

20230914- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 09/14/2023 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 9:32am.
2. Mission Statement
 - a. Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee members: Dr. Lowry, Bridget Rauscher, Karen Pearson, Walter Reed, Ellen McFarland, Brian Cashin, Nicole Burke, Jonnathan Busko
 - b. Guests: Berta Broomhall, Matthew Grossnickle, AJ Gagnon, Dakota Turnbull, Rick Smith, Stephen Smith
 - c. Maine EMS Staff: Soliana Goldrich, Megan Salois, Taylor Parmenter, Jason Oko
4. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. None
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. August 10, 2023 Minutes

1. Ellen motioned to approve, seconded by Walter, unanimously approved

6. Office Update

a. RFA Update – Soliana

1. Soliana gave an update on the RFA process. The RFA evaluation is complete and the selection package is live. Nine agencies were conditionally awarded funding through RFA#202306130. The office will begin the contracting process and contracts can begin being signed on 9/25 following the appeal period.

7. Old Business

a. Draft concept rules

1. Committee continued their review of draft concept rules for CP. These are not a part of the formal rulemaking process.
2. Committee discussed the addition of the episodic definition being pulled from statute for reference within the chapter.
3. Dr. Busko discussed the importance of having a gap plan for personnel licensure, so there is no gap in services once the state transitions to licensure requirements.
4. Committee discussed the length of time necessary for transitioning/coming into compliance with licensure requirements and felt around 3 years would be appropriate.
5. AJ mentioned the option of using a portfolio approach when looking at personnel licensure. A portfolio approach would enable past education to be considered as the provider would show their skills are in compliance with current standards.
6. Committee discussed the potential of having a medical director sign off on psychomotor skills.
7. Walter mentioned concern about how rural areas may be affected by compliance requirements especially around the transition times to new requirements.
8. Committee discussed writing in new language around having a Maine EMS approved transition plan for current providers. Dr. Lowry and Soliana will bring language to the next meeting.
9. Committee discussed the importance of having education more easily accessible including the option for online training for CEH's and required training such as mandatory reporter training.

- b. Scope review
- 8. New Business
 - a. Pediatrics
 - b. Data, program growth and marketing – placeholder to discuss as needed
- 9. Action Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Soliana and Dr. Lowry will discuss language for an additional pathway for individual providers to receive licensure without a pause in services.
- 10. Next Meeting
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 11:00am.

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	N
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	N
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Karen Pearson	College / University	Y
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
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	N
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y