

# 20250612- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2025

09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 6/12/2025 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 9:33 am
- 2) Mission Statement
  - a) Dr. Lowry read the mission statement.
- 3) Attendance
- 4) Modifications to the agenda.
  - a) No modifications made
- 5) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a) April 10, 2025
  - b) May 8, 2025
    - i) Josh motioned to approve both minutes and seconded by Dennis
    - ii) Unanimously approved with one abstention from Nicole
- 6) Office update – Soliana
  - a) RFA
    - i) A Preliminary Injunction was recently granted in the multistate litigation regarding the terminated CDC and OBH grants. Our office recently

received the green light to start spending down those grant dollars. This means that we can move forward with contracts for those 10 conditional awardees resulting from RFA#202412213.

Our office is awaiting further information on when we will have funds in hand to encumber contracts, but we will work with each agency individually to begin drafting and completing contracts. If you would like to move forward with the contract from RFA#202412213, please let me know.

b) Community College Compact

- i) Committee discussed the compact meeting and found it helpful.
- ii) Soliana provided links to apply to be a part of the compact

c) Website Update

- i) The committee reviewed the CP updates on the website
- ii) Dennis recommended adding the formulary to the education page
- iii) Josh recommended adding a visual of the infographic created by the committee to the front page and email links for agency contacts to the agency page

d) Education committee

- i) Dennis provided an update on the education committee's discussion of ALS versus BLS training center capacity to teach CP courses

7) Old Business

a) CP CEH Program

- i) The committee discussed hoping to transition to recording CEH presentations and having them accessible for those who can't attend
- ii) The committee would like these tied to CEHs so potentially inputted into MEMSED
- iii) Committee discussed pre-approved courses
  - i. Some folks utilize existing CAPCE-approved courses
  - ii. The committee will work on developing a PDF document with resources for CAPCE-approved MIH/CP courses to reference

b) 2025 Goals

- i) Marketing
  - i. Committee discussed the recent articles following loss of RFA funds
  - ii. Dr. Lowry presented the idea of developing a forum/round table discussion to occur quarterly. This could include 5-10 minute discussions of what CP agencies are doing as well as collaborative

entities (social service, home health, palliative care, behavioral health, etc.)

- iii. Ellen discussed the recent morale issues around CP and how this may be beneficial to morale
- iv. The committee discussed possibly doing a hybrid style for the forums to support morale and accessibility

ii) Budgeting

8) Board Directive

- i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item

9) New Business

10) Action Items for Next Meeting

- a) Committee members will think about CEH providers for CAPCE-approved MIH/CP CEHs.
- b) Committee members will think about CP TED Talks/Benjoy's Open-Door concept for October.

11) Next Meeting

- a) July 10, 2025 at 9:30
  - i) The committee discussed tentatively cancelling the August CP Committee meeting. This will be assessed at the July meeting.
- b) Motion to adjourn at 10:49 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   | N           |
| Bridget Rauscher   | Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program      | N           |
| Joshua Pobrislo    | Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program      | Y           |
| Dennis Russell     | EMS Training Center                               | Y           |
| Cory Morse         | Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program | N           |
| Rebecca Stearns    | College / University                              | Y-Late      |
| Charlie Mock       | At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician         | N           |
| Walter Reed        | At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician         | Y           |
| Ellen McFarland    | At-large  | Y           |

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| Daniel Svenson      | At-large                 | N |
| Nicole Burke        | Home Health              | Y |
| Shauna McElrath, DO | Hospice/ Palliative Care | Y |
| Jonnathan Busko, MD | Hospital                 | Y |