

20241010- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2024

09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/10/2024 at 9:30 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) Dr. Lowry called the meeting to order at 9:32 am
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda.
 - a) Dr. Howard identified the need to update the agenda date.
 - b) Jason Oko requested to update the committee on rules.
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) September 12, 2024
 - i) Motion by Dr. Busko, seconded by Dr. Howard
 - ii) 3 abstentions, all others in favor – motion passes
- 6) Office update – Anthony
 - a) The office has paused process for the coming RFA to ensure that prior payments have been completed appropriately.
 - b) The office anticipates doing a single RFA rather than several smaller ones.
 - c) Wil requested that the committee be made aware that over the years NREMT has been waiting for the states and NASEMO to develop standards,

licensing levels, and programs for Community Paramedicine and the states have been waiting for NREMT to publish the content. States such as Maine are now very close to putting out those materials and therefore those issues will see progress.

7) Old Business

a) Rule – update on process

- i) Jason Oko reported that Chapter 19 has closed and there were five comments about the rule. The rules committee will meet on October 21 to discuss Chapter 19 and if it passes the rules committee that day it will go to the EMS Board for the November meeting and then to the Secretary of State's office.

b) Pediatric Survey

i) Review changes and make plan on full distribution

- (1) Question 6 to be changed to “What concerns do you have for your patients experiencing chronic/behavioral health conditions?”
- (2) Dennis Russell, Karen Pearson, and Jason Oko suggested breaking the question into two parts, one concerning physical health and one concerning behavioral health conditions.
 - (a) Decided to do Questions 6A and 6B.
- (3) The survey letter was suggested to be corrected because Dr. Lowery's email address was wrong.
- (4) Dr. Howard likes the letter.
- (5) The committee was comfortable sending the letter out.
- (6) Dr. Busko suggested adding the Maine Primary Care Association to the mailing.
- (7) Length of time to allow for the survey to be completed? (Lowery)
 - (a) Karen Pearson – No more than two weeks
 - (b) Charlie Mock – At least three weeks.
 - (c) Heather Pelletier – If you allow the recipients an extension, then MaineCare always takes the time off the initial time limit.
 - (d) Dr. Lowry – Give two weeks to complete the survey, then at the two-week mark send out an email notice there will be a two-week extension. The committee agreed with this.

c) Physician Onboarding Materials

i) Intro to CP

(1) Infographic Comments

- (a) Dr. Busko – We probably need to change the verbiage of medication reconciliation due to legality. Suggests that clinicians can do medication inventory and documentation. It was also suggested that we look at other verbiage to ensure we comply.
- (b) Genice Billing – Suggested the use of “medication management.”
- (c) Dr. Busko – Likes the infographic.
- (d) Dennis Russell - Likes the infographic.

(2) Chronic Conditions

- (a) Jason Oko – Top of the document change from “EMS Professionals” to “EMS Clinicians”
- (b) Dr. Busko – Suggested maybe the top five or top ten conditions. He also likes bar graphs.
- (c) Karen Pearson – Asks Dr. Busko, if the data coming from patients seen.
- (d) Dr. Busko – Yes or maybe percentage seen.
- (e) Dennis Russell – Cp engagement with certain conditions?
- (f) Karen Pearson – How many patients with these conditions and then visits? Patients’ CP visits and utilization, not costs.
- (g) Dr. Lowry stated he would like Soliana to do a mockup.
- (h) Karen Pearson requested Jason Oko, an updated CP report from MEFIRS, to see what the top diagnoses are for CP visits.

ii) Job Description

8) Board Directive

i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item

9) New Business

10) Action Items for Next Meeting

11) Next Meeting

- a) November 14th at 9:30 am
- b) Motion to adjourn at

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	N
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	N
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y-late
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
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	N
Daniel Svenson	At-large	Y
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	N
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y