

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Workgroup Of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

Draft Minutes

November 30th, 2016

Manchester Fire Department, 75 Center Street, Manchester, CT

Attendance: David Bailey, Joshua Beaulieu, Lauri Bolton, Marielle Daniels, Irene Smith, Erin Maloney, Nancy Brunet, Jason Bak, Jose Matias, Greg Allard, Christopher O'Brien, Doug Dole, Jim Santacroce

Phone: Leonard Guercia, Joe Larcheveque, Fred Potter, Bruce Baxter, Terence Sheehan

Meeting called to order at 1405 hours.

David Bailey reports no official update regarding MIH in CT. Reports that DSS and DPH may have had possible meetings regarding the subject, but no information was shared.

Mariella Daniels believes that DSS was working on putting together a report that will be inclusive of reimbursement needs. Bruce Baxter confirms this, and advises that DSS should have the document at the start of the Legislative season.

Dave Bailey reports that MIH has forward movement on a national level, but was not aware of new states with MIH programs. Fred Potter advises that Westerly, RI received an AFG grant and is working on building a program. Does not know details of the program, but believes that a waiver may be needed at the state level, depending on scope. Reports that the AFG grant supported training for 6 people, and that they are using a critical care training model. Chris O'Brien reports that Mass and Wisconsin are sending people to MIH training in Minnesota.

Josh Beaulieu states that the MIH worker group (Beaulieu, Bailey, and Allard) recently had a meeting with the Vice President of CHA. Their suggestion was to focus on success stories within the community. Greg Allard adds that services should track current connections with Social Services, Fire Marshals, or similar. Mariella Daniels suggests focusing on educating the public, instead of focusing on what's not happening.

The question was raised to the group regarding biggest hurdle in CT for starting MIH. Fred Potter believes that it is regulatory language regarding EMS being limited to the Emergency setting. Jose Matias reports that infringing on other town's PSA's is a problem. Jim Santacroce reports that dispatch is a primary hurdle; reports that calls can't be moved out of the 911 system and feels that agreements need to be made or alternate call numbers are needed. Joe Larcheveque reports that Stamford has a MIH program drafted, but is waiting for DSS and regulatory change.

The group discusses working on very simple tasks that can be done with the current regulations to start an MIH program. Many people believe that working with Hospice may be the least

difficult approach. Josh Beaulieu requests that systems/communities identify their needs, in writing, for the group to review. States that they should be based on current regulations, outside of legislative change or reimbursement. Reiterates that draft programs must identify need and have a realistic plan for how it can be accomplished.

David Bailey reviews the core metrics for any MIH proposal:

- 1) Executive level commitment to the program, and direct involvement
- 2) Executive level approved strategic plan
- 3) Program needs to be designed to provide an unserved need
- 4) Compliance plan showing program operates within regulations

Dave recommends that the group review these metrics so that the MIH workgroup can recommend these standards (or not).

Dave Bailey requests that group members bring success stories, data, and MIH proposals to the next meeting.

Reporting Data- Josh Beaulieu, Erin Maloney, and Chris O'Brien

Success Stories- Josh Beaulieu, Erin Maloney, and Chris O'Brien

MIH proposals- Fred Potter, Josh Beaulieu, Joe Larcheveque

David Bailey announces that he will not be able to continue as the chair person for the MIH workgroup, due to other work commitments. Josh Beaulieu states that he would be willing to be the chairperson for the group, as long as the group endorses this (via vote or appointment). People who are interested in the chairperson position should contact Gregory Allard.

Next Meeting will be Thursday December 22nd, at 1400 at Manchester Fire Department (75 Center Street, Manchester, CT). The group tentatively agrees on meeting once a month, the 4th Thursday of each month.