

**MINUTES**

CEMSMAC – July 9, 2020, 2020 - 10AM

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

**Member Attendees:** Doug Latham, (Region I), David Cone (Region II), C. Johndro (Region III), Kyle McClaine (Region IV), Richard Kamin (OEMS), Mark Cicero (EMS-C)

**Guests:** Ralf Coler, Wes Young, Aaron Katz, Melissa Osbourne, Joel Demers, Terrence Sheehan, Joe Danao, Marge Letitia; Chris Colonair; Paul Pedchenko; Kevin Burns; Blair Balmforth, Mike Solitis, David Bailey, Dani Levine, Peter Canning, Kyle Wesley Sean Caffyn, Mike Zanker, Mark Rollins, Kate Couturier, Patrick Cirdullo, Tricia Wain, Fred Rosa, Mike Turcio, John Quinlavin

**Chaired by:** Richard Kamin and Kyle McClaine

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 10:05 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the June 2020 CEMSMAC meeting were reviewed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved as distributed</li> </ul>
DPH/OEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Distributed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one Regional EMS Coordinator remaining – Judi Reynolds</li> <li>Stacey Durante has assumed position as SWORD coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Regional MAC Reports	<p><b>Region I:</b> No report  <b>Region II:</b> No report  <b>Region III:</b> Meeting next week  <b>Region IV:</b> No Report  <b>Region V:</b> No Report  <b>Trauma:</b> Tech difficulties today-triage/ceph approved  <b>EMS-C:</b> Recent pediatric simulations with various environmental and summer emergencies in Trumbull. Similar training available by contacting Dr. Cicero. Remote simulation tools available “ACEP Simbox”. Replacement for EMSC coordinator still in works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still awaiting naming of Region V rep</li> <li>Will distribute job description for EMS-C position when available</li> </ul>

<b>Connecticut Unified EMS Protocols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of protocol changes reviewed, corrections made</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slate of Changes approved by subcommittee and CEMSMAC today</li> <li>Moving slate on to commissioner</li> <li>Thanks to entire committee for continued work</li> <li>Acknowledgement for great work being done by Angela Pugliese</li> </ul>
<b>CEMSMAC Summer Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will plan to meet for August</li> </ul>	
<b>COVID-19 Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further changes expected</li> <li>Primatine discussed – no action needed currently but can be kept ready if needed in future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for CEMSMAC members/participants to note/summarize observations, gaps identified, and what has worked well in order to have discussion on how to improve care if another wave of COVID-19 encountered.</li> </ul>
<b>CARES Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early data is now visible,</li> <li>Lance Timmons is coordinating CARES in CT</li> <li>2019 and 2020 Utstein data distributed</li> <li>~ 50% of CT population is currently covered by EMS agencies participating in CARES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will continue to promote participation through CEMSMAC and EMSAB</li> <li><a href="mailto:lance.timmons@redcross.com">lance.timmons@redcross.com</a> for information/questions pertaining to CARES</li> </ul>
<b>IFT update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-Committee being formed to address needs</li> <li>Looking at Mass and New Hampshire documents as basis for start</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Kyle or Rich via email with interest</li> <li>Will continue discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Diversion Guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review diversion guidance document for next month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Come to August meeting with suggestions for changes needed</li> <li>Please review any local/regional policy/nuance that may need to be included</li> </ul>

<p><b>Intubation</b> <b>Req: (Charles J – Region III)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda item added via motion</li> <li>• Discussion of removal of requirement of 10 live intubations for paramedic education programs</li> <li>• Number 10 based on Wang 2005 – but somewhat arbitrary as it did not line up with study findings (15-20 for 90% success rate, vs &lt;10 at 80% success, 5=&lt;60%)</li> <li>• High fidelity Sim has developed over time</li> <li>• Report from Education and Training Committee Chair Michael Zacherra proposing the elimination of the mandatory 10 live intubations and replace it with the current CoAEMSP standard for airway competency in paramedic training.</li> <li>• OEMS Director Coler supports the transition to CoAEMSP standards as opposed to a specific requirement of 10 live intubations.</li> <li>• Mr. Quinlavin, speaking for the Capital – St. Francis program discussed finding a number below 10, but above 0.</li> <li>• This proposal does not eliminate OR airway experiences, rather removes the minimum number of 10 live intubations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking new literature review and follow up communication with Dr Wang</li> <li>• Ongoing discussion in August</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjourned</b></p>	<p><b>1108 am, Next Meeting: 8/13/2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Location: VIRTUAL MEETING – no in person meeting until further notice</b></li> </ul>	

**Respectfully submitted: Richard Kamin and Kyle McClaine**

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

- 8/13/20
- 9/10/20
- 10/8/20
- 11/12/20
- 12/10/20
- 1/14/21