

NH EMS Medical Control Board**MEETING MINUTES****November 21, 2019**

9:00 AM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy

Classrooms 5 & 6 in the Dormitory Building

98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

Quorum: 7 members required (currently 13 positions on the MCB)

Members Present:

Joey Scollan (Chair), John Freese, Marc Grossman, Joshua Morrison, Robert Rix, Andrew Seefeld, James Suozzi, Brian Sweeney, Thomas Trimarco and Harry Wallus. **(10)**

Members Absent:

Frank Hubbell, Patrick Lee, Michelle Nathan **(3)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Bureau Chief – EMS Justin Romanello, Chief Nick Mercuri, Captain Kathy Higgins- Doolan, Captain Vicki Blanchard, Bruce Goldthwaite and Hayley O'Brien (minutes) **(6)**

Guests:

Derek Aumann, Kevin Blinn, Gerard Christian, Craig Clough, Doug Devine, Jeff Dropkin, Francis Enos, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, John Fahey, John Hall, Fred Heinrich, Eric Jaeger, Aaron McIntire, Brian Nicholson, Anna Sessa and Jeffrey Stewart **(14)**

I. Welcome

- a. Meeting called to order at 9:09AM by Chair Scollan.
Introductions / Disclosures / Membership Expirations / Moment of Silence

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion Made (Rix/Morrison) - to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes as written; passed unanimously.

III. Division / Committee Reports

- 1) Bureau of EMS and Division Updates –Bureau Chief of EMS Justin Romanello and Chief Nick Mercuri
 - a) Discussion with the Physio sales rep, no reported failures, nothing further to report.
 - b) More to come with the State Medical Director position.
 - c) Moving forward with the National Registry Mobile Testing that the State will provide. The Division is planning to push this program out with a part time position by the first of the year.
 - d) Unit Licenses expire December 31, 2019. A notification has been sent out to all the units to ask for their updated roster included in the application.
 - e) LIN letters went out to approximately 2400 providers for renewal. Due to lack of folks updating their address with the Division, over 350 letters came back in the mail.
 - f) Licensing and EMS Operations section is still short-handed. Kim Mattil is back part time, but the Division is still short staffed by 2 full time positions. Please be patient with returned phone calls.
 - g) PIFT critical care workgroup has completed the packet, the part time coordinator has been approved, but the Division is working on creating more space in the office for these part time positions.
 - h) Waiting on the Trauma Coordinator position to be released from Human Resources to be able to post and fill the position. Still looking to hire a part time Temsis Coordinator to assist with the new User

Management System. The Division has hired a full time Records Management Coordinator and she will start December 6th, 2019.

- i) EMS Training – the Division continues to add sites for teleconferencing continuing education. Upcoming quarterly training is December 14th. Still actively recruiting staff instructors.
 - j) Initial Programs – Second week in January for the EMR training at the North Country Training Facility. This training will be Wednesdays and Saturday evenings for 5 weeks. These will run as needed. Dates to be decided.
 - k) Rural Health Survey is finalized and will be pushed out to initial providers, current providers, and exiting providers once the User Management System is up and running. This survey will benefit Recruitment and Retention in the State.
 - l) Tracking 14 bills only containing titles currently, but could potentially affect Fire and EMS. Potential tax exemption credit for Fire and EMS within the State. Balance billing for ambulance services has been pushed to a work study group. Chief Mercuri asked if you are able to attend the hearings, please do!
- 2) Coordinating Board Update:
- F. Hubbell absent, Chief Romanello reported: The last CB meeting was held on September 19, 2019.
 - Coordinating Board will be electing a new Chair at the November 21, 2019 meeting and be presented with the educational training agency concept.
 - Here is the link to the minutes of the Coordinating Board:
 - <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>
- 3) Trauma Medical Review Committee Update:
- T. Trimarco reported: The last TMRC meeting was held October 16, 2019.
- Highlights of the TMRC meeting:
- Normal reported out
 - Trauma designation recommendations for CMC and Exeter Hospital went to the Director for approval.
 - Jonathan Snow was appointed as Vice Chair to the TMRC.
 - Next TMRC Meeting: December 18, 2019.
 - Here is the link to the minutes for TMRC meetings:
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html

IV. Protocols

Routine Patient Care

Assess blood pressure

Hypoglycemia

New intranasal glucagon prescribed to patients for adult and pediatric

Changed glucose cut off to 60 mg/dl to align with stroke recommendation and surrounding states

Hypothermia

Expanded and more clear specifics

When able to start resuscitation, when cannot start resuscitation, and determination

Remove asterisk pertaining to (No benefit to epinephrine use has been demonstrated in patients, etc)

Adjust wording on (Give IV medications based on dysrhythmia, etc)

Nausea/Vomiting

Ran report for how often antiemetic's were being used

Struck out medications not given

Pain Management

Pharmacist provided a table

Added acetaminophen

Flag added to mandate concentration for ibuprofen use

Tylenol changed to 15 mg/kg

RSI

Simplify things by encouraging use of a chart

Ideal body weight dosing moved to actual body weight dosing

Appropriate use of fentanyl discussed

Vicki will have the DRAFT protocols distributed to all Board Members. The next step is for the Protocols to go to a public hearing and then to the Coordinating Board (in January hopefully) for final approval. Roll outs are currently being worked on.

A motion was made (Morrison/Suozzi) – to approve the Version 8 protocols as presented; passed unanimously.

Dr. Grossman mentioned adding sodium disulfate for cyanide poisoning as opposed to the cyanokit due to cost. Dr. Grossman is working with an acquaintance to determine who else is doing this and what the literature is. Chief Romanello mentioned sending an email out to service leaders to determine use. This will need to go to the Board of Pharmacy, Poison Control and can be added to the next cycle.

A recommendation was made to adjust wording and change to;
Defibrillator has indicated at device's highest allowable maximum energy.

Motion made to amend the motion above to approve Version 8 protocols (Morrison/Suozzi)

A motion was made (Freese/Grossman) – to approve the Version 8 protocols with the single change of energy dose for manual defibrillation for cardiac arrest; passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

- a. CARES Update – John Freese reported (**Presentation attached**)
Please see the attached pdf presentation.
- b. OHCA Organ Donors – No additional discussion, can be removed from agenda.

VI. New Business

- a) Vote on 2020 MCB Meeting Schedule:
A motion was made (Rix/Trimarco) – to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule as presented; passed unanimously.
- b) Maximum Quantities of Controlled Substances:
Question about ability to change the document wording containing RSI. Consult clarification on establishing minimums and maximums. Need more information, tabled until January 16, 2019 meeting.
Vicki will send out this document for MCB members to review for January meeting.

VII. Topics Ad Libitum

- 1) Update on State Medical Director – discussed in Division Reports.
- 2) RSA Form – If MCB members have not submitted their 2019 RSA 15-A form to the Secretary of State, they need to do so ASAP. All members are required to submit this form for each Board. The 2020 RSA 15-A form should be available within the next couple of weeks. **Deadline to submit the 2020 form to Hayley O'Brien is January 18, 2020.** If MCB members chose to submit this form on their own, please let Hayley know you have submitted it. Hayley has double checked member's current submission status of this form and will reach out through email if you still need to submit your 2019 RSA 15-A form.
- 3) Northern New England Resuscitation Academy on May 28 & 29, 2020 at Loon Mountain. Look out for the Save the Date!

- 4) Open to the public, EMS for Children Advisory Committee Meeting next month to discuss a new program to do a Pediatric Medal Recognition System. This is regional, all other New England states are on board with this. Also, a New England Pediatric Preparedness on March 9, 2020. Let Anna Sessa know if you are interested in registration.
- 5) Agency awareness; The CMS list of agencies that is required to do the cost reporting for 2020 is out and many NH agencies are listed. Look closely at the NPI number. Chief Romanello will put out a Bulletin about potentially being on this list and a date will be decided on and scheduled for December.
- 6) Free, annual Elliot EMS Conference will be March 13, 2020 in Bedford. Look out for the Save the Date!

VIII. Adjournment

Motion Made (Rix/Suozzi) - to adjourn the meeting at 11:08AM; passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020

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

(Minutes written by Hayley O'Brien, administrative Assistant)

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