

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (**Approved**)

March 21, 2024

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classroom 2

Quorum: 20 voting members, Quorum is 11

Members Present: Rebecca Cain, Craig Clough, Joel Coelho, Mark Hastings, Ryan Hornblower, Theresa Jarvis, Justin Kantar, Neil Meehan, Joshua Morrison, Maurice Paquette, Michael Reeney, Chris Stawasz, David Tauber, Eric Wilking, Scott Weden

Members Absent: Kevin Drew, John Freese, Eric Martin, Matthew Petrin, Laura Sheridan

NH FST&EMS Staff: Vicki Blanchard, Joanne Lahaie, Mike Mulhern, Jeffrey Phillips, Justin Romanello, Joey Scollan, Walter Trachim, Maria Varanka

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

1) Welcome/Membership

A. Chair Clough announced some vacancies and re-nominations that are in process.

2) Approval of the minutes

A motion was made (Kantar/Jarvis) to accept the January 18, 2024, minutes as presented, and the special meeting minutes from December 21, 2023, as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

3) Division/Committee Reports

A. Division Report / Bureau of EMS

- a. If protocols are approved on this date by both the MCB and CB, then this will allow the protocols to be put forth for 60-day public comment period. This would mean a June statewide adoption of the 9.0 protocols.
- b. With the retirement of Captain Vicki Blanchard, the new Clinical systems Captain will be Matthew Robblee, from specialty services, effective April 19, 2024. Joe Cartier will be taking over for Captain Kathy Higgins Doolan in EMS Operations on the same date.
- c. Licensing is 2-3 weeks for background checks, renewals are on par with previous years.
- d. ETA rules are with legal, and then to JLCAR. Hopefully releasing the ETA Rules in April 2024.
- e. Continued Education continues with a robust schedule.
- f. NEMSIS 3.5 will roll out in April, and notifications will be sent.
- g. Compliance has over 30 investigations and is still reviewing applicants for the part time position.
- h. Trauma kits will be in select State-run facilities, 470 kits have been ordered.
- i. Jeff Phillips reminded the CB about the Law Enforcement, professional Firefighter and Medical Technician career development program which reimburses individuals who take

a community college class once a semester. This program also reimburses any certification programs offered.

- j. The Division is working on obtaining Continuum which will help with data collection, and a mobile integrated healthcare module to agencies using it.
- k. The Division is also working on getting a grant through health and human services for a new online mental health program.
- l. A critical care prep course will be fully funded through DHHS for affiliated members.

B). Legislative reports- Justin Romanello

- a) Justin Romanello gave an update on legislation that the Division is tracking.
- b) Chris Stawasz gave an update on HB 1330, HB 1057, HB 1081, SB 407, HB 1568, and SB 409.

4) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports

A. Medical Control Board- Justin Romanello

- (a) EMS Bulletin #85- DHHS approved nalmeferne for use and is being reviewed by the MCB.

B. TMRC-Joel Coelho

- (a) The updated trauma plan will be voted on at the April 17, 2024, meeting.
- (b) The 2024 data dictionary was approved.

C. Stroke Care- Rebecca Cain

- (a) May is stroke awareness month, planning for the annual baseball game are underway.
- (b) International Stroke Conference was held in Arizona, topics of interest were AI and alteplase.
- (c) HCA is developing cards that will be handed out to EMS with facility names and contacts to hand out to patients and their families to facilitate medical history questions etc.
- (d) A Stroke Symposium will be held on May 3, 2024, at St. Anselm's College.

5) Old Business

A. Protocol Approval

- 1)** The Division distributed to the MCB the public comments received during the public comment period. The comments were broken down in 4 categories:
 - 1. Correction: Typographical errors, formatting errors, correcting copy and paste errors, etc.
 - 2. Considerations for 9.1 or 10.0: These were comments that warrant additional time and research through the regular protocol development process with the Protocol Subcommittee.
 - 3. Other comments: These were questions or comments that the writer received clarification on.
 - 4. Consideration for 9.0: These are comments the Division felt should be brought before the MCB today to be voted on for Version 9.0.

The protocols for consideration:

Post Resuscitative Care

- Blue box at end of protocol:

- Removed bullet referencing transporting to a facility capable of therapeutic hypothermia. AHA put out a science advisory in August of 2023 no longer recommending therapeutic hypothermia.

Cricothyrotomy - Percutaneous:

- Changed chlorhexidine to antiseptic solution.
- Bullet 11 added to “attach corrugated tubing extension to cannula”.

Cricothyrotomy – Surgical Bougie Assisted

- Added surgical cricothyrotomy kit that contains the following:
- Changed chlorhexidine to antiseptic solution.
- Made equipment list less specific, depending on the kit used there are various sized solutions, scalpels, syringes, and tubes.
- **A motion was made (Paquette/Jarvis) to accept the 9.0 Protocols with changes made by the MCB. All in favor, none opposed.**
 - B. **Committee of Merit-** The date has changed from September to early Spring, and so the ceremony will resume in 2025.

6) New Business

7) Good of the Order

- A. Pediatric ER readiness- Anna Sessa- This year data will be collected in pre-hospital readiness for children. The collection window is May, June, and July. This is anonymous and voluntary. Anna is here for support when agencies receive their score.
- B. The CB thanked Vicki Blanchard for her dedicated service to the EMS system.

8) Adjournment

- A. **A motion was made (Kantar/Wilking) to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed.**

Next Meeting: May 16, 2024