

20240808- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2024
010:00 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 8/8/2024 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82453959343?pwd=eThoUTIxR3E5bisraXhqZ1pDL1ZWdz09>

“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 10:04 am.
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) July 11, 2024
 - b) Motion to approve by Charlie, seconded by Ellen.
 - c) Abstention by Karen and Dan, all others approve.
- 6) Office update
 - a) Soliana discussed the community paramedicine rule being reviewed at the board meeting and moving to public comment.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Rule
 - b) Pediatrics
 - i) Survey
 - (1) Final review of questions

(a) Committee reviewed the survey and is comfortable sending it out as is. The committee discussed doing a pilot phase of the survey to review and ensure that it is meeting the goals.

(2) Who to send/How to send

(a) Committee discussed developing a cover letter to go with the survey.

(i) Soliana and Dr. Lowry will draft and send to the committee for review.

(ii) Committee discussed who to target the survey with and discussed

1. MNPA – Dan Svenson is actively involved
2. Maine Chapter of Emergency Physicians
3. PCHC Pediatrics in Bangor
4. Maine Medical Association

(3) Go-live date (9 – September)

(a) The committee discussed aiming for a 9/9 go live date to hopefully have a few responses by the next meeting.

(b) Committee discussed giving participants 2 weeks max for the pediatric survey w/ flexibility to do 2 more weeks.

c) Physician Onboarding Materials

i) Strategy

ii) Josh mentioned that every program varies significantly, so it may be hard to develop overarching materials.

iii) The committee discussed potentially developing a pamphlet on what CP is.

iv) Ellen discussed the value of having a job description.

(1) Committee discussed enhancing that with a packet to provide guidance on specifics about the job description.

(2) Members discussed that some previous agencies created letters/flyers.

v) The committee discussed what items may be valuable within onboarding materials including:

(1) FAQ

(a) Time investment

(b) CQI

(i) Basic facts

(c) Links to rules

- (d) Education
- (e) Description of different levels
- (f) Discuss training expectations
- (g) Reimbursement/expectations
- (h)
- (2) Generic CP education
- (3) Generic information for medical directors
- (4) Brochure/ sales pitch
- (5) Example MOU/MOA.
 - (a) This may not be legally viable, however being able to direct agencies to places to support with this may be helpful.
- (6) Job description
- (7) Outline the expectations
- (8) Quality assurance section
 - (a) How to use the CH Module
 - (b) What are the QA/QI developments
 - (c) Different than what is available in 911 reporting
- (9) Clarity on what's allowed and what's reimbursable to ensure providers have an understanding of what's allowed now versus in the future.
- VI) Workgroup
 - (a) Committee is not in favor of a workgroup and would prefer to work collaboratively during committee meetings.
 - (b) Timeline goal: End of the year have a work product.
- d) Board Directive
 - i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
 - ii) No discussion had.
- 8) New Business
- 9) Action Items for Next Meeting
 - a) Collect MOUs, introductory paperwork and job descriptions
 - b) Soliana and Dr. Lowry – come up with a cover letter and strategy
- 10) Next Meeting
 - a) September 12th at 9:30 am – Do we want to move due to EMS World Expo?
 - i) Committee discussed keeping the same time but utilizing a different staff liaison as Soliana will be unable to attend.
 - a) Motion to adjourn at 11:20.

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Raymond Howard, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	N
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y-Late
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y - Late
Karen Pearson	College / University	Y
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	Y
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y-Late
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	N