

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 0900 hours**

Via teleconference due to COVID-19 Pandemic Draft-For

Approved September 23, 2020

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, M. Daniels, W. Fitzmaurice, R. Guthrie, R. Kamin, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, J. Quinlavin, F. Potter, F. Rosa, W. Schietinger, I. Smith, D. Tompkins.

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

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

Committee Chairs: M. Loiz (Legislative), K. McClaine and R. Kamin (CEMSMAC), V. Barnes (EMSC), B. Morris (Communications), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), S. Gregg (Trauma), M. Zacchera (edu/training).

Guests: S. Conley, L. Timmons (CARES), D. Dole, K. Coupe, D. Smith

Board Chair: Greg Allard

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

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Meeting opened at 0907 hours.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Moment of Silence	In memorial	None	
Minutes	Minutes of July 22, 2020	Minor Corrections	Motion to accept July 22, 2020 minutes with corrections: 1 <sup>st</sup> R. Guthrie, 2 <sup>nd</sup> W. Fitzmaurice  Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		B. Ackley chair stepping down from Emergency Preparedness role. I. Smith chair leaving role as secretary. Looking for volunteers for roles; discussion for upcoming steering committee  Need for bylaw review regarding clarification of term limits.  Asking for letter of support for L. Timmons for CARES initiative.	Motion to write a letter of support for CARES. 1 <sup>st</sup> I. Smith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Blake  Motion passed unanimously.
	Breakout Session	None	

<p>DPH-OEMS R. Coler</p>	<p>Written report submitted, August 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of submitted report.</li> <li>• COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website</li> <li>• Education and Training; EMS courses have returned to limited clinical experience in hospital and ambulance.</li> <li>• EMS Trauma data / Image Trend discussion</li> <li>• ODMAP Statewide Expansion and response Grant budgets have gone out, discussion</li> <li>• OPIOID Directive; annual report to commissioner</li> <li>• Protocols in process; revisions sent to B. Cass, then to commissioner to approval</li> <li>• Region 5 Coordinator position closed</li> <li>• Region 3 position in the internal process</li> <li>• DPH audit; deficiencies / appointment letters, 10 current appointment openings</li> <li>• Battelle system ending</li> <li>• Distribution of PODS ending Friday Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>; Request for PPE can be submitted. A ninety day reserve supply should be the standard for PPEs.</li> <li>• Regulation update discussion.</li> </ul>	
	<p>CT State Police</p>	<p>Question, Are they out of the EMS system? They will no longer maintain EMR status. They will do First Aid, Narcan, Tourniquets and CPR. Discussion.</p>	
	<p>EMS-C, V. Barnes</p>	<p>No dates for classes</p>	

		Keeping a close eye on back-to-school plans regarding COVID-19.	
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for August 2020. R. Kamin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion regarding updated protocols; currently with commissioner for approval</li> <li>• Ongoing discussion about COVID and possible surge.</li> <li>• CARES discussion</li> <li>• IFT update regarding critical care will be revised formally; plan to design and implement a level of care within the protocol</li> <li>• Diversion guidance update will be on the agenda for September</li> <li>• Review of State Training and Education recommendation to adopt CoAMESP position on airway training and rescind previous DPH standard.</li> <li>• Lengthy discussion regarding whole blood transfusions provided in the field in supervisor vehicles under medical control of SFH/Trinity Health.</li> <li>• Discussion included comments on regional and state processes/guidelines for approval, storage of product, how to proceed forward.</li> </ul>	
	Whole blood transfusions		
	Communications B. Morris	Meetings starting up again in September  Subcommittee met regarding COVID lessons learned; Email to CMEDS to be forwarded to board secretary.	

	CORP	Moving forward with 2020 awards. Nominations are closed and will be evaluated. Plans for the awards to be presented some time in October.	
	Emergency Preparedness	Have not met. No report.	
	Trauma S. Gregg		Next meeting September 2, 2020.
	MIH	No report	Scheduled meeting for Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	No report	May meet in September.
	Nominating and Membership	No report	
Next meeting	September 23, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours.	
Adjournment	At 1007 hours		Motion to adjourn by I. Smith  Motion passed unanimously.

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