

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Ambulance Service Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019

The next meeting of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday June 12, 2019, at 1:00pm at Community College of Rhode Island, 400 East Ave. Warwick, Rhode Island Room 1134. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Law.

1. Introduction of Membership –

ASAB Member Attendees:

Representing

Gillian Cardarelli	Providence County Paid
Paul Casey	House of Representatives
Michael Connolly	American College of Surgeons
Michael DeMello	Bristol County EMS
Bethany Gingerella	Washington County
Joseph Lauro	American College of Emergency Physicians
Lisa Ditomasso proxy for Dawn Lewis	Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Raymond Medeiros	Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Christine Moniz	RI Fireman's League
Lynne Palmiscaino	RIAAP
Andrew Pappas	Professional Ambulance Service
Scott Partington	RIAFC
Paul Perreault proxy for Kim Perreault	Providence County Volunteer
Heather Rybasack proxy for John Plikas	Emergency Nurse Association
John Potvin	Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Adam Reis	Professional Ambulance Service
Jason Rhodes	Rhode Island Department of Health
Jim Richard	Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Rhode Department of Health
Zack Kenyon proxy for Derek Silva	Senate Appointment
Jason Umbenhauer	Kent County EMS
Randall Watt	Newport County
Nick Asselin proxy for Ken Williams	RI Medical Society

2. Establishment of Quorum- A quorum was established with 23 members present.

3. Call to Order – Chairman Potvin called the meeting to order at 13:03hrs

4. Review /Consent of Agenda- A motion made by Raymond Medeiros and seconded by Randall Watt to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes of December 2018 meeting- A motion made by Mike DeMello and seconded by Gillian Cardarelli to accept the minutes as presented, the motion passed.

6. Announcements

A. Proxy Zack Kenyon for Derek Silva

Heather Rybasack for John Plikas

Nick Asselin for Ken Williams

Paul Perreault for Kim Perreault

Bethany Gingerella submitted a conflict of interest statement for updates to ischemic stroke protocol and will recuse herself from said matter.

B. Pride Awards – Jason Rhodes and Nelson Pedro gave pride awards to North Attleboro Fire Dept.

7. Committee Reports-

A. Educational Standards

Chairman DeMello spoke to Chief Examiners Fee Schedule

B. Rules and Regulations

Meetings were held twice to vote on protocol revisions

C. Pediatric Committee

No Report Next meeting April 11

D. Medical Affairs Committee

April 10 at 1:00pm next meeting

E. Legislative Committee

Bill for 911 operators to be EMD

F. Falls with Elderly

No Report

G. EMS Data Management

Will meet in January

H. EMS Culture for Safety

No Report

I. QA/ QI

No report

8. Old Business-

A. None

9. New Business

- A. Chief Examiners fee schedule-Mike DeMello**
New Fee schedule for Chief Examiners to have consistent fees for fairness to all.
Motion made by R. Watt to accept new fee schedule seconded by J. Lauro
Motion passed
- B. Recognition of Accelerated Paramedic Program- Mike DeMello**
Guidelines to student and teaching institution in order to vet students, prove experience and skills per national guidelines
Motion made to accept recommendation by J. Richards seconded by
Motion passed
- C. BH Link Update-** No representative present to provide update
- D. Explanation of the process to amend the Rules and Regulations- Jason Rhodes**
centerExplanation that the EMS Rules and Regulations will re-open in April, Sullivan Roberts from RI DOA explained the process.
No Action Required
- E. Westerly Hospital Presentation on Stroke Ready Designation-Lisa Bedard**
A presentation by representatives from Westerly Hospital spoke to the benefits of being stroke ready and request they be added to the protocol as a stroke hospital.
No Action Taken
- F. Approval of changes to the Statewide Protocols as recommended by the Rules and Regulations – Jason Umbenhauer**
Jason would like to mention what the sub-committee is comprised of.
There was a vote for each of the proposed changes
- F1- Adopt National Scope of Practice for EMR and AEMT**
Motion made by Randall Watt seconded by Bethany Gingerella
Motion passed
- F2- Revise protocols 2.08, 2.10, 4.18, shock protocol, 9.0**
Motion made by Mike DeMello seconded by Randall Watt
Motion passed
- F3-**
- A. Remove 30 minute transport time to a comprehensive stroke for a LAMS score greater than 4**
Motion made by Mike DeMello seconded by Jim Richards
Motion Passed 19 yay 2 nay 1 recusal

B. Bring back to rules and regs committee to add acute stroke ready hospital to point of entry protocol.

Motion made by Jason Rhodes seconded by Jim Richards

Motion Passed 17 yay 4 nay 1 recusal

F4-Emphasize the use of BVM and /or SGA during Cardiac Arrest

Motion made by Jason Rhodes seconded by Carolina Roberts Santana

Motion Passed 17 yay 5 nay

F5-Remove Endotracheal Intubation from AEMT-C scope of practice

Discussion ensued in great length from the board and the public.

Motion made by Raymond Medeiros and seconded by Mike DeMello

At the recommendation of Chairman Umbenhauer to hold today's vote and move back to the Rules and Regulations committee for next year's protocol revisions in February 2020

Motion passed 15 yay 7 nay

F6-Remove Volumetric Burette from equipment list

Motion made by Jim Richards seconded by Bethany Gingerella

Motion Passed

G. Election of officers- John Potvin

Report from the election committee

Raymond Medeiros for Secretary

Motion made by Mike DeMello seconded by Randall Watt cast 1 vote

Motion Passed

Mike DeMello for Vice Chairman

Motion made by Jim Richards seconded by Randall Watt cast 1 vote

Motion Passed

John Potvin for Chairman

Motion made by Jim Richards seconded by Randall Watt cast 1 vote

Motion Passed

10. Good of the Order

A. Reminder to Please use proxy forms and submit to chairman

B.RI EMS Expo is April 23 at the Crowne Plaza

C.EMS Week May 19-25, Eric Rossmeisl is now the training coordinator, Health looking for new field technician, new data person Christina Crowley

11. Adjournment- made motion to adjourn at 15:39

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond M. Medeiros
Secretary