

20260212- Community-Paramedicine-Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 2/12/2026 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/86984407564?pwd=Q49xr3tCzGbjRhXXxcbvIcgGMUkWau.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) December 11, 2025
 - i) Motion by Rebecca and second by Walter
 - ii) Fully passes
- 6) A Matter of Balance Presentation
 - a) Maureen Higgins presented on a Maine Health resource. This is a free, virtual resource that can support patients with a fall risk.
- 7) Legislative Update – Wil O’Neal
 - a) Wil provided an update on ongoing EMS-related legislative items, including LD 2019, LD 2119, LD 2133, LD 2128, and LD 2132.
 - b) Wil also discussed the recent resignation of the Maine EMS education coordinator. The office will look to post this position as quickly as possible.

8) Old Business

a) Education

i) Innovation Session Event – October 13

- i. General Outline
- ii. Committee discussed event running from 9:00 – 4:00
- iii. Committee discussed if we do a virtual option to have a bit more planning to make it more successful.
(a) For virtual sessions primarily just for speakers other breakouts will be just for in person
- iv. Half day for hybrid presentations and then afternoon sessions can include breakouts just for in person attendees

ii) 2026 CEH Sign Up

- i. August is available
(a) Committee members can email Soliana if interested. If no one is able to offer a session the CEH will be off that month.

iii) CP Track at DownEast Conference

- i. Updates – Dennis
(a) We are still looking to fill the CP track for the conference
(b) Interested parties can email Dennis or Soliana
(i) We will need a topic, bio, headshot etc.

b) Standing Order Protocol Review (Dr. Busko)

- i) The committee discussed interest in utilizing this as a concept/reference document versus sending it to the MDPB and Board to create a new protocol.
 - i. Members discussed that many agencies currently use a similar process with standing orders from their Primary Care Medical Director.
 - ii. The committee will review next month with some updated language
(a) They would like to remove protocol language and make language more akin to a concept document
(b) The committee discussed putting this on the resources page if they reach an agreement

c) Service Area (Josh Pobrislo)

i) Next Steps

- i. Josh discussed that he would like to maintain the current process with no next steps at this time

d) Board Directive

- i) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
- 9) Office update – Soliana
 - a) Soliana provided an office update. The state has submitted updates to the budget and is still awaiting approval.
- 10) New Business
 - a) Open Position – Hospital Rep
 - i) The committee discussed the current open position and a timeline for interviews
 - i. Committee discussed having 2 months for applications and looking to complete interviews in May
 - ii. Committee will discuss attendance requirements at next meeting
 - b) Increase in referrals
 - i) Josh discussed a recent increase in referrals and potential provider safety concerns
 - c) Data - February
- 11) Action Items for Next Meeting
- 12) Next Meeting
 - a) March 12, 2026 at 9:30
 - b) Motion to adjourn at 11:04

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Sean Bilodeau	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	N
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y
Vacant	Hospital-Based EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N/A
Rebecca Stearns	College / University	Y
Charlie Mock	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	N
Walter Reed	At-large Community Paramedicine Clinician	Y
Amy Drinkwater	At-large	Y
Daniel Svenson	At-large	Y

Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	N
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	N