

Approved February 26, 2020
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 0900 hours
at Hunters Ambulance

Members Attendees:	G. Allard, L. Bolton, N. Brescia, W. Campion, M. Daniels, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, F. Potter, J. Quinlavin, A. Romano, F. Rosa, W. Schietinger, I. Smith and R. Ziegler.
OEMS Staff:	R. Coler, A. Pugliese, J. Reynolds
EMSC:	V. Barnes
Regional Presidents:	M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Wilson, M. Zacchera
Committee Chairs:	J. Beaulieu, B. Morris, M. Zacchera
Guests:	K. Coupe, D. Smith, S. Conley, S. Caffyn
Board Chair:	G. Allard presiding

Please submit request for written reports to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov
Meeting opened at 09:06 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	November 27, 2019	Minor grammatical change.	<p>Motion to accept the minutes of November 27, 2019 made by Fred Rosa, 2nd by Art Romano.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Moment of Silence	In remembrance.	<p>Tyler Morris (Campion/Trinity Health EMS) Glenn Ackley (Bill Ackley's Father) Jeff Huffmire (Retired EMT (AMR) Tim Smith (Orange Fire Marshall) Caesar Ramirez (Norwalk PD) John Castagna, Retired EMT, Greenwich EMS</p>	
Chair's report –	Greg Allard	<p>Annual Report started - need committee minutes from committee chairs – will be a two-year report.</p> <p>Letters to go out to Out of Compliance Members – detail about requirements for being a member will be included.</p> <p>First Responder Benefit Association (FRBA) Fire/ EMS Caucus – first meeting of year, G. Allard went a representative. Overview of the meeting was discussed There is still some confusion regarding mental health first aid.</p> <p>Bob Guthrie - to remain CSFA appointee (not past 9/2022)</p> <p>Jay Paretzky - thoughts with him regarding his hospitalized wife.</p> <p>EMS PRO registration is open.</p> <p>Trauma Committee status as a standing committee of this Board is a legislative initiative.</p> <p>Establish a guideline to help Regionalize Services is in process.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>Meeting schedules and approved minutes must be sent to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Mark Sanborn will be a speaker at the conference.</p> <p>The final acceptance date of the by-laws has been added to the document.</p>

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OEMS – Ralf Coler	Written report submitted for December 2019 and January 2020	<p>Review of written report with discussion.</p> <p>Staffing – ODMAP position request has been removed.</p> <p>Two additional positions have been requested for a Regional Coordinator position & MIH position.</p> <p>Education - NREMT payment confusion, mandated through legislation.</p> <p>Ralf asked for suggestions for providing better communication to public. Discussion.</p> <p>Trauma data – staying with Digital Innovation / EMS moving to Image Trend.</p> <p>Data Report – final draft, ready to be sent to commissioner.</p> <p>Opioid – QA/QI – working with agencies that must report.</p> <p>Protocol Committee – continuing to work.</p> <p>Legislative – going forward, legislation opens Feb. 5, 2020</p> <p>MCI Application Review.</p>	See written report
EMSC – V. Barnes		See written report following the minutes. Submitted at the end of this meeting.	No action.
Breakout Session		<p>Legislative Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of PTSD/I • Legislative draft language for Mental Health First Aid • EMR/Paramedic crew pairings <p><u>Regionalization See written report addendum to these minutes.</u></p>	
Committee reports	CEMSMAC – Jan. 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes submitted	Subcommittee of CEMSMAC on Protocols was submitted.	See written report.

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	Clinical Coordinators – J. Quinlavin	Discussion regarding status of coordinator group.	Clinical Coordinators will report to CEMSMAC.
	Communications CMED and SIEC – B. Morris	Meeting minutes for Dec. 11, 2019 submitted Did not meet in January Discussion around Jan. 15 th LOB meeting; trying to gather information regarding Regionalization Bill, was discussed.	See written report.
	CORP – Meeting minutes submitted - W. Fitzmaurice	Discussion around 2020 EMS awards; revamped awards – five new categories (EMS Unit Citation, Youth EMS Provider, EMS Communications, Years of Service and Last Call Recognition) Information can be found on website (Ctemscouncil.org); nominations being accepted until March 31, 2020 Award ceremony, May 18 th at the State Capitol.	No action.
	Education/Training – M. Zacchera September minutes submitted	No December meeting. Met January 21, 2020 Reviewed protocol questions; looking at new goals for 2020, CDC handwashing information – discussion around promoting current CDC information rather than create new for CT Questions on CT TRAIN have been updated, not yet posted. Election for chair and vice chair. Working on Ambulance disinfection process	No action.
	Emergency Preparedness Minutes	Continue to meet with Forward Movement of Patients (FMOP) on the agenda.	No action.

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	Legislative – M. Loiz Minutes submitted.	<p>Met January 16, 2020 Attendance for committee has decreased; legislative needs movement; asking for participation.</p> <p>EMR/Paramedic Legal Crew Language – B. Morris went to dispatch meeting - Dispatch not doing EMD & Light and Siren Usage</p> <p>PTSI – moving forward positive; mental health first aid language; once finalized will move forward</p> <p>Trauma Committee - waiting on language for EMR, Paramedic</p> <p>AAA - Rear Seat Belt Initiative – AAA is looking for support/endorsement.</p>	<p>Motion to support AA Rear seat belt initiative concept “to strengthen CT existing seat belt law by requiring all occupants in a vehicle, including those riding in the back seat, to wear a seat belt”.</p> <p>1st Motion made by Mark Blake, 2nd W. Fitzmaurice.</p> <p>Two abstentions; F. Rosa and S. Johnson Motion passed.</p>
	MIH – J. Beaulieu December 12, 2019 meeting minutes submitted	<p>Discussion on the current status of MIH. MIH is a committee looking into MIH communities; information sharing. There have been no changes in the status of MIH from OEMS.</p> <p>Discussion around the elements of implementation with an emphasis on identifying any remaining need that could be addressed by this committee.</p> <p>MIH Florida comprehensive manual National fire academy offers Mobile Integrated healthcare (MIH) program management course – online (fema.gov / NFA)</p>	<p>See written report. Next Meeting is Jan. 23, 2020</p>
	Nominating – W. Champion	Inactive.	No action.
	Paramedic – D. Dole	No update.	No action.

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	Public Information and Education – B. Ziegler	No update.	No action.
	Regionalization – Laucella Written report submitted.	Committee met January 14, 2020 Suggest committee name change to “Regional Collaboration Committee”. The goal is to go to Regional Councils to discuss Regional Collaboration. First meeting is at the Bazra FD. Meetings will be held from February to end of March. Survey to be distributed; collecting information regarding needs of people to advance their services Developing a best practices guidelines.	See written report.
	Trauma - S. Gregg	Absent; no update	No action.
	Volunteer - J. Paretzky	Excused, no update.	No action
New business		None.	
Adjourned	10:46 meeting adjourned	Next meeting; February 26, 2020, Hunters	Motion to adjourn by F. Potter, passed unanimously.

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EMSC Report Out to EMS Advisory Board
Wednesday January 22, 2020

Pediatric Education for the Prehospital Provider (PEPP) – ongoing courses in Region 4 this winter/spring. We held our first full in class BLS PEPP course on Saturday January 18, 2020 at Mystic River Ambulance. This was an 8 hour course offering 8 CAPCE approved credits. Our next on site course is Saturday February 8 and it is full. We are looking to book other classes, please reach out to Vicki if interested. We can offer hybrid, with didactic modules completed online, followed by a hands on skills session as well.

We are considering other options for our ALS providers, but do have the hybrid version of the PEPP course available for our state's paramedics. We are holding a hybrid course at KB ambulance in Danielson, and have 3 spaces available in this course.

Project Echo – we are in the middle of our pilot remote training program with some of our existing Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators and so far the sessions have been well received.

New England EMSC Forum – Monday March 9 2020 at the Westin in Waltham, MA. Please reach out to Vicki if you are interested in attending, we do have some limited travel stipends available.

National EMSC Survey – Our now annual survey is underway. Our national data center has been emailing information to all CT agencies listed. Please see Vicki today to pick up a copy of the paper survey today to bring back to your agency. It can be filled out on paper and then online. Though 9 pages it only takes 5-10 minutes to complete. The information collected helps to guide our services and also continue our grant funding, some of which we have been using to offer no cost pediatric training to our EMS agencies in CT. We are looking to have 80% response rate, so please help with this important assessment.

Questions Answered:

Is the survey available online?

Yes, please visit www.emscsurveys.org. Refer to the dropdown menu where you will select state, county, and then agency. Your paper survey can be entered here.

How can EMS provider access the Project Echo schedule? Right now we are piloting the program with a small group of existing Pediatric Champions at the EMS level. However all sessions are being recorded, and anyone is welcome to log on to www.ctaap.org and follow the link to the PECC EMS Project Echo. You will be asked to sign in with your name and email address. This will log your viewing if you wish to receive credits.

Do these offer CAPCE credit? Any of the national courses that we offer come with attached CAPCE credits. Any “home grown” course or talk will be submitted for CT state EMS credit, which attendees will receive for participating. Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Barnes, RN, BSN, EMT

Here are the minutes of the Regionalization Break Out group:

The break out group discussed what the Regionalization Sub- Committee has worked on so far. This includes updating the group about the survey that was drafted and will be sent out to Regional Council Presidents over the next few weeks.

Break-out group decided to rebrand the sub- committee as the Regional Collaboration Committee as our initiative is really to focus on the benefits of collaboration.

In addition, we updated the group about the intent to visit regional council in February and March and collect information from services about their ideas of regionalization, what may be currently taking place, what they would like to see take place if anything at all and discuss the surveys that were sent out.

The proposed survey was discussed but not in detail about specific questions: What was discussed was our focus on three key topics: Personnel, Education, Finance

Break out Group: Concluded