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Maine EMS Community Paramedicine Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Monday

October 23, 2017

0930-1130

Champlain Conference Room

I. **Call to Order** 0936

Members present: Dennis Russell, Miles Garcia, Elizabeth Rolfe, Sally Taylor, Kevin Springer;
Julianne Ongtengco, Lisa Larson, Carolyn Brouillard

Members Absent: Matt Sholl, Kyle Baker, Elizabeth McEllwain

MEMS Staff: Shaun St. Germain

Guests: Kevin Gurney; Joseph Kellner, Toby Martin, Christina Owens, Vikki Sebell

II. **Introductions/Public Comments:**

MOTION: Motion to appoint Dennis Russell to committee chair; Springer/Ongtengco; unanimous

MOTION: Motion to appoint Miles Garcia as committee co-chair; Brouillard/ not recorded; unanimous

III. **Additions to Agenda:**

NONE

IV. **Acceptance of Minutes:**

N/A

V. **Staff Report:**

a. Board

i. Community Paramedicine Committee

- (St. Germain) Maine EMS Board-approved committee that makes “recommendations” regarding education requirements & protocols

ii. Expectations and guidelines for Committees

- (Russell) Goal is to move Maine CP forward in light of legislation becoming effective Nov. 1, 2017 with primary focus on developing criteria for services & providers to be eligible for the CP designation, the education requirements to do so, and determining how CP services will be reimbursed

b. Legislative

- (St. Germain) Legislation effective Nov. 1, 2017

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- c. **Maine EMS Rules**
 - (Kellner) Additional chapter being added to EMS Act by Rules Committee, “intentionally vague” and “sufficiently broad” so as not to preclude any potential services
 - Purpose is to regulate, define & govern Community Paramedicine in Maine
 - Will be voted on by Board in December or February
- d. **MEFIRS**
 - (St. Germain) ImageTrend offers CP reporting/data collection @ \$100K/year; Maine EMS and services may be able to develop “worksheet” pages in current system but with limitations
 - Miles will research grant possibilities

VI. Unfinished Business:

N/A

VII. New Business:

- a. **Draft Maine EMS Rules**
 - (see Section C in “Staff Report” above)
- b. **Workplan:**
 - i. **Community Paramedicine Designation**
 - 1. **Service**
 - (St. Germain) “Steering Committee” may or may not continue to approve new CP programs; possible this committee will take that over
 - 2. **Provider**
 - (Martin) Concerns were raised regarding the term “paramedicine” being used since not all CPs are actual Paramedics
 - Other options include “Primary Care” designation or the CPT/CPC designations
 - (Russell) EMTs & Paramedics are trained to do certain skills that they are not able to perform in Maine, asserts benefit of following a national curriculum even if certain CP programs/providers will not use all of the skills they are trained for
 - Currently there are no standards in Maine, with in-house training regimens ranging from 8-36hrs or 80-160hrs
 - (Kellner) MDPB has already defined scope of practice “ceiling,” we need to determine the “floor”
 - ii. **Community Paramedicine Educational Requirements**
 - (Russell), national standards being championed by Paramedic Foundation to include didactic & clinical training that would be “portable”
 - (Kellner) leery of being “pigeon-holed by a commercial product” (i.e. HTC CPT/CPC curriculum)
 - Lisa Larson, from EMCC, states need/ability/willingness to professionalize EMS through Community Colleges
 - iii. **Community Paramedicine Reimbursement Research Report**
 - (Rolfe) “Education, Standardization, Compliance, Regulation, Oversight & Quality Monitoring” needed for State/Federal reimbursement
 - (Taylor) Data collection/analysis should be among the top 3 issues that need to be addressed in order to be considered for reimbursement
 - (Kellner) What would NEMSIS key data points be?

VIII. Adjournment: (Adjourn 1134)

MOTION: Motion to adjourn; Garcia/Brouillard; Unanimous

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017 @ 0930

- Continue with Workplan
 - Establish various levels of CP certification based on group's research along with requisite education standards
- Presentation by Home Health advocates
 - Discussion regarding collaborative effort and need to know what each other does
- Map out EMS & Home Health coverage in ME