

# 20230413-Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023  
9:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 04/13/2023 at 9:30am

Location:

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82338465086?pwd=NzVIT05pdGhtOUVqbjZZRlRwMWZjUT09>

“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.”

1. Call To Order
  - a. Dr. Lowry called the meeting to order at 9:31am.
2. Mission Statement
  - a. Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
3. Attendance
  - a. Committee members: Dr. Lowry, Bridget Rauscher, Sally Taylor, Walter Reed, Ellen McFarland, Brian Cashin, Dr. Busko
  - b. Guests: Dakota Turnbull, AJ Gagnon, Daniel Small, Nicole Burke, Karen Pearson, Rick Petrie, Heather Pelletier, Bethany Nash
  - c. Maine EMS Staff: Soliana Goldrich, Chris Azevedo, Ashley Moody, Jason Oko
4. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. None
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 9, 2023 Minutes
    - i. Ellen motioned to approve minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Brian and unanimously approved.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Open positions – Interviews

- i. Committee hosted interviews in executive session with Karen Pearson and Nicole Burke. Karen applied for the College/University position and Nicole for the Home Health position.
  1. Sally motioned to forward the recommendation for Karen to the position of College/University to the Board. Seconded by Ellen and unanimously approved.
  2. There will be a second interview for the home health position next month and following that interview the committee will make a decision regarding the home health position.

### b. Updates on scope and legislative happenings

- i. Soliana discussed the updates on LD883 and the testimony from the Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine to have a position created for a member of their organization
  1. Committee discussed how collaboration would look with agencies moving forward and how the CP voice would be heard on the home health side
  2. Committee discussed whether it made sense to have an individual agency highlighted or rather a second home health position potentially with more specifics on the role.
  3. The committee would like to further discuss at the following months meeting.

### c. Formulary

- i. The committee reviewed a draft CP formulary developed by Bethany Nash PharmD. The formulary is split into pharmacologic expectations and a table of medication classes that can be administered and cannot be administered.
- ii. Dr. Busko suggested adding a line that additional medications and classes can be added following MDPB review.
- iii. Heather stated this can be helpful in OMS review to have a stated process for how to add/change items on documents.
- iv. Sally suggested breaking out the allergic reaction expectation based on license level as well as stating that administration

routes are limited by license level with a breakout of routes per license level.

- v. Dr. Busko asked about rectal administration and topical oral administration.
- vi. Bethany stated that she would need to look more into rectal routes, but that medications such as lidocaine swish and swallow are feasible. That route will be added.
- vii. Nicole Burke mentioned that in some palliative care settings they use Macy catheters for rectal administration.
- viii. Bethany will look further into the safety risks for rectal administration routes and provide feedback for next meeting

d. Stakeholder

e. Data, Program Growth and Marketing – Placeholder to discuss as needed

f. Update on grant money process from Soliana

7. New Business

a. Pediatrics for CP

b. Board request regarding strategic planning

c. Education/ Licensing

8. Action Items for Next Meeting

a. Sally will send over some language she suggested for addition to the formulary

b. Soliana will meet with Bethany and update/create additions to the formulary and re-present at the upcoming meeting

9. Next Meeting

a. May 11, 2023 at 9:30am

b. Motion to adjourn at 11:08am

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Matt Sholl, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	Y
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Sally Taylor	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	N

Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Vacant	College / University	N/A
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	N
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Brian Cashin	At-large	Y
Vacant	Home Health	N/A
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y