

# 20231214- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023  
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 12/14/2023 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, Bridget Rauscher, Dennis Russell, Cory Morse, Karen Pearson, Walter Reed, Ellen McFarland, Dr. McElrath, Dr. Busko
  - b. Guests: Dakota Turnbull, Willis Gammon, Heather Pelletier (OMS)
  - c. Maine EMS Staff: Soliana Goldrich, Jason Oko
4. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. None
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. October 12, 2023
  - b. November 2, 2023
    1. Motion to approve both minutes by Dr. Busko seconded by Ellen – Motion passes - 1 abstain and approvals by all others

## 6. Office update – Soliana

- a. Soliana provided an update on the Director candidate process and stabilization grant positions.
- b. Soliana also updated the committee on the education standards RFP process.
- c. Discussed that there are now 20 agencies with CP designations and discussed the renewal process. Soliana also updated the committee that MaineCare has sent out a Rate Determination Initiation notice for Community Paramedicine.
  1. Heather Pelletier provided some context to the statutory requirements to that process. She also discussed the National Diabetes Prevention Program Services model as a potential opportunity for CP providers in the future.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Scopes of practice – update on process
  1. Dr. Lowry updated the committee on the plan for the scopes to go to the MDPB at the upcoming meeting and then to the board for their January meeting.
- b. Committee makeup
  1. Open positions
    1. The committee discussed their current makeup and open position as of now.
    2. Dennis motioned to remove Sally Taylor from the committee as she has not met her 75% attendance requirement, second by Bridget.
      1. Unanimously approved.
      2. The committee thanked Sally for all of her work regarding Community Paramedicine both on the committee and throughout Maine. They wished her the best moving forward.
  2. The committee discussed transitioning Dr. Lowry to the MDPB position if Dr. Sholl formally resigns.
  3. The committee also discussed if providers from Quasi-municipal services will be eligible for the Non-Municipal CP Program position.
    1. The committee decided that they would be eligible for that position should they apply.

- c. Community Health Module
    - 1. Soliana discussed they will do a demonstration in the next meeting.
    - 2. Soliana discussed that the office has reviewed all data points from MEFIRS to determine what should or shouldn't be included within the Community Health module.
  - d. Concept rules
    - 1. Who is able to go to meetings?
      - 1. The committee discussed having at least one CP committee member attend rules meetings once they begin reviewing CP rules.
      - 2. A number of members offered to attend as needed, but discussed doing some preparation for the meeting prior to attendance.
8. New Business
- a. Pediatrics
    - 1. Soliana introduced the ongoing conversation about the potential for interaction between CP and maternal and pediatric care. There is nothing that prevents this work, but the office would like feedback on whether this is something of interest to providers and what resources are needed to provide this care.
    - 2. The committee discussed the importance of education and offering trainings.
      - 1. They discussed the inclusion of pediatric behavioral health for future training.
      - 2. Discussed possibly having a focus on certain skills such as newborn weight checks and gearing training to those skills.
    - 3. The committee will reach out to their contacts to ascertain interest and find out what educational needs providers may have.
9. Action Items for Next Meeting
- a. Members will reach out to their networks to find out what interest they have in pediatric CP care and what needs they have to do so (training, questions, skills, etc.)
10. Next Meeting

- a. January 11, 2024 at 9:30 am
- a. Motion to adjourn at 10:48

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	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
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
Vacant	At-large	N/A
Nicole Burke	Home Health	N
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y