

# 20241212- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024

09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 12/12/2024 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 9:32 am.
- 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) November 14, 2024
  - b) Motion to Approve by Josh, seconded by Walter
  - c) Abstention – Dr. Howard, Bridget, Cory, Nicole
  - d) Approval by all others
- 6) Office update – Soliana
  - a) Community Grant Program
    - i) Soliana updated the group on this grant opportunity and that it differs from the CP RFA.
  - b) RFA

- i) The state anticipates releasing the CP RFA in late December and applications closing around end of January.
  - c) SWOT Analyses
    - i) Soliana will be in the community a lot of January and less reachable than usual.
  - d) Data Committee
    - i) The data committee included an MIH representative.
  - e) Treat-in-place federal initiative
    - i) This bill does not look like it aligns perfectly with Maine's CP program, but represents good growth and movement in reimbursement in the broader EMS community.
- 7) Old Business
  - a) Rule – update on process
    - i) Still waiting for final legal approvals.
  - b) Pediatric Survey
    - i) Review responses
    - ii) Themes?
      - (1) Committee discussed that the responses speak to a lot of the work that is done within the adult world as well.
      - (2) Behavioral health needs are a large concern/need.
      - (3) Bridget identified that there may be a lack of knowledge of existing infrastructure, including home nursing access for newborns.
      - (4) Ellen discussed the importance of educating providers on existing services.
      - (5) Nicole discussed telemedicine capacity for areas with lack of access to services.
  - c) Physician Onboarding Materials
    - i) Review Intro to CP
      - (1) Committee updated “physician ordered” to “provider referred/ordered” to better clarify the work flow.
    - ii) Review FAQ
      - (1) Committee reviewed FAQ's and want to review a package at the January meeting
- 8) Board Directive
  - i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
- 9) New Business
  - a) Meeting cadence for 2025

- i) Committee wants to keep the same meeting cadence every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.
- b) CP CEH Program
  - i) Soliana presented the idea of standing up a monthly virtual CP CEH program that the committee helps coordinate with state support.
  - ii) Committee is supportive and wants to further discuss.
- c) Open Position – College/University
  - i) Position will be posted and look for March meeting interview.
- 10) Action Items for Next Meeting
  - a) Benjy and Soliana – Discuss how to increase education for pediatric patients and float ideas in January
  - b) Soliana – draft medical director packet for review
- 11) Next Meeting
  - a) January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
  - b) Motion to adjourn at 11:00 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 – Left Early
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y - Late
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Vacant	College / University	N/A
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	N
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Daniel Svenson	At-large	Y - late
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y-Late

