

Aroostook Region V EMS QA/I Committee
111 High Street, Suite 1
Caribou, ME 04730
October 11, 2019

QA/I MEETING – 10/11/2019

Meeting was held at Cary Medical Center, the Maine Room in the Chan Center, Caribou, Maine. The meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

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

Attendees Present: Morgan Grant, EMT, AREMS Intern; John Labrie, ASI; Walter Mosher; NLAR Gould; Peter LaPlante, Van Buren Ambulance

Zoom: Caleb Cullen, Patten Ambulance; Jon Cote, Micmac Tribe; Dr. Brandon Giberson, Houlton Regional Hospital

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
Review and Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter LaPlante made a Motion to accept the minutes as read, John Labrie second the motion. 	Motion passes unanimously
Maine EMS Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Susi was unable to attend today so Ben Zetterman did the Maine EMS Update. Sam Hurley is the new Director of Maine EMS who will be starting on October 21, 2019. He was the State Director in Washington DC. He has two masters and is a doctoral candidate and he is very excited about starting his new position. The new Protocol Rollout 2019 is effective December 1, 2019. The Rules Hearing will be Monday night, November 4, 2019 at AR Gould. All Rules Hearings in each Region need to have a couple of Board Members and we should have three at this one, Scott Susi, Nate Allen, and Joe Kelner, the new Board Chair. The annual Atlantic Partners conference will be at the Samoset and beginning November 6th thru November 10th. Dr. Giberson spoke about Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALs) in Houlton on Monday, October 21, 2019 and Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at Houlton Regional Hospital. It is two full days and two physicians are teaching it from Bluewater. Ben and Dr. Collamore are signed up to take it. 	Ben will email the details on the Rules Hearing on November 4, 2019

	<p>If anyone is interested in taking CALS, call the ER at Houlton Regional Hospital and ask to speak with the Nurse Manager, Tracy, 521-2242 to get on the list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben spoke about the Protocol Rollout 2019 that was held at Northern Maine Community College (NMCC). Dr. Sholl and Chris Azevedo came up and presented the Rollout as well as Dr. Collamore. We had good attendance. Walter and Peter both came. The other part of the Rollout will be on MEMSEd. Dr. Collamore mentioned that once the Protocols are published, that our office would put together Protocol Notebooks for each hospital. She and Ben would visit each hospital to leave the notebook and meet with them. Ben mentioned that Tri-County would be printing Protocol Rollout books, a small book as well as a larger book. The small book is \$12.00 and the larger book is \$24.00. Ben will put out an email survey as to who is interested in purchasing a book and what size. • Dr. Collamore mentioned the PowerPoint on Pediatric Emergencies and the posttest she has put out for training and a CEH in OB/Peds. It is on the AREMS website. Participation has been low. She asked Dr. Giberson if he would mention to the Houlton group. • Ben spoke about the Resuscitation Academy that Dr. Collamore, Amy Dionne, and himself went to in May and it was as good as the one he went to out in Seattle a couple of years ago. • Dr. Collamore elaborated on it more and that it was the same group from Seattle that came to teach it. The following link is the resuscitation toolkit http://resuscitationacademy.org. • Dr. Collamore presented a PowerPoint on High Performance CPR. She would like to have all services on board with High Performance CPR because it is saving lives. She gave a little bit of background on why we are so concerned about this. Cardiac Arrest is what is killing many people. EMS responds to a quarter of a million cardiac arrests in the US. Practicing High Performance CPR and doing it correctly saves lives. She thinks that if we can get communities involved in this, it will be a huge impact. She spoke about mechanical CPR. She believes we are better off to train High Performance CPR to the community and will get a bigger bang for our buck. • Dr. Giberson also emphasized the importance of practicing High Performance CPR. 	<p>Ben will send an email survey to services to find out how many to order and what size.</p>
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Video of CPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the confidentiality of this video, there will be no discussion in the minutes regarding this. Case Review – video of a Regional Service performing CPR. 	
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Collamore mentioned that they are still working on a Critical Care Transport Class Seminar and training with NMCC. Northern Light AR Gould will be giving up 911 calls as of January 1, 2020 and doing critical care transport service for the county in which we are in desperate need of so this seminar would train more paramedics and nurses. • Walter Mosher spoke more about the 911 calls and would like to get together before January 1st and he would prepare something for it. • Discussion followed on getting together in December to discuss what is going to be happening with Northern Light AR Gould and how it is going to affect this Region. • Dr. Giberson was glad to be able to see this video and he would like to be able to share it for educational purposes if that is possible. He also would like to have that PowerPoint that Dr. Collamore presented sent to them. • Dr. Giberson mentioned a 2-hour CEH they were doing on Friday, October 18th in Houlton and dinner will be provided. • John asked if there was any way the victim would do a PSA for the Region. He thinks it would be educational. Peter thinks he would be willing to do that and Peter will try to arrange a meeting. • Next meeting will be Friday, December 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. 	<p>Ben to send out the High Performance CPR PowerPoint to all the services and QA/I committee via email.</p>
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APPROVED BY _____ **Signed copy on file**
Dr. Beth Collamore, Regional Medical Director

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Benjamin Zetterman, Regional Coordinator