

APPROVED
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
February 22, 2023 at 0900 hours
Hybrid

Board Members J. Beaulieu (MIH) (P), W. Champion (P), K. Ferrarotti (P), R. Guthrie (P), I. Smith (P), M. Loiz (P), S. Martus (P), J. Paretzky (P), M. Daniels (R), J. Laucella (R), K. McClaine (R), F. Potter (R), A. Romano (R), D. Tompkins (R), S. Caffyn (R), J. Spencer (R), R. Ziegler (R), J. Quinlavin (R), N. Brescia (R)

Non-Member Committee Chairs M. Osborne (Education and Training), (R), B. Morris (CMED) (R), S. Gregg (Trauma) (R), C. Dunn (Data) (R)

Regional Council Presidents
EMSC L. Goodman (Region 1) (R), W. Fitzmaurice (Region 2) (R), K. Aroh (Region 3) (R), M. Wilson (Region 4) (R)

OEMS Staff: J. Demers (P), K. Hickox (P), R. Calciano (P), J. Reynolds (P), E. Little (R), M. Zacchera (P)\

Guests D. Bailey (R), K. Coupe (R), A. Mauro (R), J. Santacroce (R), J. Way (R), C. Chaplin (R), T. Schietinger (R)

Board Chair W. Schietinger (P)

Meeting opened at 09:02

*In Person (P) = 14

*Remote (R) = 27

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION LED BY: | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers | W. Schietinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Sajda • Bruno Goldschmidt • Rich Garcia | None required. |
| Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2023 | W. Schietinger | | <p>Motion to accept January 25, 2023 minutes</p> <p>1st I. Smith 2nd R. Guthrie</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| Public comment | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| Presentation | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| Chair's Report | W. Schietinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill promoting Medicaid Ambulance payments be at 70% of Medicare | |
| OEMS, written report submitted for February 2023 | R. Calciano | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of February report as distributed. | |
| EMSC Report | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report | |
| Breakout Session | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | None |
| Committee Reports | | | |

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| CEMSMAC | K. McClaine, February minutes distributed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Feb Minutes • Start looking at Minimum Equipment List | |
| CMED and SIEC Committee | B. Morris | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide CMED Directory distributed | None |
| Council of Regional Presidents (CORP) | W. Fitzmaurice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 EMS Awards are open | https://ctemscouncils.org/ |
| Data Committee | C. Dunn, minutes distributed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of distributed minutes | |
| Education and Training Committee | M. Osborne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated training outlines | https://ctaemsi.org/home/membership/ |
| Health and Wellness Committee | K, Ferrarotti | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on goals for this year | |
| Legislative Committee | M. Loiz | <p>HB 6143 – AN ACT ASSIGNING THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM A PRIMARY SERVICE AREA RESPONDER.</p> <p>HB 6296 – AN ACT REGARDING PRIMARY SERVICE AREA RESPONDERS.</p> | <p>Motion to oppose HB 6143 1st W. Fitzmaurice 2nd R. Guthrie Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to oppose HB 6296 1st J. Quinlavin Motion withdrawn</p> <p>Motion to enable the Legislative Committee to oppose any legislative bill that runs contrary to the current PSAR assignment process during this legislative session.</p> |

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| | | <p>HB 6366 - AN ACT EXPANDING WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURIES TO CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS.</p> <p>HB 6539 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING AND ANALYSIS OF EMERGENCY CALL RESPONSE DATA.</p> <p>HB 6542 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER AND FIRST RESPONDER RETENTION AND BENEFITS.</p> <p>HB 6733 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.</p> | <p>1st J. Quinlavin, 2nd J. Paretzky Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion, as amended to watch HB 6366 bill and provide information to the legislators as needed 1st, R. Guthrie, 2nd J. Beaulieu Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to support HB 6330 bill and provide information to the legislators as needed 1st M. Loiz, 2nd S. Martus Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to watch HB 6542 1st. R. Guthrie, 2nd W. Campion Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to Support HB 6733 and provide information to the legislators as needed 1st M. Loiz, 2nd R. Guthrie Discussion followed.</p> <p>Voting Yes: M. Loiz, J. Paretzky</p> |

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| | | <p>SB 136 AN ACT ALIGNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PHYSICIAN AND AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES.</p> <p>SB 146 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN CONTACT WITH OR UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PEACE OFFICER.</p> <p>SB-553 AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DASHBOARD.</p> | <p>Abstain: J. Beau, R. Calciano, A. Romano, J. Laucella, R. Ziegler, L. Goodman, W. Fitzmaurice</p> <p>Vote No: J. Spencer, K. McClaine, W. Schietinger, S. Martus, K. Ferrarotti, R. Guthrie, W. Champion, S. Caffyn, J. Quinlavin</p> <p>Motion to support SB 136 provided rates are aligned 100% 1st M. Loiz, 2nd I. Smith Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to watch SB 146 and provide information to the legislators as needed. 1st. M. Loiz, 2nd J. Paretzky Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to WATCH the bill and provide information to the legislators as needed. 1st I. Smith, 2nd J. Paretzky Motion passed unanimously</p> |

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| | | <p>SB-534 AN ACT CONCERNING RATES FOR CERTIFIED AMBULANCE SERVICES.</p> <p>SB-539 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INSTRUCTORS.</p> <p>SB 628 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER.</p> <p>SB 960 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.</p> <p>SB 1017 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE SHORTAGE OF FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE.</p> | <p>Motion to support SB 534 and provide information to the legislators as needed. 1st. J. Beaulieu 2nd M. Loiz Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to oppose SB 539 1st I. Smith, 2nd W. Campion Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to oppose SB 628 1st I. Smith, 2nd R. Guthrie Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to watch SB 960 1st R. Guthrie, 2nd I. Smith Motion is passed unanimously</p> <p>Motion to support SB 1017 bill and provide information to the legislators as needed. 1st. I. Smith, 2nd M. Loiz Motion passed unanimously</p> |

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| | | <p>H.B. No. 6581 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON IS INCAPACITATED BY DRUGS OR DUE TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY</p> <p>SB 932 AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE ANIMALS AND DOGS IN VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.</p> <p>HB 5039 – No Action SB 22 – No Action SB 219 – No Action SB 822 – No Action</p> | <p>Motion to SUPPORT HB 6581 and provide information to the legislators as needed. 1st W. Schietinger 2nd W. Campion</p> <p>Abstain: I. Smith Vote No: S. Martus</p> <p>Motion passed</p> <p>HB 5109 (same bill) Motion to Oppose 1st W. Schietinger, 2nd S. Martus Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee | J. Beaulieu | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIH Education & Policy, M. Zacchera | |
| Nominating and Membership Committee | W. Schietinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leigh Goodman is a CEMSAB member representing Region 1 | |
| Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee | K. Ferrarotti | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership manual distributed | |

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| Trauma Committee | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report | |
| Action Items | W. Schietinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| Old Business | W. Schietinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| New Business | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| Next Meeting | March 22 | | |
| Adjournment | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:25 pm | Motion to adjourn |

Respectively submitted by:
Joel Demers, OEMS
Compiled by
Angela Pugliese, OEMS

EMS Advisory Board Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

2023

~~Jan 25~~ | ~~Feb 22~~ | Mar 22 | April 26 | May 24 | June 28 | July 26 | Aug 23 | Sept 27 | Oct 25 | Nov 22 | Dec 27