

Approved January 27, 2021
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, December 21, 2020 at 0900 hours
Via teleconference due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, W. Champion, M. Daniels, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, W. Schietinger, I. Smith, R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, R. Kamin, A. Pugliese, J. Demers, K. Hickcox, M. Zacchera

Regional Presidents M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice

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

Guests S. Conley, J. Santacroce, D. Smith, D. Dole

Board Chair: G. Allard

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

Meeting opened at 0907 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence	In memorial	Vinny Penna, Deputy Chief of Westport.	
Minutes	Minutes of November 23, 2020		Motion to accept Nov. 23, 2020 minutes 1 st M. Blake, 2 nd W. Fitzmaurice. Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
DPH-OEMS, R. Coler	Written report submitted, Dec. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of written report. • COVID-19 Communications on website • DPH Governor’s Order re vaccines • VAMS communication; go to sponsor hospital for vaccine; local hospitals should be available soon, EMS is in 1-A • Questions should be directly to covid19.dph@ct.gov email • Looking into train the trainer program for administering vaccines • Ed & Training; continues as is, contact Joel for questions • Consultant Heidi Fitzgerald for EMS/Trauma; • Trauma data is going through an update in January 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWORD compliance numbers up to 85% statewide • HeartSafe update attached • OEMS Staff updates; Mike Zacchera started on 12/18 as Region 3 EMS coordinator • Regional Coordinator application updates • Questions around vaccine process and cost to EMS personnel 	
	EMS-C V. Barnes, written report submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program coordinator position is open, 	
Chair's report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee annual reports are due in January. Review of Committee Goals should be done. • G. Allard has been reappointed by the Commissioner. • Reestablishment of the data committee with one meeting. Additional members are welcome. • Open Board seats reviewed. K Coupe, S. Conley, Josh Beaulieu are seeking appointment to the Board. 	
	Breakout Session	None	

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Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for Dec. 10, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes. • Jan meeting rescheduled to Jan. 7th, 2021 • Discussion re protocols; steroids will be added back into the protocols for Asthma and COPD • COVID non transport process; based on local needs • New CARES coordinator; contact Maddie Little until new person is up to speed • Scope of practice document is up for Advisory board review. • Hospital diversion guidance was reintroduced and reviewed; for Advisory board review; changes have been made; current document is dated 12/18/20 and submitted for review • Region 2 had a medical advisory committee meeting; non transport protocol discussed. 	Next meeting Jan. 7 th , 2021
	Communications B. Morris, Dec 9, 2020 minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the use of state Everbridge notifications for hospital diversion, road closures, communications, and major events. • Discussion on legislative committee regarding CMED oversight. • Statewide CMED Manual should be done by January 2021. 	

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	Data, J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting set up a framework for the goals. • More participation is needed on the committee. 	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards still need to be done in Regions one and three. Regions 2, 4 and 5 have been completed. 	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
	Legislative, M. Loiz Minutes Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next session starts on Jan 6 • Mental Health First Aid • Watch list being put together 	CT Legislation session will be 100% virtual for the session starting January 6, 2021.
	MIH J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on End of year report; committee to stay the same for 2021 • Looking for support for OEMS 	
	Health & Wellness K. Ferrarotti, Dec. 11 th minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of individual providers around state has been sent out with over 100 respondents health and wellness needs. • Link has been well publicized 	

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	Nominating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
	Ed and Training M. Zacchera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subgroup completed review of protocols exam questions. • Worked on goals for next year • Elections for new officers; L. Brockett new chair 	
	Trauma	No Report	
	New Business	None	
	Joel Demers	National registry will continue provisional certificate through Jan 2021.	
Next Meeting	January 27, 2021	Via teleconference at 0900 hours	
Adjournment	At 0956		

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