

Approved May 26, 2021  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 0900 hours**  
Via teleconference

Members Attendees: G. Allard, J. Beaulieu, L. Bolton, M. Daniels, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, I. Smith, J. Quinlavin, A. Romano, W. Schietinger, D. Tompkins, R. Ziegler, K. Ferrarotti, W. Champion, J. Laucella, S. Caffyn and Stacy Robinson

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

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

Committee Chairs R. Kamin and K. McClaine (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (CMED), M. Loiz (Legislative), Vicki Burnes (EMS-C) L. Brockett (Ed&Training), K. Ferrarotti (Health and Wellness) J. Laucella (Regionalization)

Guests P. Canning, D. Smith, T. Schietinger, K. Coupe, A. Kropp, S. Varga

Board Chair: G. Allard

Meeting opened at 0905 hours.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION LED BY:</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	Kate Coupe	William Ralph Brewster, Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association  Moment of silence, greeting card to be sent by S. Johnson	None required.
Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2021 meeting.	G. Allard	No discussion.	Motion to accept March 24, 2021 meeting minutes 1 <sup>st</sup> Fred Potter and 2 <sup>nd</sup> F. Rosa M. Daniels abstained Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment	No public comment		
Special Presentation	No presentation.		
Chair's Report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft of the Annual Report has been submitted; reported corrections have been noted.</li> <li>• Succession planning for Steering Committee.</li> <li>• Possibility of meeting in person for June meeting</li> <li>• New Board member, Dr. Sean Caffyn (Gov appt from CT College of Emergency Physicians) welcomed to the board.</li> </ul>	None required.

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OEMS written reported submitted for April 2021	R. Coler for DPH-OEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of written report.</li> <li>• EMS agencies have reported data for 2021.</li> <li>• Opioid and SWORD review.</li> <li>• Heartsafe program.</li> <li>• Staff changes: OEMS interviews have started and applications being accepted.</li> <li>• Region requests reviewed.</li> </ul>	None required.
EMSC Report.	V. Barnes for EMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing pediatric events and engagement during EMS week and throughout the month.</li> <li>• Two upcoming events include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wed May 19, EMS-C day, East Hampton, 10 am</li> <li>○ June 7<sup>th</sup>, Meriden, Pediatric simulations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None required.
Breakout Session  Topic: Law Enforcement & EMS	R. Kamin	A breakout session was held regarding law enforcement and EMS interaction during patient care, specifically as it relates to the transport of patients at the request of law enforcement without a completed Police Emergency Evaluation Request (PEER). Additionally, R. Kamin stated that another topic of potential concern is the use of sedatives at police scene, though no documented incident has been brought to him or the board. R. Kamin acknowledged that police officers, due to a variety of factors, may not be present in the ambulance during transport.	R. Kamin, J. Oates, and any other interested parties will meet to determine how to best move this topic forward.

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		<p>R. Kamin clarified that the intent of the breakout session is not to disparage law enforcement partners, but to ensure all public safety and public health entities on scene are following proper protocols and to maintain the professional and successful working relationship between law enforcement and EMS.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion was held on these topics. It was agreed that the use of ketamine is a topic of interest at a national level, but that no incident of concern has occurred in Connecticut. Paramedic providers do not take instructions from law enforcement regarding the use of medications and can only follow approved DPH OEMS protocols. However, it was also agreed that this topic needs to remain “on the radar” of this board and EMS in Connecticut in general.</p> <p>Discussion centered on law enforcement mandating EMS transport of intoxicated persons without documentation, though the practice is allowed by law, and the use of Police Emergency Evaluation Request (PEER) forms.</p> <p>J. Oates recommended a delegation of the board coordinate with police representatives and begin to discuss these topics in hopes of reaching potential solutions moving forward.</p>	

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		<p>D. Smith clarified that most law enforcement agencies are willing to accommodate EMS' requests, though scarcity of resources may make fulfilling that request challenging. He recommends local EMS leadership and local police leadership collaborate to resolve specific issues.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>CEMSMAC minutes submitted for April 8, 2021</p>	<p>R. Kamin, K. McClaine</p>	<p>Review of submitted minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Productive meetings; possible to meet in person.</li> <li>• Discussion of submitted minutes.</li> <li>• EMS protocol work continues.</li> <li>• Spine/trauma management.</li> <li>• Pediatric intubation.</li> <li>• COVID-19 remains a standard item.</li> <li>• CARES, Jackson O'Brien (Jackson.obrien@redcross.org).</li> <li>• IFT update, still ongoing.</li> <li>• Statewide diversion guidelines question/input; has been reviewed; document is with CMED for input.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting May 13, 2021</p>
<p>CMED and SIEC Committee</p> <p>Minutes submitted for April 14, 2021</p>	<p>B. Morris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMED Statewide Directory concerns discussed; diverting facilities; use of emergence data status</li> </ul>	<p>None required.</p>

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Council of Regional Presidents	W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of EMS awards.</li> </ul>	None required.
Data Committee  Minutes submitted for April 20, 2021	J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of submitted minutes</li> <li>• Working with Heidi on database</li> </ul>	Next meeting May 18, 2021
Education and Training Committee  Minutes submitted for March 16, 2021	L. Brockett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of submitted minutes</li> <li>• Direction of committee moving forward, looking for ideas.</li> </ul>	None required.
Health and Wellness Committee  Minutes submitted.	No report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report, see minutes.</li> </ul>	None required.
Legislative Committee	M. Loiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee met on April 15, 2021.</li> <li>• Discussion of upcoming bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bill 5722 – income tax deductions for volunteer fire and EMS members who receive a stipend.</li> <li>○ Bill 6595 – related to PPE.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>A consensus vote was taken to determine if CEMSAB will support bill as written.</p> <p>Those who oppose Bill 6666 as written: F. Potter</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bill 6626 – related to billing and insurance, should monitor.</li> <li>○ Bill regarding EMS-Is and curriculum “standardization,” no movement.</li> <li>○ There are ~12 bills regarding PTSD/I support for EMS providers, limited movement.</li> <li>○ Bill 6666 – changes regarding the powers of the DPH Commissioner to suspend DPH regulations.</li> <li>● Lengthy discussion regarding Bill 6666. Concerns were expressed by members of the board that the powers granted to DPH Commissioner were too broad. As proposed, the bill allows the DPH Commissioner to suspend regulations at his/her discretion.</li> </ul>	<p>M. Blake J. Oats I. Smith M. Wilson J. Paretzky R. Guthrie S. Johnson J. Quinlavin L. Bolton S. Caffyn K. McClaine</p> <p>Those who support Bill 6666 as written: B. Campion G. Allard</p> <p>Those who abstained: M. Loiz J. Laucella</p> <p>Consensus of board is to not support bill and to propose a revision of language.</p> <p>M. Loiz and G. Allard will edit and submit to board</p>

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Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee	J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on MIH support letter, its contents, how it should be signed, and how it should be delivered.</li> </ul>	Consensus to accept G. Allard's signature on the letter with list of names the authority/constituency they represent. No opposed.
Nominating and Membership Committee	B. Schietinger	No report	None required.
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee  Minutes submitted for April 9, 2021.	J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed submitted minutes.</li> <li>• Discussed working with regional council on goals and objectives in regard to education, finances, and staffing.</li> <li>• Discussed on mentoring new leaders.</li> <li>• Discussed preparedness and disaster response at a regional level.</li> </ul>	Next meeting May 6, 2021.
Trauma Committee	No report.	No report.	None required.
Action Items	N/A	None.	
Old Business	N/A	None.	
New Business	N/A	None.	



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Next Meeting	May 26, 2021	At 0900 hours via teleconference.	
Adjournment	At 11:43 a.m.		

Respectively submitted by  
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