



Community Paramedicine Committee Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2021 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Held Via 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.”

Call to order

Attendance

Guests - Dr. Kristopher O'Connell, Karen Pearson, A.J. Gagnon, Karen Garland-Kidder, Ed Doughty, Amy Drinkwater, Tim Beals, Dennis Russell, Chip Getchell, Debby Heath, Alberta Broomhall, Phillip MacCallum, Jesse Thompson, Cory Morse,

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Matt Sholl, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y,Y, Y
Bruce Lowry, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	Y, y, Y
Miles Villalobos	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Sally Taylor	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	y, Y, Y



Vacant	EMS Training Center	
Vacant	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	
Lisa Larson	College / University	Y, Y, Y
Susan Shorette	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	Y, Y, Y
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	Y, Abstain, Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y, Y, A
Brian Cashin	At-large	Y
Elizabeth Rolfe	Home Health	Y, Y, Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y, Y, Y

1. Additions or deletions to the agenda
2. Public Comments
 1. No public comments
 1. None heard
3. Old business:
 1. Approval of the minutes
 - a. Ellen Motion to approve the 2020 minutes, Second by Dr. Larson, unanimous,
 2. April CP Committee Minutes
 - a. Motion by Sally to accept, Second by Dr. Lowry, i.unanimous
 - c. Positions on the Committee
 - d. Educational opportunity
 - a. How do we sponsor education?
 - i. Dennis thinks this is not a precedent.



- ii. Dr Busko, if there is no precedent, and we are not tasked with it, but, Dr. Lowry agrees
- iii. Certainly, if something comes up, pass it along and disseminate it out. Pass along to Education Committee
- iv. Sue agrees, this is a great committee, if we are going to put on a class, but for us to say it is approved, and CP is not a license level, why would we get involved in it.
- v. Matt - agree with the above, doesn't feel like the right thing, it is not in the charge of this group, Sue made a point, we have discussed initial training, but not con ed, is this a one and done type class?
- vi. Is there another way to consider this, maybe outside of this committee?
- vii. Dr. Lowry, could we craft some good continuing education expectations? Categories, etc....?
- viii. Dennis - other states do CEH for CP, but they also have licensure for community paramedics
 - 1. We could consider pushing the work we have done back to the board for movement on initial education requirements
 - 2. Dr. Busko agrees that it makes sense to have a time limited CP certificate

4. New business

a. Maine EMS Grants

- a. Maine EMS was awarded approx. 3.7 Million over two years
 - i. One staff member
 - ii. Working with University of Maine System for monitoring and evaluation
 - iii. Define our return on investment
 - iv. Starts June 1. 2021
 - v. The vision we sold to the US CDC was that Maine EMS would then grant subgrants to this allocation from a



pot of 3 million over the two year period to cover costs,

1. Used for education and training and initial costs
- vi. All of the details have not been worked out
- vii. This will be administered by DHHS and rural health
 1. There will be some additional provisions
 2. There may need to be a community needs assessment of self determination
- viii. Lisa asked what MEMS thinks will be the role of the committee in the grant?
 1. What will be the application process
 2. Who will be eligible
 3. How will we divide the money
 4. Have a conversation with our partners for reevaluation and monitoring
 1. How do we measure the impact of community paramedicine
 5. We want to use this seed money, to prove our proof of concept when the grant period is over
 6. How can we reduce your overall cost burden
 7. Elizabeth Rolfe - building this out, if we can correct the gaps that even Lincoln County Health did, if we can fix that, this is essential. The grant is great news.
 8. Dr. Busko - Is this funding like a flex grant where you can spend beyond the end of the grant period as long as the spending has been pre-approved.
 1. Sam does not believe so, the expectation is likely to be that it is spent in the performance period, there is follow up funding opportunities. This is coming on a disparities grant.
 2. What level of detail of the original proposal can be shared with this group? If we have



questions or suggestions we could provide feedback.

3. Sam - we will share the memo when we get it, and if we can get approval, we will share our original proposal, we do not want to get ahead of DHHS.

- b. New position at Maine EMS

5. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Walter, second Sue.