

# 20220310-CP-Committee-Minutes



Community Paramedicine Committee Agenda  
Thursday, March 10, 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	N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	Y
Miles Villalobos	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Sally Taylor	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	N
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Vacant	College / University	NA
Susan Shorette	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	Y

Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Provider	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Brian Cashin	At-large	Y
Vacant	Home Health	NA
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y

- 1 Call to order
  - i. Dr. Lowry called the meeting to order
- 2 Attendance
  - i. Dr. Lowry took attendance
- 3 Modifications to the agenda
  - i. Miles asked to fill the Co-Chair Position
- 4 Introduction to David Davies
  - i. Dr. Lowry Introduced David Davies as the New CP Program Coordinator
  - ii. David Spoke to the committee
- 5 Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - i. January 2022
  - ii. February 2022
    - a. Motion by Walter to approve January and February minutes, second by Dennis, No Discussion
    - b. Unanimous of all those Present - Brain Joined late and did not vote on this motion
- 6 Old Business
  - i. Scope of practice update
    - a. Dr. Lowry led a discussion regarding the scope of practice work being done
      - i. A small group has been working on a document form the Community Paramedicine Affiliate level
      - ii. We shared the document that is a work in progress - it was emailed to the committee

iii. The committee discussed the purpose of the document and some edits to the document

1. Sam noted regarding the "Other Attributes" section, EMT should be the base line.
2. Walter agreed
3. Dr. Busko advocated for "all" clinicians, the tool to restrict the breadth of practice is the protocols and if we leave it as EMS clinicians, and do not add EMR level protocols, we should be all set.
4. Miles agreed that it should be open to all EMS clinicians, he strongly supports this
5. Ellen also agreed with these comments
6. Sue offered that it should be based on their level of training.
7. A robust discussion was had
8. Sam offered that we do not need the final product today, it is easier to add to the ability of a license level than take away from it.
9. Dennis asked how do we define experience?
10. Walter discussed medication sorting and how he feels it should be done by an EMT at the minimum
11. The committee began to discuss the education requirements
12. Maine EMS does not intend to re-create the wheel, but to supplement the current materials and to include COVID-19 education due to the grant requirements.

13. It will include Maine specific components, it may be national content
14. Documentation
15. Maine EMS protocols
16. Dr Busko suggest a way that would be easily editable so we could change the objectives as needed through the education committee
17. A discussion was had
  - i. Jason Offered that if the goal is a license, we would need to adopt the standards of education in rules and or statute, and they would need to refer to a specific version of a document to avoid a moving target for individuals seeking this level of education and or licensure
18. Andrew Gagnon offered a proposal:
  - a. What if the CP Committee established Educational standards/objectives that any training center would have to meet in order to be approved to deliver a CP affiliate program.
  - b. Any program that requested or wanted to run a CP affiliate program would have provide evidence that each and every standard/objective is being met.

- c. If this approach was utilized, then maybe the CP committee or MEMS could develop a guiding document that showed examples of what evidence would be required to meet each standard/objective. This would be a very similar approach to what we do now for CoA in our paramedic programs and seems to work very well
- d. Sam offered it would be easier to get insurance reimbursement if it is a license level.
- e. Dennis suggested doing it the same way as we currently do for PIFT?
  - i. Paramedic Inter-Facility Transfer (PIFT) - In order to practice as a PIFT provider, a Maine licensed Paramedic must:
  - ii. Complete a Maine EMS approved PIFT provider course; and,
  - iii. Be affiliated with a Maine EMS licensed service that is approved by the Board to provide PIFT services.
  - iv. Does this pathway require that Maine EMS Adopt new standards for training centers to be

able to teach CP  
licensure levels?

## 7 Open Positions

1. College/University
  - a. No applicants
    - i. We will need to repost these positions
2. Home Health
  - a. No Applicants
    - i. We will need to repost these positions
      1. Miles asked about changing the position
        - a. This was not a popular idea.

## 8 Education Opportunities

## 9 New Business

1. Co-Chair Position
  - a. Dennis Russell is interested in being in this position, no others expressed an interest
    - i. Motion by Miles to nominate Dennis Russell as the CO-Chair, second by Ellen, No Discussion
      1. Unanimous of all those Present -Brain Joined late and did not vote on this motion

## 10 Maine EMS Update

1. Jason Provided an update as did Sam Hurley

## 11 Action Items

1. Add covid-19 relationship to CP discussion at the request of Miles Villalobos and Dr. Lowry

## 12 Next Meeting






















































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## 13 Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn by Dennis, second by Miles.

Participants (17)

Find a participant

-  Oko, Jason A (Host, me)    
-  BL Benjy Lowry (Co-host, guest)   
-  Adams, Melissa F (MDPS) (Co-host)   
-  DR Dennis Russell (Guest)  
-  Andrew Gagnon (Guest)  
-  Corey Snyder (Guest)  
-  DL David L Davies (Guest)  
-  EM Ellen McFarland (Guest)  
-  Hurley, J Sam (he/him/his)  
-  Jonnathan Busko (Guest)  
-  Joshua Waterhouse (Guest)  
-  KG Karen Garland-Kidder, HCC (Guest)  
-  Karen Pearson (Guest)  
-  Kris O'Connell, DO (Guest)  
-  MV Miles Villalobos (Guest)  
-  S Sue (Guest)  
-  WR Walter Reed (Guest) 