

20240711- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes-FINAL

Thursday, July 11, 2024
10:00 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 7/11/2024 at 10:00 am

Location: Zoom

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“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) Dennis Russell called the meeting to order at 10:16
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dennis Russell read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda
 - a) None
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) May 9, 2024
 - b) Cory motioned to approve second by Bridget
 - c) Charlie, Ellen, and Nicole abstained. Approved by all others.
- 6) Office update
 - a) Out-of-Office
 - i) Soliana will be out of the office the week of July 15-19th
 - b) Staff transitions
 - i) Soliana reported that the office has had two transitions. The education coordinator and office associate position will be posted in the near future.

- c) CP Conference
 - i) Soliana provided an update that over 280 CEHS were provided at the conference.
 - ii) Committee members discussed the value of having conferences in the future.
- d) Grant end date
 - i) Soliana reported the grant end date has been extended to 2026. The office anticipates putting out an additional RFA/RFP in the near future to support in spending those funds down.
- e) Titles of CP-A/CP-T/CP-C
 - i) There is some potential confusion with the use of the term clinician for just the highest level, when it is frequently used to describe EMS providers as a whole. Is it valuable to change the language?
 - (1) The committee discussed being open to changing the language, but identified issues with confusion if we used the term community health as community health workers are a growing field.
- f) Board request
 - i) Committee discussed the most recent board request.
 - (1) What is the Committee currently working on?**
 - (a) Pediatrics, physician onboarding materials, MIH discussion (parking lot), support for new agencies in getting started
 - (b) Reimbursement and billing side
 - (2) What does the Committee feel it has been tasked with?**
 - (a) Tasked with all things Community Paramedicine
 - (b) Setting up the parameters and guidance on how we are going to educate people and set up a statewide operation with guardrails and oversight
 - (c) The next thing we have been tasked with or should be tasked with is education/new rule implementation. We need to help agencies understand how to implement or enter the space.
 - (d) Supports with decreasing stagnation
 - (3) What does the Committee think is its future?**
 - (a) Bright and unlimited
 - (b) Vision is to continue to see the development and complete implementation of CP statewide. Long ways to go until it is up and running with education and reimbursement.
 - (c) Eventually an evaluation piece we can support

(d) Got a foundation and now its time to build the house

(4) Does the current meeting schedule meet the Committee's needs? (i.e., are you meeting the right amount, too often, or not enough?)

(a) Seems to work well

(b) Good groove of if we need to meet more, we do if not we meet less

(5) Does the Committee work on IFT/Critical Care transport? If so, please summarize what you have been working on.

(a) Have not worked on that nor do we feel it is in the scope

(b) The goal of CP is to avoid transport because then it transitions to 911.

(c) The premise of CP is treating the patient where they are and talking clearly about what happens if they can't treat the patient where they are.

7) Old Business

a) Rules Committee

i) Committee discussed the upcoming review of the Chapter 19 draft at the rules committee.

ii) Soliana forwarded the committee invitation to all CP committee members should they want to attend.

iii) The committee reviewed the education standards draft developed by the Bison Six team.

(1) The committee discussed the length of time for each level and that the clinician level seems high but aligns with the scope and expectations.

(2) The committee will take time to review individually and provide Soliana with any comments or changes.

b) Pediatrics

i) Survey

c) Physician Onboarding Materials

d) Board Directive

i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item

8) New Business

9) Action Items for Next Meeting

10) Next Meeting

a) August 8th at 9:30 am

a) Motion to adjourn at 11:02 am

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	N
Raymond Howard, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	N
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Joshua Pobrislo	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	N
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Daniel Svenson	At-large	N
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y