

# 20231102- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 11/2/2023 at 9:30 am

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, Corey Morse, Karen Pearson, Charlie Mock, Walter Reed, Ellen McFarland, Nicole Burke, Dr. McElrath, Dr. Busko
  - b. Guests: Heather Pelletier (OMS),
  - c. Maine EMS Staff: Soliana Goldrich, Anthony Roberts, Jason Oko
4. Modifications to the agenda
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. October 12, 2023 – will be delayed until December meeting
6. Office Update
  - a. RFP update
    1. Soliana updated the committee that the education RFP is live and applications will be accepted through November 27, 2023.

b. Staffing update

1. Soliana provided an update on the director search and the upcoming vacancy of the Substance Use Disorder Program Manager position.

7. Old Business

a. CP Technician and Affiliate Scope of Practice Document Review

1. The committee reviewed a document that identified every Community Paramedicine Clinician's scope skill and identified whether an affiliate or a technician would also have those skills included within their scope of practice.
2. Dr. Lowry reiterated the concept of this scope being additive to existing scopes of practice.
3. The committee identified that all levels will be able to do all the screenings.
4. The committee discussed the differences in the language of medication compliance, reconciliation, and inventory.
5. Dennis and Walter spoke to the regularity of medication sorting within their respective practices.
6. The committee discussed starting a medication with a qualified professional healthcare order and the potential for what medication being predicated on an existing providers scope of practice for example if a paramedic is an affiliate they may be able to start different medications than an EMT who is an affiliate.
7. The committee discussed the language of chronic conditioning monitoring and treatment.
  1. The committee discussed affiliate level would only be able to provide monitoring and the technician could provide both monitoring and treatment.
8. The committee identified that the majority of procedures could not be performed at the affiliate level.
  1. All transitional care coordination and telemedicine coordination skills, however can be performed at all levels.
9. Dennis motioned to bring the draft scope document to the MDPB, and then the Board it was seconded by Walter and unanimously approved.

b. Committee staffing

1. The committee discussed the open position and committee member attendance.

1. Next meeting, the committee will review those who have made the 75% attendance requirement and the process of posting available positions.

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 bring attendance numbers to the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

a. 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 | Y           |
| Karen Pearson       | College / University                              | Y           |
| 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           |