

Aroostook Region V EMS QA/I Committee
111 High Street, Suite 1
Caribou, ME 04730
April 25, 2019 at 8:30 am

COUNCIL MEETING – April 25, 2019

Meeting was held downstairs in the EOC training room, 111 High Street, Caribou, Maine 04736. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Staff: Benjamin Zetterman, Regional Coordinator; Debbie Morgan, Fiscal Manager/Administrative Assistant

Attendees Present Jessica Pelletier, Madawaska Ambulance; Scott Susi, Caribou Fire/Ambulance; John Labrie, ASI Ambulance; AJ Gagnon, NMCC; Nate Allen, Presque Isle Fire; Chris Zappone, Cary Medical Center; Walter Mosher, Crown Ambulance; Peter LaPlante, Van Buren Ambulance; Dr. Beth Collamore, Regional Medical Director;
 Zoom Attendance: Danny Gahagan, Presque Isle Fire; Matt Beil, Presque Isle Fire; Desiree MacArthur, Presque Isle Fire

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
Review and Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben spoke to the people on zoom regarding the confidential agreement that they needed to verbally verify that they agree to it. They verbally agreed to the confidential agreement. • The committee reviewed the minutes for the meeting, on March 13, 2019. Peter LaPlante made a motion to accept the minutes as is, John Labrie second the motion. 	Motion voted on and passes unanimously
Board Chair Update – Chief Scott Susi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott talked about the RFP’s being reviewed and scored in a meeting next Wednesday or Thursday. • There will be a letter going out today that Shaun St. Germaine, EMS State Director, has resigned. Shaun has been out for the past 4 weeks and Scott has picked up his duties to keep things moving forward. • The rules will be reviewed Wednesday morning at the EMS Board Meeting and final changes made. Hopefully by the end of May first of June they will be pushed out for public comment. • The protocols have been moving forward with MDPB working on them. The goal is to get them rolled out in August, which was confirmed by Dr. Collamore. • Ben wanted to verify that the protocols would be rolled out sometime in August for the train the trainer to be done sometime in the fall for it to be 	

	<p>ready by December 1st. Dr. Collamore that dates were not firm yet. She mentioned those two years ago that we did not have a good showing at the Train the Trainer. Discussion followed on the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott talked about the Fire Chiefs Meeting regarding the Maine State Police doing training for roadside accidents. How to work with volunteers and EMS personnel. The emphasis is on road safety and not having too many people at the scene. 	
<p>PIFT Reviews – 1st Run Review & 2nd Runs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Collamore spoke about how critical care transports are being downgraded in order to transfer the patient. One of the reasons for setting up this committee is to review some of these runs and document them. Today we will be reviewing two PIFT runs and document them so that Maine EMS is aware that we have reviewed those. • Dr. Collamore spoke regarding the critical care class that she is working on with AJ at NMCC. Her fear is that we have EMS providers who are interested in taking this class but we really need to have nurses taking this class because that is where we are lacking. • Dr. Collamore stressed the importance of the confidentiality agreement as what we discuss on these run reviews, even though names are blacked out, is to remain in the room and not to be discussed outside of this meeting. • She stressed that the service leaders need to let their providers know that it is okay not take a PIFT transfer if they do not feel comfortable with it. • Two runs were reviewed and discussed at the meeting. Due to the confidentiality of these discussions, they will not be included in the meeting minutes. • Dr. Collamore does not feel that providers are not making good calls out there and it needs improvement. There was a lot of discussion with Dr. Collamore providing valuable information for providers regarding this situation. • How do we want to rate these runs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriate – PIFT run Stable 2. Inappropriate – not a PIFT- not stable with explanation as to why. 3. High Risk – spell it out 4. Low Risk • Once we determine how we rate a run, let the service know what it has been rated. 	<p>Dr. Collamore and Ben to form a letter to the hospital with</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was recommended for Dr. Collamore and Ben to form a letter to the hospital with the Run # and the findings from the committee as well that it was not a PIFT run and explain why it was not a PIFT run. • Dr. Collamore stressed that the hospitals need to have a representative come to these QA/I meetings. 	<p>the run # and the findings from the committee as well as this was not a PIFT run.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter asked if there could be a PIFT refresher online. Dr. Collamore is working on something for that. • Need to have a Mission/Vision Statement. There was a lot of discussion regarding the two case reviews so time was not allowing for other discussion. • Dr. Collamore wanted to mention that in doing some of her reviews that naloxone is not to be used in cardiac arrest. You will see case reports that it may be helpful, that is not true. It will be spelled out in the new protocols. • Dr. Collamore also wanted to point out that when Pediatric ET Tubes are ordered to order cuff tubes which can be used for all ages. • Mechanical CPRs are coming but do not rush out and order mechanical CPRs as they do not know which ones to order. You will still have to do two rounds of manual CPR before using the mechanical cprs. • Dr. Collamore brought up professionalism and that we need to keep working on it. • AJ brought up that the EMS World on professionalism in the EMS World published an article. • Ben mentioned that Eric Wellman had sent a link to this article, “The Professional and the Paramedic”. • Ben will forward this article to Dr. Collamore and the committee. • Discussion on the PowerPoints and tests on the website. We will keep up what we have until the next meeting in June. • Service Visits: Dr. Collamore spoke about visiting services and trying to visit the services that it is left up to her and the RO office to set up. She mentioned that she has never gotten a call or an email inviting her to lunch that they provide to just have a visit. However, she does get emails if they need education. She feels it would be nice to have it be more than one sided. It is just a thought to have a meet and greet or have an agenda on certain topics that you want to discuss. 	<p>Ben will forward email from Eric Wellman. (email is dated April 23, 2019).</p> <p>Ben will email PowerPoint on the EKG to AJ.</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter LaPlante asked if we could get Jason or someone up here for some training. It is something that we are working on. 	

Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter LaPlante made a motion to adjourn. Walter Mosher second the motion. Next meeting is for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 8:30 am.	Motion voted on and passes unanimously.
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Dr. Beth Collamore, Regional Medical Director

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Benjamin Zetterman, Regional Coordinator