
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. Beauleau (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
Meeting opened at 0910 hours.

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<td>Minutes</td>
<td>Minutes of January 3, 2019</td>
<td>No corrections.</td>
<td>Motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2019 by R. Lanouette and 2nd by R. Guthrie. Motion passed unanimously.</td>
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<td>Moment of silence</td>
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<td>Pat Holyfield, EMS-I</td>
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<td>Newington EMS Asst. Chief John Szczerkowski</td>
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<td>Chair’s report</td>
<td>2019 Board goals</td>
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<td>*Trauma Committee, Standing Committee</td>
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<td>*National Registry State-Legislative support/ pass</td>
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<td>*Establish a guide to help Regionalize Services</td>
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<td>*Complete Regulation re-write project</td>
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<td>Begin review for next update</td>
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<td>Fire EMS Caucus</td>
<td>This Caucus will meet monthly</td>
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Discussion regarding reporting of Opioid Overdoses reporting to Poison Control.  
The goal is to have protocol in place by April 1, 2019.  
Question regarding what makes up an ALS crew. Discussion regarding regulations and current practices.  
MIH update. April 1 goal for submitting MIH report to Legislators.  
Regional Coordinators now do application reviews. | Opioid Conferences are on line at CT-TRAIN. Continuing education credits are granted for Participation.  
Minutes of MIH are available on CT-N website. |
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| EMSC | 25 new agencies have submitted contact persons for EMSC.  
Report on classes scheduled.  
Agenda includes incorporating Moment of Silence and hand off documentation into Pediatric protocols. | |
| Breakout sessions | See notes following these minutes. | Regionalization |
|  |  | Documentation  
Hand off data set will be on the February Board agenda. |
| Committee reports | CEMSMAC  
Written report submitted | Legislative  
Equipment list provided.  
Discussion of minutes.  
EMT Epi. Will be submitted to the Commissioner soon.  
Lights and Sirens discussed. | Vote at February board meeting. |
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| 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. | Working to pull the Communications group together again. | |
| Communications    | Working to pull the Communications group together again. | Name change to COR"P", for "Presidents".  
Review of minutes was done including awards and local EMS plans. | |
| CORC              | Written report submitted | Name change to COR"P", for "Presidents".  
Review of minutes was done including awards and local EMS plans. | |
<p>| Emergency Planning| Written report submitted | No comments. | |
| Legislative       | Written report submitted | EMS and CSFA legislative submissions were provided. | |
| Paramedic         |                                | Meeting scheduled for February. | |</p>
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<td>Trauma</td>
<td>Moving ahead with upgrading V5 data. &lt;br&gt;Field Triage Protocol are a part of proposed &lt;br&gt;Legislative changes. &lt;br&gt;There will be a 25 minute Trauma presentation at the EMS conference. &lt;br&gt;Hemorrhage control programs discussed. &lt;br&gt;Gun violence as a Public Health issue is under discussion.</td>
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<td>Volunteer</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Committee Chairs &lt;br&gt;Chair needs to appoint chairs again.</td>
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<td>Clinical Coordinators</td>
<td>Have not been meeting. &lt;br&gt;J. Santacroce will reach out to Coordinators.</td>
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<td>New business</td>
<td>Documentation, PCRs &lt;br&gt;What is preventing timely documentation? &lt;br&gt;Each service needs to look at this and submit comments.</td>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>At 1138 hours</td>
<td>Motion to adjourn by I. Smith and 2(^{nd}) by F. Rosa. &lt;br&gt;Motion passed unanimously.</td>
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<td>February 27, 2019, 0900 hours</td>
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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 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 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