

Approved October 28, 2020
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 0900 hours
Via teleconference due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, N. 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, R. Kamin, A. Pugliese, J. Demers, J. Reynolds

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

Committee Chairs: M. Loiz (Legislative), K. McClaine and R. Kamin (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), M. Zacchera (Education/Training), J. Laucella (Regionalization)

Guests: S. Conley, L. Timmons (CARES), J. Way, K. Coupe, K. Ferrarotti, T. Schietinger, Don Smith.

Board Chair: Greg Allard

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

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Meeting opened at 0906 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence	In memorial	Charlie Martindale, Paramedic from Hunters and Common Cents EMS.	
Minutes	Minutes of August 26, 2020		Motion to accept Aug. 26, 2020 minutes 1 st F. Potter, 2 nd M. Blake Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merging Emergency Preparedness & Regional Collaboration Committees due to similarities in work • Bylaw Review - Conducted Steering; No changes • Job Descriptions created for Vice Chair/Secretary --Review descriptions Provided. Vice Chair will assume the role of Nominating Committee chair. • Review of 2021 meeting Schedule. Must be sent to Secretary of State. • Letter of Support Request - CARES – completed. • Board Openings - Ralf and Brie Wolf sent list 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Chairs - please be sure to list all committee members (present or not, in minutes). Be sure to include Date, author, contact information and location of meeting on minuetts as well. 	
	<p>Breakout Session Start 0924 Ended 0948</p>	<p>Mental Health Discussion – Kevin Ferrarotti</p> <p>Robust discussion with suggestions from multiple Board members.</p>	<p>General agreement that this is the time to address physical and mental health issues facing EMS providers.</p> <p>Kevin Ferrarotti will serve as leader to formulate suggestions on how the Board will proceed including the formation of a Committee of the Board.</p>
<p>DPH-OEMS R. Coler</p>	<p>Written reports submitted, July, August and Sept 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • OEMS communication statement sent regarding approval of protocols (v2020.2) • Airway document sent to Commissioner for approval • COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website; distribution of PODS has been stopped, PPE request procedure will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks. • Education and Training; Questions go to Joel Demers 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Trauma data, consultant Heidi Fitzgerald has been hired with funding until the end of the year. • Ann Kloter is retiring Nov. 1st. • Opioid response; SWORD going well • Heartsafe; still several municipalities have not compiled • Region 5 Coordinator position; interviews have been completed; currently at HR • Region 3 position has been posted; interviews have been scheduled. 	
	EMS-C, V. Barnes	No report	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for Sept 10, 2020. R. Kamin, K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes. • New appointees for Trauma committee • Protocols approved and on website • CARES continues to gain strength. • Subcommittee held for IFT • Ongoing work regarding Diversion Guidance • CME Sharing • Question regarding the Trinity program of whole blood provided in the field. Discussion. 	
	Communications B. Morris	No report	

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	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations have been received by CORP and rewards have been selected. • Presentations may be done at a regional level. • Working on securing a proclamation from the governor to recognize EMS responders. 	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regionalization & collaboration discussion and how roles have changed, reviewing current regulations. • J. Laucella will Chair the Committee. 	Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1100 hours.
	Legislative M. Loiz, minutes of June and September submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate is supposed to be meeting; agenda has not been set yet. Concern that none of the legislative issues are included • Mental Health First Aid; continuing to follow; would like to see on the docket. 	
	MIH, G. Allard spoke on behalf of J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal letter written to ask OEMS to include paramedics in helping with vaccinations. • Executive order would be needed. • No response from anyone in government regarding letters sent from the Board or MIH committee. 	Next meeting on Sept 24, 2020
	Volunteer J. Paretzky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recent meetings. • For next committee agenda consideration/discussion: EMS responding 	

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		minimal crew consisting of EMR and Paramedic.	
	Ed and Training M. Zacchera, minutes of August 18, 2020 submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on updating protocol test bank. • Update on BLS presentation that is online. 	
	Trauma S. Gregg	No report	
Next Meeting	October 28, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via teleconference at 0900 hours 	
Adjournment			Meeting Adjourned at 10:27

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