

# 20240208- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024  
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 1/11/2024 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82453959343?pwd=eThoUTlxR3E5bisraXhqZ1pDL1ZWdz09>

“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
2. Mission Statement
  - a. Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
3. Attendance
4. Modifications to the agenda
  - a. None
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. January 11, 2024 – Delay until March meeting
6. Office update – Soliana
  - a. New Director – Wil O’Neal (2 minutes)
    1. Wil introduced himself to the committee.
  - b. Webinar on Community Health Module (2 minutes)
    1. Soliana provided an update on the recent Community Health Module webinar. The webinar was recorded and can be shared with interested parties by reaching out to the CP coordinator.

- c. RFP – Bison Six Emergency Group Introduction and Timeline (10 minutes)
  - 1. Soliana discussed the RFP contract for CP education standards has been completed with Bison Six. Bison Six introduced themselves and a brief timeline of their contract. Work will be completed by 6/30/24. They will be reaching out to CP agencies to get stakeholder feedback.
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Scopes of practice – update on process (15 minutes) – Dr. Lowry/Soliana
    - 1. Discuss MDPB Revisions/ Questions – Dr. Lowry provided an update on the MDPB’s initial review of the scopes of practice. They had concerns around defining simple versus complex wound care. They also requested to remove peritoneal dialysis completely and change CVC and percutaneous to clinician level only. With that change they also recommended additional credentialing to address infection control.
    - 2. The committee discussed some specifics on how that may look operationally, but ultimately is supportive of the changes recommended by the MDPB.
  - b. Committee makeup (30 minutes)
    - 1. Interviews for Open Positions
    - 2. Dennis motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Title 1 §405(6)(A) for the purposes of discussion and consideration of the appointment of an individual to the community paramedicine committee, citing that public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual's reputation or violation of the individual's right to privacy. Seconded by Ellen and unanimously approved.
  - c. Board Directive (30 minutes)
    - 1. The committee ran out of time to discuss the board directive in-depth but will be holding an off-cycle meeting to discuss further.
  - d. Pediatrics – Table until March
- 8. New Business
  - a. None
- 9. Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Soliana will send out a Doodle poll to schedule an off-cycle meeting to continue discussion of the board directive.

10. Next Meeting

- a. March 14, 2024 at 9:30 am
- b. Motion to adjourn at 11:10 am.

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Vacant	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	N/A
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Vacant	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	N/A
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Karen Pearson	College / University	Y - Late
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