



Community Paramedicine (CP) Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 14, 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      | MDPB Member                   | Y           |
| Bruce Lowry, MD     | CP Program Medical Director   | Y           |
| Vacant              | Municipal EMS CP Program      | NA          |
| Sally Taylor        | Non-Municipal CP Program      | Y           |
| Dennis Russell      | EMS Training Center           | Y           |
| Cory Morse          | Hospital-Based EMS CP Program | N           |
| Vacant              | College / University          | NA          |
| Vacant              | At-large CP Provider          | NA          |
| Walter Reed         | At-large CP Provider          | Y           |
| Ellen McFarland     | At-large                      | N           |
| Brian Cashin        | At-large                      | Y           |
| Vacant              | Home Health                   | NA          |
| Jonnathan Busko, MD | Hospital                      | Y           |

- 1) Call to order
  - a) Dr. Lowry called to order at 9:33 am
- 2) Attendance
  - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement and took attendance - quorum was met.
- 3) No modifications to the agenda
- 4) May minutes were approved – Dr. Sholl, Sally, and Walter abstained.
  - a) David to publish the notes from the June Meeting
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Scope of Practice update



- i) Dr. Lowry started the discussion of what was discussed in June. For an agency to provide CP services they need both scope of practice and physician order. Mr. Cashin asked if that needed to be every time and the answer is that it depends on the care plan in place for a patient. Maine EMS sent out a memo prior to this meeting asking the committee to establish a list of services community paramedics would perform. This list would be presented to Maine Care for their approval of which services will be reimbursed.
- b) Open Positions
  - i) Municipal EMS
  - ii) Hospital-Based
  - iii) College/University
  - iv) At-Large Member (2)
  - v) Home Health

A discussion was had regarding the applications we receive. Candidates to be invited to the next meeting to discuss their candidacy. The discussion will occur at the beginning of the meeting and candidates will be free to leave.
- 6) New Business
  - a) Sally made the motion to cancel the meeting in August and resume in September as scheduled. Brian seconded. Motion passed.
  - b) Dennis Russel made the motion to extend the meeting in September to 2 hours in length. Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 7) Maine EMS Update
  - a) Dennis asked for an update on the grant. David informed the committee they are struggling with providing education through the community college system due to their lack of bandwidth. The focus is going to be on developing a scope of practice that will drive both the protocols and education needs. At that point a RFP for education will be developed.
  - b) David mentioned a Community Paramedicine Summit at Maple Farm on September 19<sup>th</sup> to introduce Cutler Institute and discuss the grant application process.
- 8) Action Items
  - a) David to reach out to the three applicants to introduce themselves.
  - b) Dr. Lowry to share the three scopes of practice.
- 9) Next Meeting
  - a) September 8, 2022
- 10) Adjournment
  - a) Brian Cashin made a motion to adjourn
  - b) Dr. Bal second the motion