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Maine EMS Community Paramedicine Committee Meeting  
 MINUTES  
 Monday  
 November 27, 2017  
 0930-1130  
 Champlain Conference Room

**I. Call to Order 0930**

*Members present:* Dennis Russell, Miles Garcia, Elizabeth Rolfe, Lisa Larson, Carolyn Brouillard, Elizabeth McIlwain

*Members Absent:* Matt Sholl, Sally Taylor, Kevin Springer, Kyle Baker, Julianne Ontengco

*MEMS Staff:* Shaun St. Germain

*Guests:* Kevin Gurney, Joseph Kellner, Toby Martin, Christina Owens, Susan Shorette, John Kooistra, Bridget Rauscher

**II. Introductions/Public Comments:**

- NONE

**III. Additions to Agenda:**

- NONE

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**MOTION: Motion to accept 10/23/2017 Minutes; Rolfe/McIlwain; unanimous**

**V. Staff Report:**

- a. Board
  - (St. Germain) No updates due to no scheduled meeting
- b. Legislative
  - N/A
- c. Maine EMS Rules
  - N/A
- d. MEFIRS
  - (Russell) ImageTrend “worksheets” was shared and asked to be training site for review/additions.
  - Cost-effective alternative to purchasing the actual CP reporting product from ImageTrend and is also “mineable” via the Activity Log to track trends
  - Proof of financial savings & beneficial patient outcome needed for insurer/hospital buy-in.
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**VI. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Draft Maine EMS Rules**

- Pending vote by Maine EMS Board

**b. Workplan:**

**i. Community Paramedicine Designation**

**1. Service**

- Not discussed

**2. Provider**

- (Russell) Proposed the following additional license levels to be considered by this committee:
  - PC-EMT
    - Primary Care Emergency Medical Technician
  - PC-AEMT
    - Primary Care Advanced EMT
  - CPT (Paramedic)
    - Community Paramedic Technician
  - CPC (Paramedic for a minimum of two years)
    - Community Paramedic Clinician
- (Brouillard/Kellner) Expressed concern about volunteers being precluded if/when education/licensing standards are put into place due to cost/time constraints.
- (St. Germain) Licensing standards require “Legislation,” while education standards can be established through “Rules.”
- IBSC/BCCTPC is a nationally recognized organization that now certifies Community Paramedics (in addition to CCT & Flight Medics)
  - 50% failure rate is likely due to lack of educational standards

**ii. Community Paramedicine Educational Requirements**

- (Russell) Proposed the following standards to include additional education in Primary Care, Prevention & Wellness, Public Health, Mental Health, Disease Management, Dental Health and Human Services:
  - Primary Care Technician (for EMT & AEMT)
    - 25-30 hours didactic & lab
    - 20 hours clinical
    - 6 hours CEH
  - Community Paramedic Technician
    - 45-50 hours didactic & lab
    - 40 hours clinical
    - 10 hours CEH
  - Community Paramedic Clinician
    - 14-16 college credit hours
    - 12 hours CEH
    - Requires 2+ years experience as a Paramedic
- (Martin) Expressed concern that only 1 program currently established meets the proposed educational standards
  - (Russell) For reimbursement & professional recognition, future programs need to meet the national standard.
  - (Owen) Does reimbursement depend on a provider being certified by a national organization vs. licensed by a State?
    - As proven by Minnesota, no.
    - (Rolfe) Certain “community health” services will never be reimbursable.
- (Kellner) This committee needs to establish the “ceiling” for the CP scope of practice & work downwards with requisite education standards based on established curricula.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Lisa Larson will research the CPC Curriculum and present it to this committee for consideration.

iii. **Community Paramedicine Reimbursement Research Report**

- Not discussed

VII. **New Business:**

a. **Home Health Presentation**

- Postponed until next meeting due to time constraints (at least ½ hour requested)
- (Rolfe) Asserts the need for strategic partnerships & care coordination to avoid patient confusion and duplication of services.

VIII. **Adjournment: (Adjourn 1125)**

**MOTION: Motion to adjourn; Garcia/Rolfe; unanimous**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2017 @ 0930 (may need to be rescheduled due to State offices being closed for the holiday)