

Approved August 26, 2020
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 0900 hours
Via teleconference due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

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

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

Committee Chairs: M. Loiz (Legislative), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (Communications), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), V. Barnes (EMS-C), S. Gregg (Trauma), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), K. Ferrarotti (Covid Response)

Guests: L. Timmons (CARES), T. Schietinger, Philip Onofrio, D. Dole, Jeffrey Way

Board Chair: Greg Allard

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

Meeting opened at 0906 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence	In memorial	None	
Minutes	Minutes of June 24, 2020	Amended corrections.	Motion to amend the agenda to move the minute approval to meeting action items: 1 st Fred Potter, 2 nd Fred Rosa Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		Rate Increase request – providers are putting in requests to the Commissioner to increase rates. Pending Worker's Comp Executive Order to come out from Gov. Lamont. Not one response to the widely distributed letter regarding Covid-19 and MIH letter sent out in early June. Discussion followed.	Motion to write a letter to the Public Health committee members by Fred Rosa, 2 nd Art Romano. Motion passed unanimously.
	Breakout Session, all present for comments.	None	

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DPH-OEMS R. Coler	Written report submitted, July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website • Education and Training; practical exams sites are properly screening candidates for COVID-19 • EMS Trauma data is with digital innovation, uploaded and available; transitioned over to Image Trend • ODMAP Statewide Expansion and response Grant • Hiring of Stacey Durante as Heath Program Associate • OPIOID Directive; ongoing SWORD newsletters • Protocols in process. • Local EMS planning, HeartSafe info attached to report. • Two positions open, Region 3 and 5. Region 3 position in process for applicants. • PPE distribution will be ending 8/7/2020. 	Lengthy discussion regarding significant number of EMS personnel not familiar with the SWORD mandate. Multiple ideas presented by those present and with total support of OEMS efforts.
	EMS-C V. Barnes	<p>Still coordinator for EMSC in CT as well as Nationally.</p> <p>Procured some extra funding from coalition. PEP courses have been done and purchasing of low fidelity manikin.</p> <p>Working on pediatric forum rescheduling.</p>	Special thanks to K. McClaine and R. Kamin

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Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for July 2020. K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved current Protocol changes. Protocols have been sent to the Commissioner. A summary of changes will be distributed. • Interfacility transfers is under review. • State Trauma committee active on the committee. • L. Timmons (CARES); plan of action for end of year to set routine monthly meetings; more agencies are continually to enroll, surpassed the 50% mark. 	
	Communications B. Morris	<p>No meetings. Communications regarding COVID-19 have occurred through email.</p> <p>Hospital Diversion guidelines are in discussion. Any decisions will be forwarded to CEMSMAC for approval.</p>	
	CORP, minutes of July 21, 2020 submitted. W. Fitzmaurice	<p>Held a conference call; Discussion re EMS Awards; still plan to hold 2020 awards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) set a deadline for submission of 8/24/20. (2) Would like to have a ceremony, possibly 9/30/2020, depending on COVID situation, details in discussion. (3) Discussion regarding Unit Citation. (4) Legislator to recognize EMS providers (5) Elections; current officers have been nominated to stay on for next term. 	Next meeting August 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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	Education and Training M. Zacchera	No meeting. No report. Discussed letter sent out by UCONN EMT club on campus. The group is very active and is planning an EMS conference.	Next meeting to be held in August.
	Emergency Preparedness	No report.	
	Legislative M. Loiz	No meeting this month. PTSI/mental health first aid discussion. Legislative proposals my need to be moved to the second legislative session. Worker Compensation bill has been drafted; could be an executive order, it may come up in September special session. Concentration is legislative is currently on police reform and mail-in ballots.	Next meeting August 20, 2020. Motion made to allow the Legislative Chair to follow and comment on Workers Compensation legislation that relates to PTSI/mental health aid for EMS by J. Oats 2 nd by Bill Fitzmaurice. Motion passed unanimously.
	Trauma S. Gregg Minutes submitted	Met in July 2020. Discussion regarding data project manager position elimination. Ann Kloter is still in the data position. Field Trauma Triage protocol has been submitted went to CEMSMAC. The use of cefazolin prehospital by Paramedics for patients with open fractures was approved and sent to CEMSMAC for consideration. COVID-19 best practices discussion.	

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	MIH	No report	
	Covid Response Comm. K. Ferrarotti Written report submitted	Covid-19 response in each region; challenges and lessons learned; region collaboration discussed.	Next meeting first Wednesday in August.
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	No report.	A virtual meeting will be scheduled.
	Nominating and Membership B. Campion	Clarify terms of office.	Please review bylaws; article 5 sec one regarding term limits, suggestion by I. Smith to clean up.
Action item	June minutes		Motion to accept the amended minutes of June 24, 2020 by F. Rosa, 2 nd R. Guthrie Motion approved unanimously.

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New Business		<p>Submitted by J. Laucella Relevant to current pandemic situation. Biological Incidents Awareness (AWR-118): Wednesday, September 30, 2020</p> <p>Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents (PER-220): Tuesday-Wednesday, October 6-7, 2020</p> <p>Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters (MGT-409): Tuesday-Wednesday, November 10-11, 2020</p>	
Next meeting	August 26, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours.	
Adjournment	At 1024 hours		<p>Motion to adjourn by I. smith 2nd by F. Rosa.</p> <p>Motion passed unanamosly.</p>

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