

20250313- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2025
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 3/13/2025 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/86737150819?pwd=055VbywCMWd5zANoYXXdYC77cjH2fZ.1>

“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 9:44.
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda.
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) January 9, 2025
 - b) Motion to approve by Dennis, seconded by Dr. Busko.
 - c) Abstention by Dr. Howard, unanimously passed otherwise
- 6) Office update – Jason
 - a) RFA# 202412213
 - i) The RFA received 14 applications and 10 agencies were conditionally awarded. There is a 15 day appeal period and then contracts can be signed.
 - b) CP/CCT Position – in budget

- i) There is a position that was included in the budget that would be half time CP and half time CCT. The budget is being reviewed by the legislature and they ultimately make the decision on whether to approve positions. If this position is approved we could look at hiring for this beginning of the fiscal year which start July 1st of 2026.
- c) E-licensing walk through
 - i) Jason Oko provided a walkthrough of the CP conditional licensure application within e-licensing.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) CP CEH Program
 - i) Sign Up and Discussion
 - (1) Committee discussed education as a big area of discussion across the system
 - (2) Committee discussed it would be helpful to have an index of educational opportunities
 - (3) Melissa provided info about current Maine EMS policy for approving CEH
 - (4) Committee would like to continue to focus on how they can encourage education development. They would also like to focus on how to make people aware of the opportunities and ensure that it is not a struggle to comply with the new rule.
 - ii) Marketing Materials
 - (1) <https://downeast.com/our-towns/deer-isle-memorial-ambulance-corps-community-paramedicine/>
 - (2) <https://wgme.com/news/i-team/hundreds-older-mainers-stuck-hospital-paramedics-step-up-help-nursing-home-health-care-seniors-maine-mainehealth-hospital-ambulance-caretaker-ems>
 - (3) <https://www.pressherald.com/2024/03/05/cardiac-care-hits-the-road-in-new-program/>
 - (a) How to support additional stories?
 - (i) Busko discussed applying to a grant to build and normalize the idea of using community paramedicine. He will develop a playbook for referrals from provider, using cp by care managers, how to coordinate services, building an "expert" role of billing and developing CP.
 - (ii) WCSH in Portland does a "207" 30min highlight in Maine, is there a way to highlight CP? Walter says they did briefly

mention his Downeast story so they might be interested in more

(iii) Committee discussed developing social media based on patient experiences to drive growth, excitement and demand

1. Could utilize: Short form video, photo essays,
 2. Committee discussed if this should be done at the local vs state level. How do we encourage this?
- Website Update –
End of May

(b) CP Website Update – end of May

(i) Dennis suggests that any reference materials and regulations be easily accessible on the new website including: Chapter 19, CEH, education standards, application expectations, etc

b) College/University Position

i) Two applicants – April Interviews

c) 2025 Goals

i) Marketing, Supporting education, Supporting new programs, Next steps/other ideas

(1) Dennis thinks that keeping people aware of grant opportunities should be a goal of the committee. Not sure how to operationalize but something to discuss.

(2) Committee discussed how to build a business model for CP – maybe develop a playbook similar to Dr. Busko's idea

(3) Committee identified knowing about MaineCare developments and needs for advocacy are important as well as keep budgetary discussions on the agenda.

(4) Heather discussed that she is working on a several-month internal review that will then allow rate-setting determination and policy pieces. They don't know how federal changes will impact Mainecare. CP will need a budget initiative eventually as no LD exists directing MaineCare to reimburse.

8) Board Directive

i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item

9) New Business

a) Transition in licensure

i) Operational Bulletin

- ii) FAQ Transition document
- iii) Would meetings be helpful?
 - (1) Committee identified having informational sessions would be helpful for the public.
 - (2) This enables dialogue to occur regarding the changes.
- 10) Action Items for Next Meeting
- 11) Next Meeting
 - a) April 10, 2025 at 9:30
 - 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	Y
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Cory Morse	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Vacant	College / University	N/A
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y – left early
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y
Daniel Svenson	At-large	Y
Nicole Burke	Home Health	N
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y

