

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Bozeman, Montana
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
October 14, 2014

1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum (00:01)

Members Present: Dr. James Upchurch, Committee Chair
Dr. Anne Williams (by telephone)
Dr. Jim Majxner
Dr. Greg Moore (by telephone)
Mr. Ron Solberg

Members Absent: Mr. Dwight Thompson
Dr. Richard Briles
Dr. Dan Lewis

Staff Present: Mr. Ken Threet, EMT Trainer Coordinator
Dr. Harry Sibold, State Medical Director
Ms. L'Joy Griebenow, Board Management

Guests Present: Dr. Eric Lowe
Mr. Jim DeTienne

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:53)

The Committee reviewed the October 14, 2014 agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Solberg moved to approve the October 14, 2014 agenda as presented; Dr. Williams seconded the motion. (1:04) Discussion ensued. Motion passed. (2:04)

3. Review and Approve Minutes (2:10)

The Committee reviewed the May 6, 2014 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved to approve the [May 6, 2014] minutes; Dr. Majxner seconded the motion. Motion passed. (2:23)

4. Public Opportunity to Comment (3:01)

The Presiding Officer read the statement of public participation and opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

5. Committee Action (3:41)

- a. ECP Statewide Protocols—addition to “Chest Pain” (3:59)

MOTION: Dr. Majxner moved to recommend [to the full board to adopt the] changes to the current “Chest Pain” protocols; Dr. Williams seconded the motion. (12:45) Discussion ensued. Motion passed. (14:18)

- b. ECP Statewide Protocol request—Hydroflouric Acid (14:39)

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved to grant this exception to the protocol for this service; Dr. Moore seconded the motion. (17:19) Discussion ensued.

(20:58) Dr. Williams amended her motion as:

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved to approve this exception to the protocol for this service, with the caveat that significant changes to the protocol should be brought before the Board for approval. Discussion continued.

(21:21) Dr. Williams restated her motion as:

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved to approve the [exception] as written with the exception that significant changes to the protocol, the Board will need to be notified and give its approval. Discussion continued.

(22:05) Dr. Williams accepted a proposed friendly amendment:

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved that the recommendation be forwarded to the Board that this exception to protocol be approved for this service with the change that [the Board] would require an amendment to their exemption for changes to the protocol; Dr. Maxjner seconded the motion. Motion passed. (22:05)

- c. Practical exam testing standards (24:21)

MOTION: Dr. Maxjner moved to update the skill testing to the current level of training at all levels. Motion failed for lack of second. (46:26) Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Solberg moved that [the Committee] recommend Ken’s recommendation to put the EMR skills in as to what is being tested to meet or exceed the [national] registry’s requirements; Dr. Maxjner seconded the motion. Motion passed. (50:13)

Above motion restated and adopted as:

MOTION: Mr. Solberg moved that all of the skills of the EMR exam reflect the EMR skills in a practical examination at a level equal to or greater than that required by the national registry; Dr. Maxjner seconded the motion. Motion passed. (51:21)

MOTION: Dr. Williams moved that all of the skills of the EMT exam reflect the EMT skills in a practical examination at a level equal to or greater than that required by the national registry, including addition of CPAP [continuous positive airway pressure] and [making] all the random assessments required; Mr. Solberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. (57:09)

MOTION: Mr. Solberg moved that by June 1, 2015 any registry exams for the AEMT and paramedic [applicants] that a board staff member is no longer to be a registry representative but that the Board staff will be there for audit compliance; Dr. Maxjner seconded the motion. Motion passed. (2:46:41)

- d. Language regarding non-Montana ECPs providing care in Montana (2:47:46)

24.156.2771 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

...(3) An ECP legally licensed in good standing in the state which they are responding from may perform within their licensed protocols, when functioning as a member of a licensed ambulance service which finds itself within the boundaries of Montana, while responding to an emergency where the border is not clearly known or when responding on an emergency in accordance to a mutual aid agreement with a Montana licensed EMS service or when conducting a routine transfer to or from a Montana medical facility. The ECP must perform within the acts allowed at the level for which the ECP is licensed.

[Subsequent paragraphs of this section to be renumbered.]

MOTION: Dr. Maxjner moved to recommend to the Board to adopt this language as written. (2:55:13) Discussion ensued. Dr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (2:56:04)

MOTION: Dr. Maxjner moved to recommend to the Board to accept Dr. Eric Lowe as Dr. Maxjner's replacement on the Medical Direction Committee; Mr. Solberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. (3:04:25)

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Solberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (3:05:30)

The meeting adjourned. (3:06:05)