

MINUTES

CEMSMAC – May 14, 2020 - 10AM

Location: **VIRTUAL MEETING – no in person meeting at Rocky Hill**

Member Attendees: Doug Latham, (Region I), David Cone (Region II), Jim Castellone (Region III), Kyle McClaine (Region IV), (Region V – Mellissa Saad), Richard Kamin (OEMS), Mark Cicero (EMS-C), (Dr. Gross - Trauma – excused)

Guests: J. Larcheveque, C. Johndro, M. Zanker, R. Coler, L. Timmons, K. Coupe, S. Durante, W. Young, D. Bailey, K. Burns, J. Way, M. Turcio, M. Osborne, B. Ziegler, M. Letitia, M. Soltis, A. Katz, A. Garcia, M. Rollins, P. Pedchenko, D. Iosifescu, F. Mehkri, T. Sheehan, J. Danao, Caroline Mormil, P. Canning.

Chaired by: Richard Kamin and Kyle McClaine

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 10:05 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes of the April 2020 CEMSMAC meeting were reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion Kyle McClaine and second Jim Castellone to approve as distributed
DPH/OEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As Distributed; and,• Dr. Deidre Gifford, Interim Commissioner of DPH• Working on Executive Order for provisional certifications for EMT's & Paramedics to December 21, 2020.• Posting for Region 5 Coordinator, going to all Regions now.• PPE distribution being done weekly• Battelle Disinfection system email sent yesterday to EMS Clinical Coordinators• COVID swab or saliva testing can be done by EMS, this is not outside of the EMS scope of practice; only blood draw COVID testing would be outside of the EMS scope of practice	

<p>Regional MAC Reports</p>	<p>Region I: Met yesterday; meeting next month Region II: No report Region III: Discussed IV acetaminophen/fever protocol work to be done; By-Laws; Dr. Castellone stepping down as Chair of Region III MAC Region IV: No meeting; recognized weekly call-ins by Jeff Way Region V: No report Trauma: No report EMS-C: Welcome Angelica Garcia (fellow); Victoria Barnes moving and job for Paramedic or EMT available, ACEP Sim Box simulations continue; Pediatric Multi-Symptom Syndrome (PMSS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 3 New Chair - Dr. Johndro, Region 3 Vice Chair – Dr. Soltis • EMS-C: Six (6) cases in CT; overlap with Kawasaki manifesting a shock state which does not respond to fluids; • EMS-C: Job description to be sent to CEMSMAC and EMSAB Chairs for circulation; • EMS-C: ECHN reports having EMS-C Sim come out for fantastic session; UCONN agrees;
<p>Connecticut Unified EMS Protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID specific discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Epi (Primatene) MDI ○ Swabbing discussed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primatene to be investigated
<p>State MEL and OEMS Inspections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two points for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question need for two OB kits in case of twins? ○ Question need for infant defib pads (AEDs & Monitors) • Discussion or movement to adding a temporal or tympanic thermometer to the MEL • Additional suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add surgical mask ○ Add hand sanitizer (2) for cab and pt. compartment; have mounted in both front and back of ambulance • Spot inspections discussed as a way to be compliant 24/7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Moving equipment from one truck to another for inspection day ○ Ex. No pulse ox on BLS trucks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OB - no, rare event, second unit there • Infant pads - No, pediatric pads only needed • Uncertainty re accuracy of these thermometers; shortage of thermometers at this moment; Doug Latham to find more information and bring to the group • Motion made to add “Four (4) loose fitting surgical masks in order to serve for source patient control required for droplet precautions”. Vote called, all in favor, no abstentions. Next will go to EMSAB • Yes, will entertain the idea of spot checks

COVID-19 Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to Cardiac Arrest Protocol • Changes to Do Not Transport protocol definition of Chest Pain • Process for tracking hospital capacity to provide critical care to aid destination decision making in case system taxed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will work at defining clinical criteria to apply in field that would aid patient that is critically ill • WEB EOC? • Discussion around Regions needing a separate set of protocols during something like COVID (ie. Region 1 during COVID) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All changes put on hold at this time • If change needed instantly, change would be implemented and then brought up to the CEMSMAC
Trauma Committee Outstanding: Trauma Triage Guidelines, Prehospital antibiotics for open fractures, TXA in Statewide Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma triage guidelines reviewed with minor changes suggested • Prehospital Abx for open fracture reviewed and will have pediatric dosing clarified but otherwise accepted as sent by trauma • TXA in Statewide Protocols still not considered needed/appropriate by Trauma Comm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will review Triage Guidelines when available from Trauma Comm • Prehospital abx for fracture protocol to be finalized after Trauma Comm feedback • CEMSMAC members at facilities where TXA was desired will connect with trauma representative locally
CARES Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lance Timmons is coordinating CARES in CT • <u>Participation is a unique opportunity for all in CT!</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will continue to promote participation through CEMSMAC and EMSAB • Some agencies who are participating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMR Waterbury • East Windsor Ambulance Assoc. • All UCONN Medical Control Services • Yale
Good of Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OEMS thanks sponsor hospitals for communications to EMS throughout the COVID Pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any EMS Clinical Coordinators want to be included on email lists, let Rich know.

Adjourned	Next Meeting: 6/11/2020 Location: VIRTUAL MEETING – no in person meeting until further notice	
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Respectfully submitted: Stacey Durante, NPR

Upcoming Meeting Dates: VIRTUAL MEETING – no in person meeting until further notice

- 6/11/20
- 7/9/20
- 8/13/20
- 9/10/20
- 10/8/20
- 11/12/20