

July 2021

Thursday, July 8, 2021

9:32 AM



Community Paramedicine Committee Meeting Agenda

July 8, 2021 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Matt Sholl, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	y
Bruce Lowry, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	y
Miles Villalobos	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	y
Sally Taylor	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	y
Vacant	EMS Training Center	
Vacant	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	
Lisa Larson	College / University	n
Susan Shorette	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	y
Vacant	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	
Ellen McFarland	At-large	n
Brian Cashin	At-large	y
Elizabeth Rolfe	Home Health	y

Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	y
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1. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - a. None heard
3. Old business:
 - a. Funding for CP
 - a. Sam Hurley gave an update on the process
 - i. MOU is in process
 - ii. We will need a financial order to obtain the funds
 - iii. We cannot advertise the positions until we have the funds
 - iv. The positions will be posted as soon as possible,
 - v. We are optimistic that we will have the positions filled by October
 - b. Community Health Module
 - i. We have purchased the community health module for CP use
 - ii. We will begin rolling it out as soon as we can get it set up for deployment.
 - iii. I can share the demo login with the group.
 - c. What would this committee like to do
 - i. What are the goals for the committee over the next two years?
 1. Elizabeth Rolfe - Levels of practitioner, get a good working manual of how to start a program, standards of care for the various levels and pick it up and run with it kit. How do you begin a program.
 1. Dr. Busko agrees with this
 2. Dr. Busko - Creating a regulatory framework for those levels, they have no true meaning within the system, what a CP provider is at the level of the state

3. Standardizing the data collection to allow the conversation of reimbursement to continue.
 1. Sam discussed his conversations with Maine Care
4. Dr. Busko - Maine Community College System has been meeting about wanting to be a participant in the various levels of CP education, this will be an important part in terms of reimbursement
5. Karen Garland-Kidder- Asking the committee regarding funding opportunities, have they explored the options for a tool-kit or standardized protocols.
 1. There is contracting Maine EMS will be doing with a quarterly, or more frequent assessment of the work that is being done.
6. Dr. Busko - we did put together a minimum base protocol, it is a ground floor. These need to go to the MDPB to get them approved.
7. Could we remove the requirement to have a referral from a physician
 1. There was a robust discussion about this topic
8. Dr. Lowry - Education has been a large focus of this committee, we need standardization, what it means to be a clinician, what it means to have a program, it is important to keep in mind this fact.
 1. Dr. Busko - when we looked at things like tactical EMS or wilderness EMS, we do not need to build them into protocols, but if someone is delivering a service in a sort of way, if we like that, everyone should deliver the service that same way. It created the opportunity for ad-hoc community level protocols for the entire state.

2. Dr. Sholl - we have created pathways to allow for services to do this across the state, through pilot projects would be one pathway.
 9. Sally Taylor - Agrees with everyone, there is a lot on the table now as far as setting goals, ponder this for a month, then at the next meeting set our goals for the next year and then working on an action plan for that.
 10. Beth - once we have the goals defined, we can then drive a plan, great idea.
 11. Jason Shared the workplan in the form of the annual report
 1. Dr. Lowry thinks we need to start with the current workplan and then go from there.
 12. For august, goals and workplan, and chairpersonship, we will establish deliverables from that workplan and then discuss the nominations as such.
 13. Advertise open positions on the CP committee and also establish who the board appointed representative to the CP committee is.
- ii. Motion to adjourn by Sally, second by Elizabeth
- d. Next meeting will be August 12, 2021