

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES of the
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
C'Mon Inn, 6139 East Valley Center Road
Bozeman, Montana 59718
9:00 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.
January 7, 2016**

1. Call to Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Committee & Staff Members Present (00:00:15)

Presiding Officer, Dr. James Upchurch, called the Medical Direction Committee meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was NOT present.

Committee Members Present:

Dr. James Upchurch (Committee Chair)
Mr. Dwight Thompson
Mr. Ron Solberg
Dr. Eric Lowe

Committee Members Not Present:

Dr. Anne Williams
Dr. Greg Moore
Dr. Dan Lewis
Dr. Richard Briles

Staff Present:

Mr. Ken Threet, State EMT Training Coordinator
Dr. Harry Sibold, State EMS Medical Director

Guests Present:

Mr. DeTienne
Mr. Torres (by phone)
Ms. Hanson (by phone)
Ms. Branscum (by phone)

Motion (00:00:49): Mr. Solberg moved to close the meeting due to a lack of quorum and for the Committee to act as a work group and provide information to Dr. Upchurch for upcoming full Board meeting. Dr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting closed at 9:21 a.m. and the work group continued discussion.

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order

a. Agenda for January 7, 2016

3. Review and Approve Minutes

a. November 3, 2015 Minutes

4. Public Opportunity to Comment

5. Committee Action

A. Staff overview of Community Paramedic concept

B. Committee discussion for recommendation to the Board

- i. What procedures and tasks can be safely and effectively provided at each licensure level?
- ii. What would be the required/recommended education to prepare providers to function at the proposed levels?
- iii. How would competency be evaluated to consider licensure? What would be the level of licensure or endorsement?
- iv. Medical oversight consideration
 - a. How would oversight be structured?

- b. Who would provide overall medical direction?
- c. How would the community paramedic medical director communicate with the primary care provider?
- d. How would the community paramedic communicate with the PCP
- v. What are the discipline considerations related to this practice? How would this fit into the Board's disciplinary structure

C. Staff overview to committee of CVEMT proposal

D. Committee discussion for recommendation to the Board

- i. Are the proposed tasks medically reasonable and able to be safely utilized?
- ii. Is the education proposed adequate to prepare providers to in all proposed tasks and treatment goals?
- iii. How would the Board evaluate and ensure competency of the CVEMT?
- iv. How would the CVEMT be medically supervised? Who would provide oversight and medical direction for this provider?
- v. How would this fit into the Board's disciplinary structure?

6. Adjourn