

Developing a Canadian National Standard for Community Paramedicine Program Planning

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2. Overview of the Community Paramedicine Standards Project – status and timelines
3. Technical Committee - stakeholders involved
4. Purpose and scope of standard
5. Key elements of proposed standard
6. Challenges and Opportunities
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- Established in 1919
- Independent, not-for-profit
- Leader in standards development, product testing and certification, consumer product testing
- Accredited by Standards Council of Canada
- Extensive experience in standards development for first responders, emergency management & security



- **National** approach
- **Multi-stakeholder** participation
- **Consensus-based** decision-making (no one interest can dominate)
- **Open /Transparency** – public notice and public review
- **Training** for members and Chairs
- **Responsive** - ongoing review at least every 5 years
- **Sustainable** – CSA maintains the standard
- **Harmonization** – as required to meet stakeholder needs
- **Recognized Accredited** process through SCC
- **Due Diligence /Rigour** – document control, quality review

Status of Project – Z 1630

- ✓ Project approved in Jan. 2016
- ✓ Supported through Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) and other partners – contract completed
- ✓ Terms of Reference for Committee
- ✓ Call for participation for Committee members
- ✓ Liaison and alignment with related activities established (e.g. PAC framework and WG on Community Paramedicine)
- ✓ Research and collection of source material (ongoing)
- ✓ Seed document (draft) prepared for review and use by Committee
- ✓ 1st meeting of Technical Committee held May 24, 2016
- Estimated time for completion of project – March 31, 2017

- 1. Committee Chair / Vice Chair**
- 2. CSA Project Manager**
- 3. Voting & Non-voting Committee Members**
- 4. Observers / Guests**



- **Users**

 - Members of Paramedic Service organizations

 - Geographic representation (Canadian & International)

- **Regulatory /Government**

 - Representatives from Provincial ministries & self–regulatory bodies

- **General Interest**

 - Representatives from health care associations, home care, researchers, etc.

- **Service Providers**

 - Educators, Training organizations

Purpose:

- To provide guidance to fully understand the context, key considerations and essential elements for community paramedicine program development.



Scope:

- Provides a framework and a systematic approach for paramedic services and their partners wishing to establish community paramedicine programs.

The intent is not to promote uniformity in the structure of community paramedicine programs, but to encourage organizations to implement programs appropriate to community needs and available resources.

This is a program standard, not a management system standard



Program framework structure :

- Definitions and abbreviations
- Guiding Principles for CP Programs
- Types of CP Programs (models of care)
- Program Development (planning, stakeholder engagement)
- Implementation
- Competency, Education and Training
- Communications
- Evaluation (monitoring and measuring) & Management Review

- Checklists (e.g. home assessment checklist)
- Clinical guidelines for common conditions
- Sample forms, etc.

- Does the draft content meet the needs of users?
- Do the guiding principles reflect reality?
- How much detail should be provided on competency?
- Should the standard outline training/curriculum requirements?
- “Should” or “shall” (guidance vs set of requirements for program compliance)
- Should standard provide existing good practice or be more aspirational?
- How far should the standard go in providing clinical guidelines for common conditions?
- Should the standard establish metrics for measuring and monitoring programs or is this outside the scope of document?

- Outreach and consultations
 - presentation to IRCP Conference in Saskatoon in June
 - potential online surveys to paramedic community
 - liaison with PAC WG on Community Paramedicine
 - other communications (social media, articles, etc.)
- Public Review Process
 - opportunity for comments from any stakeholders
- Alignment with other related activities



Thank you Questions?

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