

Aroostook Region V EMS QA/I Committee
111 High Street, Suite 1
Caribou, ME 04730
Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 8:30 am to 10:30 am

COUNCIL MEETING – August 8, 2019

Meeting was held At the Caribou Parks & Recreation Building, 55 Bennett Drive, Caribou, Maine 04736. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Staff: Benjamin Zetterman, Regional Coordinator; Debbie Morgan, Fiscal Manager/Administrative Assistant; Dr. Beth Collamore, Regional Medical Director

Attendees Present: Travis Norsworthy, Northern Light Medical Transfers; Chris Zappone, Cary Medical Center; Mira Saucier, NLH ARG CCT; Peter LaPlante, Van Buren Ambulance Service; Nate Allen, Presque Isle Fire; Jessica Pelletier, Madawaska Ambulance; Vince Baldwin, Fort Fairfield; Scott Susi, Caribou Fire
 Zoom Attendance: Danny Gahagan, Presque Isle Fire/Ambulance Service; Matt Beil, Presque Isle Fire/Ambulance Service; Randall Bowen, Presque Isle Fire; Ryan Sylvia, Presque Isle Fire; Cody Fenderson, Presque Isle Fire; George Ferland, Border Patrol; Milton Cone, Houlton Fire; Dr. Brandon Giberson, Houlton Regional; Caleb Cullen, Patten Ambulance Service

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
Review and Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The April Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Dr. Collamore made a motion to accept the minutes. Jessica Pelletier second the motion. 	Motion to accept the minutes passes unanimously.
Board Chair Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Susi talked about the new Protocols being done with some clarification in the orange section (soft and commercial restraints added to Protocols). • Maine EMS Director: The Board interviewed six candidates in a ten hour day. There are two finalists – both are out of state. They will be interviewed on August 23, 2019. They are both highly qualified and driven to help the State. A new State Director should be in place by the September EMS Board Meeting. • Don Sheets has left Maine EMS and took a position at SMCC. Chris Azevedo has moved into that position so the Licensing Agent is open once again. There have been eight applicants. • Scott is no longer Chairperson and Joe Kellner is now the Chairperson. Brent Libby is the Vice Chair. • Chapter Rules rollout will hopefully be ready in October. Currently unsure of its location. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Protocol Rollout will be September 27, 2019 at Northern Maine Community College (NMCC) at 12:00 pm. • Ben mentioned that Bound Tree Nasopharyngeal has been failing. The trumpet piece collapses and allows it to go into the airway of patients. It the Curaplex brand but it is a Bound Tree Product and right now only one service has experienced this. 	
Transfer Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Flight has been better in responding to the needs up here in this Region. Dr. Goth is back working at Northern Light. Dr. Collamore and he have been meeting regularly to work on the transfer issues. Dr. Collamore discussed this a little more that the State is aware of our transfer issues but it is a Regional problem that we need to work on. Their plan is to bring a Critical Care Course Seminar at NMCC. They are working out the issues of putting this course together for both medics and nurses. Dr. Collamore just wants everyone to know that they are working on better solutions for transports for all the hospitals. • Discussion followed regarding this issue. 	
Review of 2 Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cases were reviewed and comments on these two reviews will be put on the new QA/I Form and sent to the services involved. 	
Quality Indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are wrapping up TXA as our quality indicator. Ben discussed how he was going to put together the results of the TXA. • Dr. Collamore spoke regarding the TXA runs she reviewed and how she looked at these runs. • The new quality indicator will be Cardiac Arrest Care. Dr. Collamore reiterated the importance for all the services to do this indicator. • Nate Allen will upload the new indicator Cardiac Form to all the services. 	
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben spoke about the new Protocol Rollout on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 12:00 pm at NMCC. Dr. Scholl, Chris Azevedo, Dr. Collamore, himself, and possibly Dr. Zimmerman will be there. • Ben spoke about the Resuscitation Academy that he and Dr. Collamore attended in New Hampshire the end of May. There was a lot of great information but the big focus was the CARE Registry and High Performance CPR. Dr. Collamore recommended strongly for people to attend this, as there was a lot of great information. • Chris Zappone brought up a recent call to the Cary ER on a MCI that was happening and that there may be patients coming to them. Chris appreciated 	

	<p>the call, as he was able to line up extra personnel to help. He suggested though that it would be good if they were not going to bring any patients to the hospital to follow up whether they were going to bring in patients or not. There was a lengthy discussion on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Susi spoke about the state opting in with Biospatial. It is a nationwide reporting system that you will have access to go into and it is being offered to the state for free as Home Security is paying for it. It is information that you have already put in with your runs. Biospatial is a private corporation that is building a national collaborative of state and local responders and the national preparedness enterprise to provide early warning of health events and trends not otherwise detectable. For more information regarding Biospatial the brochure can be found on our website under the EMS News tab. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Pelletier made a motion to adjourn and Mira Saucier second the motion. <u>The next QA/I Meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8:30 am.</u> 	

APPROVED BY _____ **Signed copy on file**
Beth Collamore, M.D

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Benjamin Zetterman