

**Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee
AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD
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Meeting Minutes June 6th 2012 0900 Room 205

1. Call to order

Chairman Caito called the meeting to order at 9:10hrs.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

The following members were present:

Thomas Caito Kenneth Williams

Michael DeMello John Potvin

Leo Kennedy John Pliakas

Raymond Medeiros Jason Rhodes

3. Correspondence

None

4. Old Business

a. QA/QI Toolkit review and comment

Following a comment and review period extended from the May 2nd Rules and Regulations meeting John Potvin made a motion to accept the QA/QI Toolkit as presented and send it to the full ASAB for approval, the motion was seconded by Dr. Williams. The motion carried.

b. Interfacility transfer protocol review (subcommittee)

Progress – The workgroup reports that they are trying not to create a “backdoor” way of establishing a critical care protocol. Discussion has revolved around tightening up equipment requirements. There has also been an emphasis placed on defining interfacility as there are issues with nursing homes and free standing emergency facilities. There may need to be a transition to a “hospital to hospital” protocol.

c. Clinical Guidelines for EMT Students

Michael DeMello reports there has been progress, and that most of the issues revolve around observation as opposed to performance of skill. The revision will include citation of the appropriate sections of the EMS Rules and Regulations.

d. Central Line Optional

A motion was made to make the Central Line Kit optional by John Pliakas, and seconded by Dr. Williams. A caveat was made that a service would need to have intraosseous capabilities if they chose not to have a central line kit. The motion carried.

e. First Responder program

Tabled

f. No ALS without BLS provider Rule

Tabled

g. Potential changes due to 2010 AHA Guidelines

Jason has a list of potential changes that will be brought before the committee

h. Discuss full review of Rules and Regulations

There will be document review over the following year.

5. New Business

- Dr. Williams reports that there is a group that is trying to develop a set of New England Clinical Protocols.**
- John Potvin reported that the Trauma Service at Rhode Island Hospital is in the process of developing a trauma feedback tool that will dovetail with the Rhode Island QA/QI Toolkit.**

6. Review of Action Items

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael DeMello and seconded by Leo Kennedy, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1045hrs.

Respectfully,

John H. Potvin

Secretary