

Approved February 27, 2019  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 0900 hours  
At Hunters Ambulance

Members Attendees: G. Allard, S. Gelati, R. Guthrie, R. Lanouette, N. Mayeda-Brescia, K. McClaine, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, J. Quinlavin, F. Rosa, W. Schietinger, R. Ziegler and I. Smith.

OEMS Staff: R. Kamin, R. Coler,

Regional Coordinators: J. Reynolds, J. Speck, S. Durante

Regional Presidents: M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, S. Gelati.

Committee Chairs: R, Kamin (CEMSMAC), D. Dole (Paramedic), J. Paretzky, (Volunteer), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (Communications), S. Gregg (Trauma) and V. Barnes, (EMSC).

Guests: Jim Santacroce, Kate Coupe.

Board Chair: Greg Allard

Request for written reports may be made to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. [Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov](mailto:Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov)

Meeting opened at 0910 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Minutes of January 3, 2019	No corrections.	Motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2019 by R. Lanouette and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by R. Guthrie.  Motion passed unanimously.
Moment of silence	Honoring	Pat Holyfield, EMS-I  Newington EMS Asst. Chief John Szczerkowski	
Chair's report	2019 Board goals	*EMS to ED turnover document *CCT Process *MIH Program Develop Educational Requirements Draft Legislation *Trauma Committee, Standing Committee *National Registry State-Legislative support/pass *Establish a guide to help Regionalize Services *Complete Regulation re-write project Begin review for next update	
	Fire EMS Caucus	This Caucus will meet monthly.  Discussion including the benefits of this	

		Caucus and the contributions presented regarding EMS.	
DPH/OEMS	Written report submitted.	<p>Review of written report.</p> <p>Discussion regarding reporting of Opioid Overdoses reporting to Poison Control.</p> <p>The goal is to have protocol in place by April 1, 2019.</p> <p>Question regarding what makes up an ALS crew. Discussion regarding regulations and current practices.</p> <p>MIH update. April 1 goal for submitting MIH report to Legislators.</p> <p>Regional Coordinators now do application reviews.</p>	<p>Opioid Conferences are on line at CT-TRAIN. Continuing education credits are granted for Participation.</p> <p>Minutes of MIH are available on CT-N website.</p>
	EMSC	<p>25 new agencies have submitted contact persons for EMSC.</p> <p>Report on classes scheduled.</p> <p>Agenda includes incorporating Moment of Silence and hand off documentation into Pediatric protocols.</p>	
Breakout sessions	See notes following these minutes.	Regionalization	
		Documentation	Hand off data set will be on the February Board agenda.

		Legislative	
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Written report submitted	Equipment list provided. Discussion of minutes. EMT Epi. Will be submitted to the Commissioner soon. Lights and Sirens discussed.	Vote at February board meeting.
	CORC	Name to change to Council of Regional Presidents. Committee by-laws have been updated. Regional Plan submitted. 2018 report submitted. Agenda will focus on Strategic Planning.	
	Communications	Working to pull the Communications group together again.	
	CORC Written report submitted	Name change to COR"P", for "Presidents". Review of minutes was done including awards and local EMS plans.	
	Emergency Planning Written report submitted	No comments.	
	Legislative	EMS and CSFA legislative submissions were provided.	
	Paramedic		Meeting scheduled for February.

	Trauma	<p>Moving ahead with upgrading V5 data.</p> <p>Field Triage Protocol are a part of proposed Legislative changes.</p> <p>There will be a 25 minute Trauma presentation at the EMS conference.</p> <p>Hemorrhage control programs discussed.</p> <p>Gun violence as a Public Health issue is under discussion.</p>	
	Volunteer		Meeting February 18, 2019.
	MIH		
Other	Committee Chairs	Chair needs to appoint chairs again.	
	Clinical Coordinators	<p>Have not been meeting.</p> <p>J. Santacroce will reach out to Coordinators.</p>	
New business	Documentation, PCRs	<p>What is preventing timely documentation?</p> <p>Each service needs to look at this and submit comments.</p>	
Adjournment	At 1138 hours		<p>Motion to adjourn by I. Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Rosa.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Next meeting	February 27, 2019,	At Hunters Ambulance	0900 hours

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## Breakout Session Notes

### Regionalization Discussion – 1/23/2019

Our breakout group discussed EMS regionalization. The group was told about a consulting report being completed by the Holdsworth group for several communities in the Northwest area of the State. The agencies involved with this study appear open to the idea of sharing resources. The draft report will be out by the end of this month. It is likely that this report will provide suggestions for resource sharing among communities experiencing service delivery challenges that could potentially be shared and considered in other areas of the State.

Several reasons for reluctance to sharing service resources were discussed. Anecdotally it is believed that the concept of local control as the preferred business model (a reluctance to give up a local fiefdom) is seen as a primary limiter to greater regionalization discussion.

It was also discussed that agency leadership and municipality leadership are both likely to change regularly in many communities, making progress in these areas difficult to maintain.

A primary alternative to deeper cooperation among agencies is an increased reliance on paying for additional staff or contracting out to another provider agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Beaulieu, MBA, LP

Legislative group discussed the following:

- Lack of engagement from field providers when it comes to legislative issues. This is due to lack of knowledge as to what is affecting them and/or lack of interest in helping.
- An idea using Survey Monkey to get something out to all CT providers to ask them about legislative matters.
- Talked about a 'plug-in" being added to the [ctemscouncils.org](http://ctemscouncils.org) website
  - Plug-in for letter creation to CT Representatives and Senators
  - Create a supportive letter and lack of support letter
- An idea to add the bills we are tracking to the [ctemscouncils.org](http://ctemscouncils.org) website
- Discussed the couple bills related to Stretcher Vans and the fact that we do not support them here in CT
- Discussed strengthening the definition of injury which in turn should help police press charges on those people assaulting EMS
  - Need to discuss with CPCA and CSP to see if we can gain their support

1/23/19 - Hand off Sub-committee

Kyle, Art, Jean, Jay, Irene

Solutions:

Suggested full page report if done on paper

Space for patient identifier/sticker

1. Standard set of data to handoff

1. Name

2. DOB

3. Transporting EMS service

4. Date of service/time of arrival

5. Language barrier/limitations (MR, autism, etc)

6. Allergies
7. Meds
8. Presenting problem/CC
9. Vitals
10. Critical Findings
  1. Stroke, STEMI, trauma, sepsis
11. Interventions
  1. Meds, splinting, TQ, etc
  2. Hand-off technique (example - moment of silence)

Measure:

Time in triage

Frequency of stacked calls

Number of times there is a call to be answered (not stacked)

Mutual aid utilized

Time paid to providers to finish charts at end of day