

20260514- Community-Paramedicine- Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026
09:30 AM



Meeting Subject: CP Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 5/14/2026 at 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

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“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 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) April 9, 2026 – Josh motioned to accept, second by Dr. Bilodeau abstentions by Rebecca Stearns and Amy Drinkwater, approved by all others
- 6) Office Update - Soliana
 - a) Legislative Update
 - i) LD 2119 – Died on adjournment
 - b) NASEMSO CP-MIH
 - i) Provided overview of NASEMSO annual meeting and national scope development.
 - c) Staffing
 - i) Region 4 manager – hired and will be starting soon.

- ii) EMD Licensing Agent – hired and will be starting soon.
 - iii) OS2 and education coordinator – in the hiring process.
 - iv) CP/CCT and Licensing and RHTP position – Neither position has been posted.
 - v) State medical director – Accepting applications.
 - d) RHTP – The office anticipates completing an MOU with DHHS in June and has a draft RFA for agency initiatives being reviewed.
 - e) HDAP – Contracts end on 5/30/26, please send invoices for processing as soon as possible.
- 7) Old Business
- a) Board Directive
 - i) Chapter 19 – Committee discussed having an off-cycle meeting to go in depth into this. The committee created a list of areas they would like to review in the chapter at this meeting.
 - (a) Those who attend the off-cycle meeting will report out in the larger group to make next steps and possible motions.
 - ii. Primary care medical director (346)
 - (a) Versus EMS medical director
 - iii. IBSC – look at changes in how we view IBSC, similar to how we look at the National Registry
 - (a) Testing standard?
 - (b) Look at how we tie this to our scope of practice
 - iv. 2-year education process
 - (a) Gap Analysis
 - v. Section 9 – service licensure renewal
 - vi. Section 5 – CP formulary
 - vii. Section 3 – licensure levels
 - (i) Section 3 subsection III
 - viii. Conditional license timeline
 - (a) Designation
 - ix. CEH
 - x. Scope changes
 - (a) CP ability to offer vaccine clinics (without specific order for every pt. more of a collective order)
 - (b) Expansion of CP-T formulary to any CP-T (AEMT or Paramedic)
 - (c) EMS co-response or conversion to CP from 911 for patients that have CP
 - (d) Add dental care / SDF / topical fluoride

- (e) Ultrasound-guided phlebotomy and IV (IV for hospice/palliative services)
 - (f) Add OB pocus
 - (g) Add Ascites POCUS
 - (h) Asterisk that these should be optional items for the scope of practice
- xi. Who's interested in working on this
 - (a) Josh, Dr. Busko, Amy, Dr. Bilodeau, OMS can be a resource, Dennis, Rebecca
- xii. Committee discussed meeting at a halfway point between now and next meeting
 - (a) Meet on June 17th
 - (b) Email idea list back and forth, put together a formal recommendation. Soliana will send a SharePoint document with a list of points committee want's to review
 - (c) 1:00 – 3:00 (Off-cycle meeting)
- ii) MIH/Service Area- Standing Item
- b) Data
 - i) Soliana provided overview of NEMESIS CP-MIH data dictionary
 - i. This will be sent out for committee to review and further discussion
- c) Education
 - i) Innovation Session Event – October 13
 - ii) CP Track at DownEast Conference
 - i. Dr. McElrath discussed cold status conversations in the palliative care space
 - ii. How should you respond if there is a signed DNR in the home and there is someone in the home who starts CPR?
 - (a) Committee discussed there is not a right or black and white answer
 - (b) Clinician can ask do we think this is something they would want?
 - (c) Focus on scene safety
 - (i) Responses may depend who is on scene/how many people are on scene
- d) Open Position – Hospital Rep
- e) Standing Order Protocol Review (Dr. Busko)
- 8) Dr. Busko's project
- 9) New Business

- 10) Action Items for Next Meeting
 - a) Soliana will send Chapter 19 document
- 11) Next Meeting
 - a) June 11, 2026 at 9:30
 - b) Motion to adjourn at 11:00

Attendance

Member	Position	Present Y/N
Bruce Lowry, MD	Medical Direction and Practices Board Member	Y
Sean Bilodeau, MD	Community Paramedicine Program Medical Director	Y
Bridget Rauscher	Municipal EMS Community Paramedicine Program	N
Joshua Pobrislo	Non-Municipal Community Paramedicine Program	Y
Dennis Russell	EMS Training Center	Y-late
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	N
Nicole Burke	Home Health	Y
Shauna McElrath, DO	Hospice/ Palliative Care	Y
Jonnathan Busko, MD	Hospital	Y