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Thursday, January 13, 2022
8:45 AM



Community Paramedicine Committee Agenda Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.

“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.”

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Matt Sholl, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	
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
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	y
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	absent
Vacant	College / University	
Susan Shorette	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	absent
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	y
Brian Cashin	At-large	y
Vacant	Home Health	
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	y

1. Call to order
2. Attendance
 - a. Dr. Lowry took attendance

- 0. Public Comments
 - a. Elizabeth Rolfe has resigned from the CP Committee in the position of the Home Health Representative position.
- 0. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - a. Grant Updates
 - i. Karen Pearson spoke about the grant process briefly, they are waiting on the final contract
 - 1. Dennis asked about the contract with the Maine Community College System regarding community paramedicine
- 0. Old business:
 - a. CP Protocols and/or Guidelines
 - i. There was a discussion with Dr. Sholl & Sam about some refinement that was needed in the product before presentation to the MDPB
 - 1. Are we trying to make protocols or guidelines?
 - . National EMT Scope Of Practice & similar Scopes for CP Levels
 - 1. Should we do this first? Would this be helpful?
 - a. Dr. Busko - Is this the national scope for an emergency EMS provider and then we derive a scope, or do we find a CP equivalent model?
 - b. Dr. Lowry - feels though the committee did do work towards this in the past, we would not need to start from scratch
 - i. Dennis Russell - looking at CP and MIH, places are coming into two different models, are we going to be CP or are we going to be MIH, and be a physician extender.
 - ii. Sally - Dennis is correct, we are limited to the scope of a 911 paramedic, and this is an emergency tool, not a CP tool. The Rural health information hub has a lot of information on CP.
 - iii. Dennis - Where does this live at the CP committee or the MDPB Committee. Willing to commit time for something that will move forward,
 - 1. Sally agrees with this. What is the MDPB's vision of a CP protocol?
 - . Dr. Busko - the original intent was to establish a floor, not a ceiling, and they can be expanded locally in terms of the intent. I am ok with the concept of Maine EMS establishing an outer boundary of procedures, and then expand it as needed and in terms of how they are used and decided locally. Let this be driven by the community and the needs of the community.
 - i. Everyone agreed. Ellen mentioned staffing issues, in light of that, if we can't gain some traction, people are going to lose interest in doing this.
 - a. Dr. Lowry - do we have a statement of our vision, before we ask the MDPB of what their vision is?

- b. Dennis Russell made a motion To align the Maine CP guidelines to the National EMS Scope of Practice, Seconded by Ellen McFarland, Discussion - no further discussion unanimous of all those members present
 - i. Dr. Lowry, Dennis Russell, Dr. Busko agreed to work on this project.
 - b. CP Coordinator update with timeline of interviews
 - i. A brief update was provided
 - c. Education updates
 - i. current options are for someone who wants to get CP training
 - 1. United has several offerings in partnership with Cataldo.
 - a. Available on the United Training Center Website
 - 2. Dr. Busko has taught several CPA courses.
 - a. This was done in collaboration with Eastern Maine Community College, there were several courses taught in the fall EMS Conference
 - b. APEMS is offering some CPA courses
 - i. In alignment with MedStar and NAEMT
 - c. NMCC offers a program that they are offering and accepting enrollment.
 - ii. How do we expand these opportunities? Do we have enough opportunities?
 - 1. Needs to be a sustainable model
 - 2. Need to do the sustainable model in parallel with the trained cadre of capable CP Trained EMS Clinicians
 - a. A robust conversation was had regarding the previous work of the committee
 - 1. New business
 - a. Documentation discussion
 - i. What is the game plan?
 - 1. Build the frame work and await further input form the new CP coordinator.
- 7. Next meeting
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion By Sally, second by Ellen to Adjourn at 10:58