

20250410- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 4/10/2025 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 9:32 am
- 2) Mission Statement
 - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda.
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) March 13, 2025
 - i) Motion to approve by Josh and second by Bridget. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Office update – Soliana
 - a) RFA

Soliana provided the following update:
“On March 24th and 25th, 2025, the federal government notified Maine’s Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that several grants, including the Health Disparities Grant, are terminated as of

March 24, 2025. As a result of the termination of this grant, any associated work was ordered stopped, effective immediately.

Additionally, the federal government has shortened the liquidation period for finalizing any expenses related to the grants. As a result, all invoices for services provided through the effective date listed above and that were funded by these grants must be submitted to the Department as outlined in the Agreement no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2025. The Health Disparities grant was fully funding RFA#202412213, which had conditionally awarded over \$1m to 10 Maine EMS licensed agencies. Those awardees were in various phases of contracting and without the grant funds all contracts were halted. These programs do not currently have other funding lines and will likely be forced to stand down, eliminating existing services in these communities.

The HDAP grant supported not only our Community Paramedicine Program, but also our Systems of Care work, including our AED registry, and the ongoing roll out of the PulsePoint Cardiac Arrest Bystander alert app.

We anticipate the sudden end of this grant funding will have a substantial impact on our established Systems of Care and Community Paramedicine programs, and will slow our progress in these important areas moving forward.”

b) EMS Awards

- i) Nominations are being accepted through April 21, 2025

7) Old Business

a) College/University Position

- i) Two applicants – Interviews

- i. Enter Executive session pursuant to Title 1 §405(6)(A) for the purposes of discussion and consideration of the appointment of an individual to the community paramedicine committee, citing that public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual's reputation or violation of the individual's right to privacy

- ii. Motion by Dennis and second by Josh to nominate Rebecca Stearns to the College/University position
 - (a) This was unanimously approved by committee
 - (b) The nomination will be sent to the board chair for approval
- b) CP CEH Program
 - i) Sign Up and Discussion
 - ii) Committee discussed past CP CEH sessions and process. Committee members will offer to host a specific month and the office will provide zoom link and support during.
 - iii) Committee members signed up for remaining slots over the rest of the year.
- c) Chapter 19 Changes
 - i) Info Sessions
 - i. Soliana provides an update on the Chapter 19 Community Paramedicine changes, including new licensing requirements and education standards. The key date for compliance with the new licensing requirements is December 1, 2025. The committee agrees to continue the Chapter 19 discussion in the May meeting.
- d) 2025 Goals
 - i) Marketing
 - ii) Budgeting
- 8) Board Directive
 - i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
- 9) New Business
- 10) Action Items for Next Meeting
- 11) Next Meeting
 - a) May 8, 2025 at 9:30
 - b) Motion to adjourn at 11:02

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	N
Vacant	College / University	N/A
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Ellen McFarland	At-large	Y-late
Daniel Svenson	At-large	N
Nicole Burke	Home Health	N
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y-late
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y