

Approved July 22, 2020
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 0900 hours
Via teleconference due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, Nancy Mayeda-Brescia, M. Daniels, W. Fitzmaurice, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, A. Romano, F. Rosa, W. Schietinger, I. Smith and D. Tompkins.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, A. Pugliese, J. Demers

Regional Coordinators: S. Durante

Regional Presidents: M. Blake, M. Wilson, F. Rosa, M. Zacchera and W. Fitzmaurice.

Committee Chairs: M. Loiz (Legislative), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (Communications), W. Ackley (Emergency Preparedness), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Parttzky (Volunteer)

Guests: S. Conley, K. Coupe, K. Ferrarotti, P. Canning, L. Timmons (CARES), D. Smith, T. Schietinger

Board Chair: Greg Allard

Request for written reports may be made to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov

Meeting opened at 0907 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence	In memorial	Bryan Wood, Darien PD/Norton Heights Vol Fire Ralph Banning, Past Chief Bozrah	
Minutes	Minutes of May 27, 2020	No corrections.	Motion to accept the minutes of May 27, 2020 by Fred Potter, 2 nd Jay Paretzky. Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report	Hartford Healthcare EMS report sent out.	Annual Report Update - 2018/2019 - submitted to DPH Acting Commissioner Gifford. Steering committee; Virtual and In-Person Meeting Schedule; meetings will remain virtual for a while; possibly a blended schedule; blended schedule seems to be the consensus. Appointment Letters Needed for audit: Brescia, Romano, Johnson Please review bylaws; article 5 sec one regarding term limits, suggestion by I. Smith to clean up – add to future agenda. Announced new member, Jonathan Gates, COT representative.	By-laws for September agenda.

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	Breakout Session, all present for comments.	Kevin Ferrarotti HHC COVID-19 EMS Response Survey / Regional Collaboration. Lengthy discussion regarding a new survey to evaluate the immediate and long-term needs for EMS.	A new Board Committee will be formed by the Chair with K. Ferrarotti as chair and F. Rosa. Other members will be solicited.
DPH-OEMS R. Coler	Written report submitted, June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • Phase 2 of reopening, hospitalization numbers are going down. • PPE continue to be distributed; shout out to Judi and Shawn; M. Wilson and L Brockett • Communication and Everbridge statements reviewed • Education and Training; returning to classroom following guidelines; psychomotor exams • EMS Trauma data is with Digital Innovation. EMS successfully transitioned to Image Trend. • NEMSIS submission is ongoing. • Opioid response, completed first year and is current work on grant and contract with local health department. • Protocols in process. • Local EMS planning, HeartSafe info attached to report. • Regional coordinators position. • Board of Directors for north central EMS, lessons to learn through COVID • OEMS office – continuity of operations plan; needs to be active and ongoing with services • EMS plans for municipalities – many are not up to date 	R. Coler expressed sincere thanks to several staff members for their excellent efforts during this extreme time of the Covid -19 Pandemic.

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	EMS-C	No update	M. Blake stated 2 PEP courses will be held June 29 and 30, 2020.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for June 2020. K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol committee continues to be active. • Statue Trauma committee active • CARES Update by L. Timmons; open to all agencies free of cost. 	
	Communications B. Morris	No meetings. No update.	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<p>Discussion re EMS Awards; thinking of having an awards ceremony in September. Nomination period has been extended. Deadline of August 1st for submissions. Currently 29 submissions.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Unit Citation.</p>	<p>The 2020 EMS Conference is cancelled. Planning in process for a May 2021 conference.</p> <p>Planning for a fall presentation of this year's awards.</p>
	Education and Training M. Zacchera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway management for Paramedic programs; will be discussing with CEMSMAC • Discussion of BLS lesson plans; will be ongoing over the summer • Group working on protocol questions; waiting for rollout of protocols • Various members working with J. Demers regarding educational exams. 	
	Emergency Preparedness B. Ackley	No meeting, no report.	

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	Legislative M. Loiz	Law enforcement reform and mail-in ballots priority.	Meeting notice will be sent for June 30, 2020 meeting.
	Trauma	No report	
	MIH J. Beaulieu	Communication to DPH Acting Commission and OEMS regarding COVID-19 challenges; have not received any response.	Meeting on June 25, 2020 at 2 PM via teleconference.
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	<p>Difficulty setting up meeting. Discussion regarding volunteer survey results, general decrease in calls by 35 to 40 % during pandemic and the possibility of having legislative change allowing crews to have an EMR with a Paramedic as minimal crew.</p> <p>Continuing a minimal crew of EMR and Paramedic is not supported by OEMS. There would have to be a gap analysis done to have any possibility of consideration by OEMS.</p>	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	Next meeting July 1, 2020.	
Action item		No action items	

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Old Business		CPR in schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public Act 15-94</i> • <i>Chapter 164 Section 10-16b</i> • First Responder Data to OEMS 	
New Business		None	
Next meeting	July 22, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours.	
Adjournment	At 1008 hours		

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