

NH EMS Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

July 18, 2024

1:00 PM

NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6

Quorum: 19 voting members, Quorum is 11

Members Present:

Rebecca Cain, Craig Clough, Kevin Drew, Mark Hastings, Theresa Jarvis, Justin Kantar, Eric Martin, Joshua Morrison, Michael Reeney, Laura Sheridan, Chris Stawasz, David Tauber, Eric Wilking

Members Absent:

Joel Coelho, Ryan Hornblower, Neil Meehan, Maurice Paquette, Michael Petrin, Scott Weden

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Joseph Cartier, Joanne Lahaie, Justin Romanello, Joey Scollan

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

1) Welcome/Membership

- A. Public member vacancy and MCB representative.
- B. Memberships in process.

2) Approval of the minutes

A motion was made (Drew/Jarvis) to accept the May 16, 2024, minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

3) Division/Committee Reports

A. Division Report / Bureau of EMS

- i) Protocols were released effective June 1, 2024, and still have not reached 100% compliance across the state for providers.
- ii) Trauma rules are with legal for review.
- iii) Specialty services coordinator position open and interviews have started.
- iv) 5708 providers are licensed in the State currently, 5202 of them are affiliated.
- v) EMS Psychomotor Exams
 - a) New streamlined workflow process
 - b) State taking over ALS Exams until complete ETA implementation
 - c) State will schedule both BLS and ALS exams until May 2025
 - d) I/C's will be able to apply for and be approved for portfolio-based testing until complete ETA implementation
- vi) 48 active investigations in compliance.
- vii) EMR program is still running, the fall session will be the last fully funded class available.
- viii) Work invest program was not as successful as anticipated and funds had to be reallocated. Some of the issues identified was the different methods of EMS delivery in the state and that the program reimbursed employers versus individuals or IC's.

4) New Business (item moved here from original agenda to accommodate guests time)

- A. Discussion on airflow/respiratory protocol and equipment list
- i) OD Map Discussion- Paul Kiernan from the Division of Behavioral Health State Opioid Response Program presented Overdose information and the work that the Opioid Response Team does.
 - (1) Overdose Prevention and naloxone distribution are two examples. More information can be found at the links below.
 - (a) ODMAP: <https://www.odmap.org/>
 - (b) ODMAP YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@odmapwashingtonbaltimorehi7799>
 - (c) ORS Website: <https://orsprogram.org/>
- B. Thomas Trimarco- Discussed current limitations regarding transfer of NICU patients and support for potential rule change. During the MCB meeting, a motion was made to support a change of the definition of neonatal patient in the state rules from birth to one month of age to birth to corrected age up to 60 days, and to add a definition of what medically corrected age means.
- C. **A motion was made (Morrison/Sheridan) to support the MCB proposed change of the definition of neonatal patient in the state rules from birth to one month of age to birth to corrected age up to 60 days, and to add a definition of what medically corrected age means. All in favor, none opposed.**

5) Committee/ Board/ Work Group Reports

A. Medical Control Board- Dr. Morrison

- (a) Discussion about equity and diversity in the protocols moving forward, MCB voted to support this exploration.

- B. A motion was made (Kantar/ Martin) to support language in future protocols to include an equity lens. All in favor, none opposed.

C. TMRC- Eric Martin

- (a) Discussed hospital designation sunseting and freestanding ED's.

D. Stroke Care- Rebecca Cain

- (a) American Heart Association created a new certification a couple years ago called advanced stroke life support that is gaining traction in the state. Prehospital and hospital classes are different.

- (b) National Night Out will host American Heart Association individuals at these events.

6) Old Business

- A. Letter to the Commissioner regarding license compliance page in process

7) New Business

- A. Chris Stawasz gave updates on existing legislation and legislation that was tabled.
- B. Restriction of students from field time- Chief Romanello
 - a) Ongoing discussion of restrictions due to labor laws. There is a waiver option for the program to apply that would cover all students.
- C. Updated 5900's and 7700 rules were sent out to the board related to ETA's.

- i) A motion was made (Reeney/Morrison) to accept the changes to the 5900 and 7700 rules. 15 accept, 4 abstain. Motion passed.
- 8) Good of the Order
- 9) Adjournment
 - A. A motion was made (Jarvis/Sheridan) to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2024