

Approved December 21, 2020  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
**Monday, November 23, 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, K. McClaine, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, A. Romano, I. Smith, R. Ziegler, J. Quinlavin and D. Tompkins.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, R. Kamin, A. Pugliese, J. Reynolds, K. Hickcox, J. Demers (late-for consultation)

Regional Presidents M. Blake, M. Wilson, W. Fitzmaurice, D. Tauber.

Committee Chairs K. Ferrarotti (Health and Wellness), M. Zacchera (Education), R. Kamin and K. McClaine (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Laucella (Regionalization), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (CMED), V. Barnes (EMSC)

Guests S. Conley, K. Coupe, D. Tauber, K. Ferrarotti, T. Schietinger, J. Santacroce, D. Smith

Board Chair: G. 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	Captain Ackley, Fairfield Fire, Retired Captain	
Minutes	Minutes of October 28, 2020		Motion to accept Oct. 28, 2020 minutes 1 <sup>st</sup> R. Guthrie 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Blake  Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
DPH-OEMS, R. Coler	Written report submitted, Nov. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of written report.</li> <li>• COVID-19 Communications on website</li> <li>• EMS Chief's Memo being written</li> <li>• Ed &amp; Training; continues as is, contact Joel for questions</li> <li>• Consultant Heidi Fitzgerald for EMS/Trauma</li> <li>• Kitty Hickcox will be taking over for SWORD, ODMAP and Region 5 Coordinator</li> <li>• Region 3, M. Zacchera has accepted the EMS Coordinator position</li> <li>• SWORD data at 81%</li> <li>• HeartSafe update attached</li> <li>• OEMS Staff updates</li> <li>• Regional Coordinator application updates</li> <li>• COVID EMS toolkit for first responders is being created to do on site testing.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPE update will be included in EMS chief memo; organizations need to seek their own materials; S. Roof can be contacted for assistance if needed and may supply a 3 day emergency supply for services.; N95 masks and gloves still difficult to get on the marketplace.</li> <li>• MIH position cannot be supported due to lack of funding. Lengthy discussion.</li> <li>• Vaccinations for Covid-19. OEMS fully supports EMTs and Paramedics assisting with a vaccination programs if they are properly trained in administering IM injections. An enabling Commissioner’s order is forthcoming.</li> <li>• An article regarding Dispatcher Health is on the OEMS website.</li> <li>• Question regarding minimal crew of EMR and paramedic been considered by OEMS. There has been no request for or proof of need for this.</li> </ul>	
	<p>EMS-C V. Barnes, written report submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes ongoing with COVID provisions</li> <li>• Check website for updates</li> </ul>	<p>ctemsc.com</p>

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Chair's report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report for committee chairs due in January</li> <li>• Review of board goals; attached to agenda; IFT, MIH, guide for regionalize services; complete Regulation re-write project – begin review for next update; emphasis on health and wellness committee.</li> <li>• Reestablishment of the <u>data committee</u>; discussion of what type of data will be helpful; looking for leadership and membership; J. Beaulieu, J. Oates and R. Kamin offered their time.</li> </ul>	
	Breakout Session	None	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for Nov. 11, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of minutes.</li> <li>• R. Gross recognized and affirmed that he can remain representative</li> <li>• Protocol subcommittee is active. Hospital diversion guidance, Blood transfusion review, IFT process is continuing.</li> <li>• CARES; current contact Maddie Little; in process of hiring someone in place of Lance Timmons.</li> </ul>	
	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the use of state Everbridge notifications for hospital diversion</li> </ul>	

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	B. Morris, 10.20.20 Interoperability & Nov.12th EMED minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on formalizing Directory</li> <li>• Brief discussion of Region One patching policy</li> </ul>	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully live streamed presentations on website (Region 2 and 4)</li> <li>• Youth award was given in person</li> <li>• Region 3 and Region 1 presentations forthcoming.</li> <li>• Region 5 award given at a well-attended face to face safe ceremony.</li> </ul>	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with subcommittee</li> </ul>	
	Legislative G. Allard for M. Loiz Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMED language</li> <li>• Leadership has been established; if interested in getting appointed let Greg know.</li> </ul>	
	MIH J. Beaulieu, Oct. 20 & Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of MIH planning,</li> <li>• Reaching out for support</li> </ul>	Next meeting on Dec. 17th

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	<p>Health &amp; Wellness G. Allard for K. Ferrarotti, Oct 9 &amp; Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> minutes submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been a robust committee.</li> <li>• Wellness and Resiliency discussed.</li> <li>• Survey had been created; will be sent out to all EMS providers, social media.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Nominating  I. Smith for W. Campion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion for candidates for consideration of CEMSAB.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion that the Board send a recommendation to the Commissioner in support of G. Allard continuing to serve as Board Chairman of CEMSAB, 1<sup>st</sup> I. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Fitzmaurice.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to nominate W. Schietinger to serve as Vice Chairman of CEMSAB, 1<sup>st</sup> I. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Fitzmaurice.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to nominate I. Smith to serve as Secretary of CEMSAB 1<sup>st</sup> G. Allard 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Blake.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	Ed and Training M. Zacchera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee met last week; update on PPE and practical exams</li> <li>• Updating BLS presentation for the website.</li> <li>• Protocol exam questions update.</li> <li>• Question regarding national registry changing format; discussion next week</li> </ul>	
	Trauma	None	
	New Business	None	
Education question	J. Demers	The National Registry is moving towards a multi-answer test rather than multiple choice. The change is under discussion and has not been implemented.	
Next Meeting	December 21, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours	
Adjournment			Meeting Adjourned at 10:15

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