

# 20240912- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024  
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/12/2024 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 9:32am.
- 2) Mission Statement
  - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a) August 8, 2024
  - b) Motion to approve by Josh, seconded by Dennis
  - c) Passed with 4 abstentions
- 6) Office update – Anthony Roberts
- 7) Old Business
  - a) Rule
    - i) The rule is out for public comment until 9/27/2024
  - b) Pediatrics
    - i) Survey – Pilot
    - ii) Review current results
    - iii) Does the committee want to make changes?

- (1) Josh expressed concern that the behavioral question was leading and questioned the value of the question: if you woke up tomorrow and all your patients' needs were met, what would that look like?
- (2) Ellen agrees that it may be leading, but helps see at a basic level, providers are not asking a lot; just meeting their needs.
- (3) Dr. Lowry asked: Are we satisfied with the questions, and do we want/need to make any changes?
  - (a) Josh asked: Does the cover letter explain what community paramedicine is?
    - (i) Dr. Lowry suggested adding a line that this isn't acute care.
  - (b) Dennis asked: Do we remove the behavioral health piece?
  - (c) Josh suggested changing the language to chronic medical/behavioral health conditions. The committee was in agreement.
  - (d) The committee discussed the frequency of behavioral health answers and the need within the community.
  - (e) Dr. McElrath asked: Do we want to continue asking, "If you woke up tomorrow and all your patients' needs were met, what would that look like?"
- c) Physician Onboarding Materials
  - i) Review submitted materials
  - ii) Committee discussed developing an Intro to CP document
    - (1) They reviewed Soliana's Maine EMS presentation and Lincoln County brochure
    - (2) Committee agreed on a digital version and discussed use of hyperlinks within the document.
    - (3) Committee discussed including the following:
      - (a) History of CP
      - (b) Agency Distribution
      - (c) Some data points and hyperlinks to other data
      - (d) Reimbursement, funding, and sustainability
- 8) Board Directive
  - i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
- 9) New Business

10) Action Items for Next Meeting

- a) Soliana and Dr. Lowry will make updates to the pediatric survey and develop some initial physician onboarding materials for review at the next meeting.

11) Next Meeting

- a) October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
- b) Motion to adjourn at 10:54 am

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Raymond Howard, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	Y
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Karen Pearson	College / University	N
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	N
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