roll-out completed. Ketamine and Tranexamic Acid are new modules, and the others are being updated.

b. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) Module

The RSI Protocol was rewritten to include updates to medications and a training manual. Andrew Merelman led the discussion as to the updates to the protocol to include ideal body weight based dosing of medications and a new checklist. Additionally, Push dose epinephrine, delayed sequence intubation and rapid sequence airway was added to the protocols. These additions created discussion with the following motions being made:

Motions:

- **Seidner/Trimarco** – *to proceed to include push dose epinephrine in the RSI protocol as written*, passed with opposition from Joshua Morrison.
- **Trimarco/Seidner** – *to leave Delayed Sequence Intubation (DSI) as an option and include language for the dosing of Ketamine to specify IM dosing for DSI only*, passed with opposition from Joshua Morrison.
- **Seidner/Eide** – *to eliminate the RSA portion of the RSI protocol as written*, passed unanimously.
- **Trimarco/Hubbell** – *to change the language of the bougie assisted surgical chricothyrotomy to include percutaneous as an option, but to require the concomitant prerequisite protocol of surgical chricothyrotomy for all RSI medics*, passed unanimously.
- **Trimarco/Seidner** – *to require video laryngoscopy as part of the equipment to be available for services performing RSI with the new roll-out*, passed with opposition from Kenneth Call and Jim Suozzi.
(Vicki Blanchard will immediately notify the services that do not have the equipment.)
- **Seidner/Eide** – *to approve the entire packet*, passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

a. Cardiac Arrest / CARES update

- When the MOU process is complete, Dartmouth College will be able to gain access to the state's data. Hospitals have also been submitting data.
- New England Resuscitation Academy (VT, NH, and ME) – Friday, October 27, 2017.
- Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 2 skills labs (90 minutes each)
- A CARES committee is forming that will meet monthly via teleconference; there will be a sub-set data committee that will make decisions on how data is shared throughout the state.

- Chip Cooper reported that efforts are being made to determine whether or not ImageTrend will charge for the EMS upload.

- b. EpiPens, Vermont Check and Inject Program
 - Vermont has direction cards that will need to be printed; the Bureau of EMS will look in to the cost involved.
 - A module will be put together after the protocol roll-out is completed.
 - MCB members had some questions about the syringes that were pictured on the card.

- c. Carfentanil
 - The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT) came up with updated recommendations within the last week; this is less of a danger to first responders than previously anticipated.
 - The members discussed whether or not to move Naloxone to pediatrics.
 - After discussion and an attempt to make a motion to do what Vermont is doing by including pediatric Naloxone dosing in their protocols, Vicki Blanchard pointed out that it is already in our new roll-out!

VI. Topics Ad Libitum (Taken out of order)

- Eric Jaeger expressed concern about the Termination of Resuscitation Protocol, 8.16, stating that clearer guidance should be given.
- A discussion ensued about when to stop resuscitation.

Motion made (Hubbell/Scollan) – *to clarify the wording of the Resuscitation Initiation and Termination Protocol, 8.16, so that it reads on page 2, E/A section, "The automatic external defibrillator has advised "no shock" for 20 minutes and **Paramedic/Hospital** is not available within 20 minutes (hypothermia is an exception) and the ETCO2 is less than 20mmHG, **if available**" and add comorbidity language under the yellow flag, passed unanimously.*

The official meeting was concluded after this section because a quorum was no longer present.

The recorder was shut off, and the taking of notes was suspended.

VII. New Business

- a. Epinephrine 0.1mg/1ml shortage – not taken up during official meeting.

- b. TEMSIS CQI Module – not taken up during official meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – N/A

Next Meeting: September 21, 2017

Remainder of 2017 Schedule: November 16, 2017