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**Maine EMS Community Paramedicine Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Monday  
 September 17, 2018  
 0930-1130  
 Champlain Conference Room

**I. Call to Order:**

Members Present: Dennis Russell; Sally Taylor; Elizabeth McIlwain; Dr. Johnathan Busko; Sue Shorette; Carolyn Broullard; Elizabeth Rolfe; Lisa Larson

Members Absent: Dr. Matt Sholl; Kevin Springer; Miles Villalobos

MEMS Staff: Jason Oko

Guests: Candis Davis; Cory Morse; Wade Browne; Brian Mullis

**II. Introductions/Public Comments:**

**III. Additions to Agenda:**

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**V. Staff Report:**

a. Board

Jason provide a board report. The board is working through different reports; no new action or decisions related to Community Paramedic.

b. Legislative

No new legislative action to report

c. Maine EMS Rules

There will be one last meeting on September 24, 2018 for the board to comment on rules. Board voted to have subcommittee review all rules over last three years. One significant change is the addition of a chapter on Community Paramedic. Rules will go out for unofficial comment, public comment and then board will vote to accept or not accept comments. If no changes, rules will be sent to the Attorney General's office and potentially to the legislature if there is a fiscal note.

d. MEFIRS

Kevin Gurney provided feedback

Jonathan Busko recommended to use 2 asthma action plans with green, yellow, red dashboard. Information can be documented in two ways: worksheet or review of action plans (initially completed by Primary Care Physician)

There was a conversation of the ability to add media files to MEFIRS which can be done.

There was a question about how to document Community Paramedic programs and services.

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Dennis Russell is collecting information as it becomes available and will attempt to provide a general description of programs based on agreed to designations.

**VI. New Business:**

**VII. Unfinished Business:**

- a. **MEFIRS**
  - i. Update on additions to the program for Community Paramedicine
- b. **Workplan:**
  - i. Community Paramedicine licensure levels for Maine
    - 1. Service
    - 2. Provider
      - a. Designations / Educational Programs
        - 1. Community Paramedicine Affiliate
          - a. Discussed 06/18/2018

**Looks fine – break out each topic to align with CPT information**

- 2. Community Paramedicine Technician
  - a. *Community Paramedic Technician Curriculum*
  - b. *MedStar Curriculum*

**CPT comments:**

Looks good – need to add clinical hours- continuing discussion on how many hours needed; topics seem appropriate. TREAT and REFER should be included and defined as it will become standard. Need to add chronic diseases (generic); be careful not to overlap with home health care; define minimum levels for each of these designations to meet Community Paramedic standards; need to include dementia; may want to include a focus on how to best deal with violence to healthcare professionals as it relates to dementia and other chronic diseases; don't make this difficult to attract individuals to this model; need to change the mindset of paramedics and ensure nurses will embrace these designations; the CPT designation is driven by health care systems and the Clinician level is a specialized field and needs to be fully reimbursed before doing the program. EMTs should be CPT prepared and should have academic prerequisites.

- 3. Community Paramedicine Clinician
  - a. College Curriculum
    - i. Hennepin Technical College
    - ii. EMCC
    - iii. NMCC
    - iv. Others
  - b. Community Paramedic Certification Exam

**VIII. Maine EMS Community Paramedicine Committee**

- a. Next meeting scheduled for October 15, 2018 @ 0930.
- b. Community Paramedicine Meeting call in information  
9:30am – 11:30am

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**I. Adjournment:**