

NH EMS Medical Control Board**MEETING MINUTES** (Approved)**July 19, 2018**

9:00AM

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

Quorum: 8 members required**Members present:**

Joey Scollan, Chair; Kenneth Call, Frank Hubbell, Nicholas Larochelle, Joshua Morrison, Michelle Nathan, John Seidner, James Suozzi, Brian Sweeney, and Thomas Trimarco **(10)**

Members absent:

Trevor Eide, John Freese, Patrick Lee, Andrew Seefeld, and Harry Wallus **(5)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Chief of Strategy and Planning Nick Mercuri; Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Captain Vicki Blanchard; Joanne Lahaie, Rachel Horr, Gerard Christian, Andrew Mason, and June Connor (minutes) **(8)**

Guests:

Brian Allard, Derick Aumann, Susan Barnard, Derek Chouinard, Robert Cole, Steve Desrosiers, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, Bruce Goldthwaite, John Hall, Mark Hastings, Eric Jaeger, Michael Kelley, Aaron McIntire, Clay Odell, Joshua Patrick, Maureen Quirk, Anna Sessa, and Grant Turpin **(19)**

I. Welcome

a. Introductions / Disclosures / Membership...Meeting called to order at 9:02AM.

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion made (Nathan/Suozzi) – *to approve the minutes from the May 17 2018 MCB meeting, passed unanimously.*

III. Division / Committee Reports

- a. Bureau of EMS and Division updates – J. Romanello and N. Mercuri
- Bureau Chief Justin Romanello:
 - * BC Romanello introduced Andrew Mason, the Division's Simulation Coordinator 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.

- Chief Nick Mercuri:
 - * Chief Mercuri passed out a Legislative Summary (**see attachment**) and informed the group about the laws that were passed as well as ideas for new legislation.
 - * SAMHSA Grant employees – Paula Holigan and Liz Lufkin were hired to coordinate this \$3 million federal grant, specific to EMS, to help prevent opioid overdoses and get people get into treatment.
 - * Governor’s Commission on addiction treatment and prevention grant – Money was awarded in May, 2018 for additional first responder Naran training and Compassion Fatigue module/training.
- b. Coordinating Board update
 - Frank Hubbell did not present a report due to his travels abroad which kept him from attending the last CB meeting on May 17, 2018. Those interested in reading the minutes can find them online (see below).
 - The next CB meeting will be held this afternoon, July 19, 2018 at 1:00PM.
 - 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 gave the report. The TMRC met on June 20, 2018.
 - Highlights of the meeting:
 - * Process Improvement – figuring out the best way to get more hospitals to participate in the Trauma System.
 - * Trauma Conference: November 1 & 2, 2018 at the Fire Academy. The theme is “Emergency Preparedness”.
 - * Occupational therapy is an underused resource in ERs because it is not available 24/7.
 - * The Medical Examiner’s Office was asked to provide data regarding Motorcycle Week as well as pediatric statistics on accidental deaths.
 - * 2010 Trauma Plan edits are making good progress.
 - * The schedule for upcoming hospital designations was listed (St. Joseph on July 18th and Wentworth-Douglass on October 15th).
 - 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:
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html
- d. Drug Diversion meeting
 - Vicki Blanchard reported that 2 UCDC training sessions were held with hospital coordinators and more will be presented at the North Country Conference on October 19-21, 2018. (North Conway)
 - **This item can be removed from the agenda for the next meeting.**

IV. Protocols

- a. Stroke Assessment (Discussed after V. Old Business)
- b. Protocols discussed:
 - 2.12A & P: Nerve Agents Organophosphate Poisoning
 - 2.16A & P Poisoning/Overdose DRAFT
 - 2.17 A&P Seizures
 - 2.18 A&P Sepsis DRAFT

- 2.19 Non-Traumatic Shock
- 2.20A&P Smoke Inhalation/Carbon Monoxide
- 2.22A&P Syncope
- 2.XA Vertigo – (Tabled)
- 5.X Analgesia and Sedation for Invasive Airway Device

A motion was made (Seidner/Nathan) – *to approve the protocols discussed and amended at today's meeting; passed unanimously.*

Josh Patrick spoke about the Advanced Sepsis Care packet. With approval, he wants to get this online before the beginning of 2019.

A motion was made (Suoizzi/Morrison) – *to approve the Advanced Sepsis Care training packet, as presented; passed unanimously.*

Chair Scollan added that she is meeting every other month with other northern New England state medical directors in order to determine if there should be collaboration on any of the other protocols.

V. Old Business (Discussed before IV. Protocols)

- a. Cardiac Arrest / CARES update
BC Romanello reported that there was a meeting last week. A transition will be made to Frisbie; the state of NH can no longer participate as a resource any more than it has.
- b. Poison Control and 911
Jim Suozzi reported that if Poison Control is on the phone with a patient or a third party caller and has information that is time sensitive or critical, they will call dispatch and inform them that Poison Control has vital information that could affect care. A discussion ensued.
- c. Ketamine concentration update
Supplies are still an issue. This will be left on the agenda for the future.
- d. Shelter Care provided by EMS – N. Mercuri
Chief Mercuri got a copy of a shelter care operations packet put together by a local public health unit at the recent Emergency Preparedness Conference in June, 2018. This will be a good source of information.
- e. Role of Medical Director within the MRH – meeting has not yet been scheduled.

VI. New Business

- a. EMS-C data collected from pre-hospital & in-hospital agencies – Anna Sessa (**See attachment for a copy of Anna's PowerPoint presentation.**)
- b. Pediatric dosing tools – Anna Sessa
Anna passed around several "toys", including the Handtevy kit which is an alternative to the Braslow tape. Hospital and pre-hospital software is available which can sync to electronic health records systems. User name and password for test drive app: DemoS1668 (for the month of July)

- c. Cricothyrotomy case
A surgical case was reported to the Bureau of EMS last month. It involved a new paramedic working with his field training officer; the victim had a self-inflicted gunshot wound through the chin. After reviewing the case, it was determined that everything that should have been done was done properly.
- d. Stroke – Susan Barnard (taken up when Susan arrived after Mike Kelley’s question.)
Susan spoke about the Stroke Collaborative that focuses on the continuum of stroke care in NH.
(See attachment for the PowerPoint presentation.)
- e. Added to this section: Question from Mike Kelley regarding spinal motion restriction in the elderly population. (Taken up just before Susan Barnard’s talk about stroke.)
The discussion centered on using blankets to move the elderly into stretchers and whether or not this was a violation of protocol, 4.3 Spinal Trauma. Complicating the situation is that there is an absence of evidence. A call came to provide more education to re-clarify what should be done. The group concluded that though this is not a violation of the letter of the protocol, it is important to use such things as blankets properly using at least 4 – 6 people to transfer, for example.
With doctors and nurses at the meeting responding emphatically that they are seeing older patients come in who need spinal motion restriction and don’t have it, the MCB members agreed that more education is called for and that this topic should be addressed in the next protocol cycle.

VII. Topics Ad Libitum

- a. Medical Professionals as EMTs (a topic for the CB)
The members entered into a discussion about what should be involved in having medical professionals perform the functions of EMTs on ambulances. There are many concerns about time and cost and not taking individual qualifications into consideration when trying to come up with a blanket process. BC Romanello explained that the current process is not acceptable and told the group about a possible new way of training medical professionals to become EMTs (online hybrid course, costing about \$600-\$800 for a group of 4). The plan is to do a beta test this coming fall. It is also important to note that only a few medical professionals are interested in doing this.

Three voting members had left by 11:35AM, so a quorum was no longer present. The recorder was turned off.

No formal adjournment.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2018

(Minutes written by June Connor)