

20240222- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2024
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 2/22/2024 at 10:00am

Location: Zoom

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“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all clinicians. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

- 1) Call To Order
 - a) Dr. Lowry called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda
 - a) None
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Concept rules – Rules committee attendance
 - i) Committee briefly discussed attendance and the upcoming rules committee meeting as the CP rule will be on the agenda.
 - (1) Dennis and Ellen both stated that they would be able to attend.
 - b) Board Directive
 - i) The committee discussed the idea of wide-ranging catchment areas/service areas.
 - ii) Committee asked if the recent board decision regarding service areas opens the door for other agencies or private entities to work within the CP realm.

- iii) Committee emphasized that the goal of CP should be to provide the service wherever the need is.
 - iv) Discussion on having the same level of service regardless of agency provider as important in having a standard of service.
 - v) The committee identified that there is interest in developing an MIH model in the future, but currently, that would require a large structural change.
 - vi) The committee asked if a contract could theoretically override patient/physician choice or options. Could a contract be developed in a way where you are unable to offer other CP providers?
 - vii) The committee identified that it is important to explicitly define service areas.
 - viii) Committee also discussed the importance of coordination and collaboration, community needs to be focused, remaining patient-centered, and ensuring referral patterns through physicians.
 - ix) The committee recommended maintaining review of large changes to a services service area on a case by case basis.
- 6) New Business
- a) None
- 7) Action Items for Next Meeting
- a) Soliana will draft a memo for the board and send it to committee members for review and feedback.
- 8) Next Meeting
- a) March 14, 2024
 - a) Motion to adjourn at 11:01 am.

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Vacant	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	N/A
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Vacant	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	N/A
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Karen Pearson	College / University	Y

Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	N
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Vacant	At-large	N/A
Nicole Burke	Home Health	N
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	N
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	N