

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

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

OEMS Staff: R. Kamin, A. Pugliese, J. Demers, J. Reynolds, K. Hickcox

Regional Presidents: M. Blake, M. Wilson, W. Fitzmaurice

Committee Chairs: M. Loiz (Legislative), K. McClaine and R. Kamin (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Laucella (Regionalization), S. Gregg (Trauma), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (CMED), V. Barnes (EMSC)

Guests: S. Conley, K. Coupe, D. Caranci, D. Dole, 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 0906 hours.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Moment of Silence	In memorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMT Bob Murphy - Oakdale Fire Company formerly with AASI in 70's and 80's</li> <li>• EMT Zellie Block - AMR Hartford</li> <li>• EMT Tom Fitzgerald - Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance formerly with Town of Windsor</li> <li>• Paramedic Wayne Cabral - Windsor Locks Ambulance formerly with AMR Hartford, Windsor EMS, and Simsbury Ambulance</li> </ul>	
Minutes	Minutes of Sept. 23, 2020		<p>Motion to accept Sept. 23, 2020 minutes 1<sup>st</sup> I. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Laucella.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Public comment		None	
DPH-OEMS	Written reports submitted, Oct 2020 R. Kamin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of submitted report.</li> <li>• Region 5 Coordinator position has been hired; Katharine (Kitty) Hickcox; other position applications are pending.</li> </ul>	
	EMS-C, V. Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes ongoing with COVID provisions</li> </ul>	
Chair's report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of all committees.</li> </ul>	Volunteer committee is removed from Board.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSOB Info was sent to Board members and benefits reviewed. Jay Paretzky will keep the Board informed on PSOB.</li> </ul>	Thanks and appreciation to Jay Paretzky for his years of dedication to the Volunteer Committee.
	Breakout Session	None	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, 2020. R. Kamin, K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of submitted minutes.</li> <li>• Continued offer for simulation sessions live and virtually.</li> <li>• Trauma representative Ron Gross continued availability to be evaluated.</li> <li>• Continued work on Protocols.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding notification of diversions and the development of a statewide system of notification.</li> <li>• Discussion of min. equipment lists.</li> </ul>	
	Communications Minutes submitted for Oct. 14, 2020 B. Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of distributed minutes.</li> <li>• Discussion around State notification of hospital diversion; use of Everbridge</li> <li>• CMED Directory was put on hold due to COVID, hope to get it published in early 2021.</li> <li>• P25 system re geographic coverage. This would be a long-term project.</li> <li>• Survey planned.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question re COVID responses for universal screening questions and language for dispatch; three protocols being used, trying to standardize.</li> </ul>	
	<p>CORP W. Fitzmaurice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference call regarding regions; moving forward with awards and presentations.</li> <li>• Region One awards; Nov. 13th</li> <li>• Region Four; Sat Nov. 15th, Mystic VFW; limiting number of attendees.</li> <li>• Region Three and Region Five unsure.</li> <li>• Region One; M. Blake working on plans for presentation, Trumbull EMS.</li> <li>• Regions will be sending out press releases</li> <li>• Working on plans to live stream the award presentations.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Regionalization J. Laucella</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluated Regional Coordinator and Council roles</li> <li>• Mass casualty has been added to committee</li> <li>• Discussion around regulatory component; will meet with OEMS director</li> </ul>	<p>Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1100 hours.</p>
	<p>Legislative M. Loiz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short meeting held this month</li> <li>• Public Safety dispatch oversight.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting has not been scheduled.</p>

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	MIH, J. Beaulieu Minutes for Aug. and Sept submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lengthy discussion of MIH planning, legislative initiatives, an inexcusable lack of response to communications sent to appropriate legislators and committees.</li> <li>• Legislation in place to enable MIH</li> <li>• Office support is missing for oversight. DPH is not in position to implement until there is adequate staff.</li> <li>• Use of paramedics for mass vaccinations when it is appropriate to do so is not included in any published proposed plan.</li> <li>• No direct connection to EMS; trying to work through with Directors at DPH.</li> <li>• Thanks to J. Beaulieu for his comprehensive presentation.</li> <li>• J. Oates discussed process and a global piece to renewed approach.</li> <li>• Working with local Directors of Public Health is recommended.</li> </ul>	Next meeting on Nov. 19th
	Health & Wellness Oct. 9, 2020 minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief discussion by G. Allard.</li> <li>• Anyone interested in joining the Committee may tune into the virtual meetings.</li> </ul>	
	Nominating, W. Campion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of candidates for consideration for CEMSAB. Office of Chairman – G. Allard has agreed to serve another term</li> </ul>	Open to accept nominations for consideration. None.

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		<p>Office of Vice Chairman – W. Schietinger has agreed to serve another term Secretary – I. Smith has agreed to serve as Secretary only during a transitional period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K. Coupe has expressed interest in secretary. She needs to first be appointed to board.</li> </ul>	<p>Formal election will be held at Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.</p> <p>Motion that nominations be closed and nominations presented be accepted made by W. Campion 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Kamin.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	Ed and Training	No update	
	Trauma S. Gregg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of Sept 9<sup>th</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Ancef may be added into protocols for open fractures after assessing for allergies.</li> <li>• Registry work, new personnel overseeing the integration of the State.</li> <li>• Looked into membership committee requirements, if you are a member of American College of Surgeons you can serve.</li> <li>• State trauma protocols have been adopted</li> <li>• Whole Blood discussion. There is no dispute regarding bringing whole blood to patients in the field. There is concern regarding process, transparency and collaboration in the implementation of the protocol.</li> </ul>	Next meeting Nov 4th

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support given to the current process of having a new protocol go through CEMSMAC then to the EMS Advisory Board for comment and/or recommendation.</li> </ul>	
	New Business. G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion to review board goals to provide an update for 2021</li> <li>Data Committee reactivation discussion.</li> </ul>	
	Marie Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around streamlining a process for first responders to receive COVID testing.</li> <li>Question what is the process if an on-duty health care worker is tested positive?</li> </ul>	<b>We must all double down on our personal protection including hand washing PPE and social distancing.</b>
	J. Laucella	A career Fair for EMS Personnel will be held of EMT students and /or other interested parties.	November 18, 2020 from Shelton.
Next Meeting	November 23, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours	
Adjournment			Meeting Adjourned at 10:37

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