

20231012- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday October 12, 2023
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/12/2023 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 9:31 am.
2. Mission Statement
 - a. Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee members: Dr. Lowry, Dennis Russell, Charlie Mock, Walter Reed, Ellen McFarland, Nicole Burke, Dr. McElrath, Dr. Busko
 - b. Guests: Heather Pelletier (OMS), Matthew Grossnickle, Willis Gammon
 - c. Maine EMS Staff: Soliana Goldrich, Jason Cooney, Darren Davis, Ashley Moody
4. Modifications to the agenda
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 1. September 14, 2023 Minutes
 1. Motion to accept by Dennis, second by Dr. Busko
 2. 1 abstention and approval by all others
6. Office Update

a. RFA Update – Soliana

1. Soliana provided an update on the RFA process. Conditional awards have gone out and the office is in the midst of the contracting process. The office also anticipates an RFP going live in the near future that focuses on the development of educational standards of community paramedicine.

7. Old Business

a. Draft concept rules

1. Soliana provided an update that any documents incorporated by reference within a rule would need to go through the formal rules process should they want a change.
2. The committee reviewed the entire document in full and focused on transition plans for both personnel and agencies.
3. The committee discussed what an unrestricted license means.
4. Walter discussed the importance of ensuring there is enough time to transition that does not create a gap in service.
5. Ellen clarified that different theoretical license levels would have different educational requirements and the pathway of transition for people currently practicing will ensure no gaps in service.
6. Dr. Lowry discussed that the goal is to be able to utilize existing education when feasible.
7. Dennis discussed that some agencies may not need as long to transition some may need 6 months versus 36 months.
8. The committee discussed what the Maine Background Check Center could look like in practice.
9. Dr. Busko brought up a concern about the requirement for 50 calls to maintain agency licensure.
 1. The committee discussed at length worries about agencies meeting this requirement or gatekeeping service and chose to strike this requirement.
10. Dennis motioned to recommend this concept document to be sent to the rules subcommittee for consideration. Second by Charlie. Unanimous approval.

b. Scope review

1. Technician and Affiliate level

1. The committee briefly reviewed the scope of practice document for the technician and affiliate levels.
2. Dr. Busko discussed the scope being additive to an EMS professional's existing license and scope of practice.
3. The committee discussed education for all levels and how that translates to potential scopes.

8. New Business

- a. Pediatrics
- b. Data, program growth and marketing – placeholder to discuss as needed

9. Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Soliana will send out a doodle poll to reschedule the November meeting.

10. Next Meeting

- a. November 9, 2023
- b. Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am.

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	N
Sally Taylor	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	N
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Karen Pearson	College / University	N
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Vacant	At-large	N/A
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y

