

New Hampshire Ambulance Association

January 19, 2006

Members Present: Tom McEntee, President
Michelle Willette, Vice President
Carolyn Morrill, Secretary
Beverly Hurd, Treasurer
Dave Dubey, Legislative Liaison
Gary Barry, MVEMS
Priscilla Beaulieu, Twin Rivers
Robert Bousquet, Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS
Lynn Clogston, Warren Wentworth
Deb Curtis, Care Plus
Jonathan Dubey, Berlin EMS
Pam Fowler, MVEMS
George Reynolds, Twin Rivers
Patrick Twomey, MVEMS
John Warwick, Tri State

Guests Present: Eric Perry, Division of FST & EMS
Denis Parker, Lobbyist

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by Tom McEntee.
2. Review of Minutes: Dave made a motion, seconded by Pat to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting as printed with a correction of the next meeting date to 1/19/06. Motion Carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Bev reported that there is a balance of \$6,259.25 in our account.
4. EMS/Medical Control/Bureau Report: Dave Dubey gave the report on the Medical Control/Coordinating Board Report.
 - The American Heart Association published some changes in December 2005. Most of the significant changes are in the BLS procedures and are not part of the NH Protocols. There are a few changes in the ALS procedures. Providers will be required to use the old ALS procedures until the changes are incorporated in the 2007 Protocols.
 - The remaining 225 radios under the interoperability program have been delivered to the installers. Portable radios are expected to start arriving in the spring.

- A TEMSIS report writing class will be presented at the Fire Academy on February 7th. The class will be repeated in other locations, according to need.
- The Protocol subcommittee has reconvened to begin work on the 2007 Protocols. Emphasis will be on pediatric interventions and interfacility transfers.
- The EMS Coordinators Group has agreed to develop a sample MRH agreement.
- The Bureau will begin providing partial funding for EMS training in areas of need, to be determined by the Regional Councils. Initial focus will be on Basic EMT courses and RTP's.
- Computer based testing will begin in January 2007. At the March meeting, the Coordinating Board will evaluate information from IDC Solutions and will probably choose between IDC and the National Registry at the May meeting.

5. Medicaid Update: Tom wanted everyone to be aware of the Broker System that Medicaid is looking to implement. He explained that all non-emergency Medicaid reimbursements will go through a broker. This would mainly affect wheel chair transports. Medicaid would pay the broker and the broker would pay the ambulance service. The Legislature wants this implemented by 7/1/2006.

Dave reported that he went to a DHHS Hearing on House Bill 1279 on January 10th. This bill is to establish a commission to look into the inequity of how Medicaid spends their money. Dave testified at the hearing and answered questions.

6. New Members: No new members.

7. Slate of Officers: President: Patrick Twomey
 Vice President: Michelle Willette
 Secretary – Lynn Clogston
 Treasurer – Beverly Hurd
 Legislative Liason & Rep to Coordinating Board – Dave Dubey

Above is the slate of Officers to be acted upon at the next meeting.

8. Other Business: Dave mentioned the attendance at meetings and membership. He feels that we need to rekindle membership participation and felt that we need to send out a survey and ask the membership “What they are looking for and want from the Association”. Everyone felt this was a good idea. Dave will work on the survey and it will be sent out the Dues bill.

Questions about the Associations website were asked. Pat stated that he would ask Donna tomorrow.

Bev made a motion, seconded by Pat to have minutes of the meeting sent out within 14 days after the meeting. Then the agenda would be mailed out prior to the next meeting. Motion carried.

9. Next meeting will be held on March 16, 2006 at Kalliope's.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Morrill, Secretary