

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
of the  
**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
301 S. Park Ave. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room  
Helena, Montana  
9:09 a.m. to 10:28 a.m.  
April 28, 2015

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**1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Committee & Staff Members**

**Present (00:00:00)**

The committee meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

**Committee Members Present by GoTo Meeting:**

Dr. James Upchurch (Chair)  
Mr. Dwight Thompson  
Dr. Anne Williams  
Dr. Eric Lowe  
Mr. Ron Solberg  
Dr. Dan Lewis

**Board Staff Present:**

Mr. Ken Threet, EMT Trainer Coordinator  
Dr. Harry Sibold, State Medical Director  
Ms. Susan Asplund, Administrative Specialist

**2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:00:45)**

- a. Agenda for April 28, 2015

**Motion (00:01:14):** Dr. Anne Williams moved to approve the April 28, 2015 agenda as written. Mr. Ron Solberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Review and Approve Minutes (00:01:46)**

- a. October 10, 2014 Minutes

**Motion (00:02:09):** Mr. Ron Solberg moved to approve the October 10, 2014 minutes as written. Mr. Dwight Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:02:37)**

There was no public comment.

**5. Committee Action (00:03:16)**

- a. Review and approve Exam Manual for Practical exams at the EMR and EMT levels **(00:03:27)**

**(00:13:18)** Add a cardiac station specifically to the EMT in addition to the ones they already have. (Use the one similar to the EMR).

- b. Review and Approve the Exam Scoring Manual for EMR and EMT practical Exams **(00:17:18)**

**(00:38:00)** Suggested wording for EMR Observational Check Sheet:  
**Trauma Assessment and Treatment**

**“Assesses and Assures Adequate Respirations:**

*The candidate assures patent airway (adjunct or manual method) and ventilates patient”*

**“Assesses and Assures Adequate Respirations:**

*The candidate addresses chest injury (seals open chest wound with occlusive dressing)”*

\*\*Apply suggested wording towards the other check sheets as well.

**Motion (00:57:08):** Dr. Anne Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Medical Examiners of the adoption EMR and EMT criteria as per this document (Montana’s ECP Practical Examination Manual 2015, and the Montana’s ECP Practical Examination Scoring Manual for Examination Medical Directors 2015) with the addition of the cardiac station and EMT testing for their May meeting. Mr. Ron Solberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discuss adding norepinephrine as a vasopressor for paramedics and adding it into the state wide protocols **(00:58:38)**

**Motion (01:06:18):** Dr. Anne Williams moved to ask Dr. Harry Sibold to draft proposed additions to the state wide protocols at both the paramedic and the CC paramedic level for the appropriate use of norepinephrine in appropriate patients per the discussion held today (pre-hospital and inter-facility patients). Dr. Eric Lowe seconded. Discussion followed. Clarification: the target audience is septic shock patients, and the dosage is microgram per minute. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Set next meeting date for Early June to review and approve the Practical Exam Manual for exams at the AEMT and Paramedic levels **(01:13:00)**

**6. Adjourn (01:18:34)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

**Motion (01:18:41):** Dr. Anne Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ron Solberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.