



MEETING NOTICE

Hunter's Ambulance
450 West Main Street, Meriden, CT

AGENDA – January 22, 2020 0900-1130

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting will come to order

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Tyler Morris, Campion/Trinity Health EMS
Glenn Ackley, Bill Ackley's Father
Jeff Huffmire, Retired EMT - AMR Greater Hartford/Northeast, CT
Tim Smith, Orange Fire Marshall

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – November 2019

- Guests - spelling error - Lou "Barockett" s/b Brockett
- CORP report - spelling error "ioncludes" s/b includes

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes) -

PRESENTATION – none

CHAIR'S REPORT – Greg Allard

- Secretary of State Race & Gender Survey - Due December 9, 2019 - turned in
- Starting my Annual Report - need committee minutes
- Out of Compliance Members - Letters to go out January/February 2020
- First Responder Benefit Association (FRBA)
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- Board Goals
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 - MIH Program - in process
 - Develop Education Requirements
 - Trauma Committee as standing committee - legislative Init.
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- See report provided
- Regulation update

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BREAK OUT SESSION -

Legislative Initiatives 2020
Regionalization

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CEMSMAC: Kamin/McClaine

Clinical Coordinators: Quinlavin

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CORP: Fitzmaurice

Data and QI: Yeno

Education and Training: Zacchera

- No December Meeting - canceled weather

Emergency Preparedness: Ackley

- FMOP

Legislative: Loiz

- EMR/Paramedic Legal Crew
- EMD Language - Dispatch not doing EMD & Light and Siren Usage
- PTSI
- Trauma Committee Standing committee
- Trauma Triage Guideline Regulation Changes
- AAA - Rear Seat Belt Initiative - looking for support

Mobile Integrated Healthcare: Beaulieu

Nominating and Membership: Campion

Paramedic: Dole

Public Information and Education: Ziegler

Regionalization: Laucella

- Regional Meetings

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ACTION ITEMS –

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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

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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



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CHAIR'S REPORT – Greg Allard
Updated Committee List
Removed Clinical Coordinator, Data, Paramedic, PIE
Committee Chair Appointments
Out of Compliance Members - Letters will be done February 2020
Attendance Letters - at max absences allowed
Welcome Governor Appointee & Member - Steven Dorfman (CT Assoc. of EMSIs)
Appointment Process
My Annual Report - need committee minutes
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Chair's report	Greg Allard	<p>G. Allard reappointed as Chair by the Commissioner.</p> <p>Updated Committee list;</p> <p>Removed Clinical Coordinator, Data, Paramedic, PIE</p> <p>Committee Chair Appointments – reappointed all current committee chairs</p> <p>Out of Compliance Members regarding attendance policy – Letter complete to out of compliance committee chairs February 2020.</p> <p>Appointment process reviewed</p> <p>Governor Appointee & Member - Steven Dorfman (CT Assoc. of EMSIs) unable to attend today.</p> <p>Annual Report – being created; need committee minutes.</p> <p>EMS PRO Early Bird Ends 2/29/2020</p> <p>Fire/EMS Caucus - Waiting on date for next meeting.</p>	No action.

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EMSC – Dr. M. Cicero		<p>Waltham, MA on March 9th. -pediatric EMS conference hosted by MA EMS-C, no cost for attendance.</p> <p>'Foundation for Pediatric Preparedness' see website for information.</p>	No action.

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		<p>Federal Grant for EMSC was given to Yale for improvements in pre-hospital care. Discussion regarding Pediatric Champions for EMSC in hospitals and EMS agencies.</p> <p>EMSC will be conducting programs in Cromwell on 3.28.20 and Trumbull on (?4.9.20).</p>	
Breakout Session	<p>Legislative Initiatives 2020 – M. Loiz</p> <p>List of bills provided.</p>	<p>Legislative session started 2/5/20 runs through 5/6/20.</p> <p>Tracking about 21 bills; Review of the following bills HB-5045 – watch HB-5138 – watch, to Regional Collaboration comm. HB-5179 – watch HB-5182 – oppose as written HB-5204 – oppose; written testimony submitted by M. Loiz HB-5254 – watch HB-5285 – support concept with clarification; testimony needed HB-5286 – watch HB-5301 – watch HB-5318 – watch HB-5319 – watch HB-5321 – watch HB-5322 – probable support; watch</p> <p>SB-152 – oppose, testimony needed</p> <p>SB-189 – watch SB-197 – watch SB-231 – support in principal; testimony submitted by CEMSAB</p> <p>SB-247 – support with clarification SB-265 – watch SB -266 – watch</p>	<p>Motion made by W. Fitzmaurice 2nd by J. Oates to allow the Board Chair and Legislative Committee Chair to write or present testimony representing the will of the Board concerning the bills discussed.</p> <p>Motion passed with abstentions from, R. Kamin and R. Coler.</p> <p>SB152 Show of hands vote to oppose – 14 oppose, 3 abstentions (R. Kamin, R. Coler, M. Daniels).</p> <p>SB266 – Show of hands taken; majority to watch.</p>

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Committee reports	CEMSMAC – R. Kamin Feb. 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes submitted	SCT name change to IFT ongoing discussions – protocol examples based on MA. Medical Equipment List Changes 2020. Brief discussion on guideline on school bus seatbelts EPI via EMRs for Anaphylaxis discussed.	See written report. Equipment list for vote at next meeting. Next meeting on March 12, 2020
	Communications CMED and SIEC – B. Morris	No February meeting held. Update by B. Morris.	Next meeting, March 11, 2020 B. Morris will send information regarding two communication systems to the Board. More information to follow.
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	Education/Training – M. Zacchera	Curriculum for IFT is in progress. Brief discussion by J. Demers R. Coler - NREMT is scheduled to speak to OEMS. Update will be given to the Board once meeting has occurred. Discussion including the Mark King initiative.	No action.
	Emergency Preparedness	No report.	No action.

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	Legislative – M. Loiz Feb 20, 2020 Minutes submitted.	See above	Next meeting 3/19/20
	MIH – J. Beaulieu January 23, 2020 meeting minutes submitted		See written report.
	Nominating – W. Campion	Inactive.	No action.
	Regionalization – Laucella Written report submitted.	K. Coupe reports that the survey sent out has had about 40 responses.	See written report.
	Trauma - S. Gregg	Trauma Triage and Transport Decision - currently active were compared to the 2011 Guidelines for field triage of injured patients. TXA Administration Prehospital is not beneficial in CT and the Trauma Committee does not support its use. Cefazolin administration prehospital, for open fractures only, was discussed. Brief discussion regarding CPR in schools.	No action. Mass hemorrhage control training program will be done at the Yard Goats Stadium sometime this summer.
	Volunteer - J. Paretzky	No meeting held.	Next meeting April 2020.
Old Business		Comments (D. Dole) and discussion around First Responder Data –data accuracy – charting software issue; suggest that First responders start to collect data and submit to State.	
Agenda change	motion		Motion to amend the agenda to include Cares program presentation by G. Allard 2 nd R. Kamin. Motion passed unanimously.

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New business	Lance Timmons Cares Program	Care Programs Specialist; American Red Cross. Program on how to improve cardiac arrest survival. Data will go into national HIPPA data collection providing static and dynamic reports. The program can be added to current systems.	
Adjourned	11:30 am meeting adjourned	Next meeting March 25, 2020, Hunters	Motion to adjourn by. W. Fitzmaurice, 2 nd Fred Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

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Guests: Damian Rickard, J. Santacroce, T. Schietinger, Donald Smith, S. Conley, Katherine Coupe and Lance Timmons, CARES, Peter Canning and Katherine Couturier.

Board Chair: Greg Allard

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Meeting opened at 0906 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence	In remembrance	All citizens lost to the Covid-19 pandemic. Jonathan Burbank, Mystic River+ Wade Cole, Hartland Avery Lampshire, Watertown	
Minutes	Minutes of February 26, 2020	No corrections.	Motion to accept the minutes of February 26, 2020 as presented by F. Rosa, 2 nd by R. Guthrie. Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment	CARES, Lance Timmons	Reach out to L. Timmons if you are interested in a CARES program locally. Thanks to Stratford EMS from L. Timmons.	Lance.timmons@redcross.org
Chair's report		Nothing currently.	
DPH-OEMS	Written report submitted	Mental Health First Aid programs, when the Bill passed only Paramedics are required to take the program.	
	Covid-19 pandemic. Multiple informative letters sent out to services and are posted on the web.	Covid-19 pandemic Comprehensive update and discussion including stats for CT, drive through testing, status of field hospitals, the role of DPH/OEMS in the support of EMS, Nursing Homes irregular evaluations of staff and visitors, the need for thermometers.	
		Extension of recertification for EMS is being evaluated by legal. Medicare billing has relaxed some standards regarding extension of certifications.	

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	EMS-C	Cancelled Pediatric Forum, held multiple programs before the pandemic restrictions were in place.	On-line educational offerings will be available soon.
	MIH staff 1.5 positions. 3.12.20 support letter from Commissioner.	Request is going through the system for approval.	
	Clinical experience for EMS students.	Clinical experience for other than Paramedic level has been suspended.	
	Provisional certification.	Has been reviewed and accepted by the national Registry.	Motion to support Provisional Certification in CT in keeping with National Registry standards was made by F. Rosa and 2 nd by M. Blake. Motion passed unanimously.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted.	Agenda includes COVID-19 care and trauma recommendations.	
	Communications	Update by B. Morris.	
	Emergency Preparedness FMOP document sent out.	Discussion. Report of shared communications with nearby states and cities regarding surge capacities, equipment increases, the number of ambulances needed to some areas-mostly for anticipated transfer of patients and how to get approval for increased needs.	Information sharing will be passed on as often as possible to avoid duplication of efforts during this Pandemic.
	Legislative	LOB is closed until April 13, 2020 and will probably be extended beyond that date.	Legislative Committee will continue discussions virtually.
	Trauma Minutes of 2.13.20 submitted.	Recommendations for COVID-19 care and Trauma triage will go to CEMSMAC.	

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	MIH	Developing educational resources and guideline resource book.	Will continue to meet via teleconferencing.
	Volunteer	No report.	
Action item	Equipment list	No discussion.	Motion to accept the 2020 Connecticut Minimum Equipment List 2019-2020 presented to the Board on 2.24.20 by R. Guthrie and 2 nd by I. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
Other discussion	N95 and masks.	Information sharing regarding practices, where to try getting equipment from like dentists, nail salons, etc., cleaning processes.	
	Running crews with an EMR and 1 higher level provider.	In discussions at OEMS.	
	Mental health for providers. Steve Johnson.	Discussion of available resources and suggestions for updates and daily messaging.	
	Mental health patients	Question regarding diversion to other than hospital or telehealth for mentally ill patients.	
	EMS Pro conference	Has not been cancelled to date.	More information when available.
Adjournment	At 1034 hours		
Net meeting	April 22, 2020	Hunter's Ambulance at 0900 hours.	

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – March 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes) -

PRESENTATION – none

CHAIR'S REPORT – Greg Allard

Annual Report Update - 2018/2019

CMS Cost Collection - pushing it back (keep an eye on this important topic)

Breakout Session - General Discussion on Recent Experiences

Call Volume, PPE, Cardiac Arrest Increases, Overdoses, Personnel Issues

DPH-OEMS – Raffaella “Ralf” Coler, Director

- COVID-19 update
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- Documentation

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- FMOP

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ACTION ITEMS –

- **Minimum Equipment List (new update- PPE)**

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Moment of Silence		None	
Minutes	Minutes of March 27, 2020	No corrections.	Motion to accept the minutes of March 27, 2020 by R. Kamin, 2 nd Mark Blake. Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		Annual Report Update 2018/2019 is in development. CMS Cost Collection Project – how will this impact services in the report.	
	Breakout Session, all present for comments.	General discussion with all in attendance regarding COVID-19 Pandemic including hazard pay, experiences and effects on staff, services and regions. Looking toward future planning with coordination, recognition and improving on gaps.	Multiple positive comments on service's staff, OEMS staff and others.

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<p>DPH-OEMS R. Coler</p>	<p>Written reports submitted (April and May 2020)</p> <p>CT EMS Planning compliance document submitted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thanks to EMS for hard work for EMS Week and to Judi and Shawn for ongoing distribution of PPE • EMS education can be completed virtually. • OEMS Staffing – completed interviews for SWORD position; will go to HR and commissioner • Fred Rosa is spearheading Region 5 coordinator • New acting commissioner in place until permanent commissioner is hired. • EMS Trauma – transition to image trend has gone well • Opioid response – SWORD May 2020 Newsletter available; reminder to EMS to keep reporting suspected overdose • Protocol/CEMSMAC still continue to meet • A lot of municipalities do not have an EMS plan on file • Heartsafe – up to date • PPE Distribution – still difficult to get, not able to confirm all various N95's for effectiveness • Discussion regarding testing EMS providers; as well as volunteering to collect the tests • *Contact tracing” – collaborating with local universities • EMS Planning, several non-compliant towns. 	<p>Website has all notices and guidelines published.</p>

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	OEMS MIH staffing initiative.	<p>Lengthy discussion around MIH staffing status and the importance and value added of an MIH program. Funding monies are at OPM for evaluation.</p> <p>The MIH Committee meets tomorrow and will draft comments appropriate for inclusion into communications to the acting Commissioner, legislators and/or the Governor.</p>	Unanimous consensus agreement from all present directing the Chair, G. Allard, to correspond with the acting commissioner and/or appropriate legislators as well as the Governor regarding MIH support.
	EMS-C V. Barnes	<p>Check out website for link regarding ECHO – family violence during COVID-19 at 8:30 pm tonight.</p> <p>Rescheduling of classes that were cancelled.</p> <p>Inflammatory disease with children has not been seen frequently. There are no special medical care issues for EMS.</p>	Thank you, V. Barnes, for all you have done with EMS-C and all the best with your new ventures.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for April and May 2020. R. Kamin / K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSC – attempt to fill V. Barnes position • Regional initiatives • Discussion around COVID-19 protocol changes • Minimum Equipment List changes. • CARES Report • Personnel/provider wellness – resources for mental health • ED timing of documentation 	
	Communications B. Morris	No report	

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	Emergency Preparedness B. Ackley	Brief FMOP discussion; draft document has been sent.	
	Legislative M. Loiz	No recent meetings. Legislative office still closed. There was a legislative conference call regarding possible passing bills that may not have opposition.	
	Trauma	No report	
	MIH Minutes submitted	Josh Beaulieu Did not meet in April. Meeting May 28, 2020.	
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	A virtual meeting for the Volunteer Committee will be scheduled to discuss the effects of the Corona-19 Pandemic on Volunteer providers.	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	No meetings. No update	
	Education and Training A. Romano	Consideration of mandatory live patient intubations by paramedic students.	

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Action item	Minimum Equipment list (MEL)	MEL was distributed for approval. Discussion around implementation of MEL.	Motion to approve the addition of loose-fitting surgical masks to MEL was made by R. Kamin, 2 nd by M. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
New Business		Question regarding EMS Conference Meeting this week to discuss.	
	J. Oates, impact of Pandemic on volunteers locally and nationally.	Discussion around volunteer services having had a massive impact from COVID.	Keep issue on agenda.
Thanks	Distribution centers	M. Wilson expressed thanks to all those working at PPE distribution centers including the National Guard and multiple volunteers.	
Next meeting	June 24, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours.	
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CHAIR’S REPORT – Greg Allard

Annual Report Update - 2018/2019 - submitted to Acting Commissioner Gifford
Virtual and In-Person Meeting Schedule(no need to cancel due to weather anymore)
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Brescia, Romano, Johnson

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Public comment		None	
Chair's report	Hartford Healthcare EMS report sent out.	Annual Report Update - 2018/2019 - submitted to DPH Acting Commissioner Gifford. Steering committee; Virtual and In-Person Meeting Schedule; meetings will remain virtual for a while; possibly a blended schedule; blended schedule seems to be the consensus. Appointment Letters Needed for audit: Brescia, Romano, Johnson Please review bylaws; article 5 sec one regarding term limits, suggestion by I. Smith to clean up – add to future agenda. Announced new member, Jonathan Gates, COT representative.	By-laws for September agenda.

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	Breakout Session, all present for comments.	Kevin Ferrarotti HHC COVID-19 EMS Response Survey / Regional Collaboration. Lengthy discussion regarding a new survey to evaluate the immediate and long-term needs for EMS.	A new Board Committee will be formed by the Chair with K. Ferrarotti as chair and F. Rosa. Other members will be solicited.
DPH-OEMS R. Coler	Written report submitted, June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • Phase 2 of reopening, hospitalization numbers are going down. • PPE continue to be distributed; shout out to Judi and Shawn; M. Wilson and L Brockett • Communication and Everbridge statements reviewed • Education and Training; returning to classroom following guidelines; psychomotor exams • EMS Trauma data is with Digital Innovation. EMS successfully transitioned to Image Trend. • NEMSIS submission is ongoing. • Opioid response, completed first year and is current work on grant and contract with local health department. • Protocols in process. • Local EMS planning, HeartSafe info attached to report. • Regional coordinators position. • Board of Directors for north central EMS, lessons to learn through COVID • OEMS office – continuity of operations plan; needs to be active and ongoing with services • EMS plans for municipalities – many are not up to date 	R. Coler expressed sincere thanks to several staff members for their excellent efforts during this extreme time of the Covid -19 Pandemic.

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	EMS-C	No update	M. Blake stated 2 PEP courses will be held June 29 and 30, 2020.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for June 2020. K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol committee continues to be active. • Statue Trauma committee active • CARES Update by L. Timmons; open to all agencies free of cost. 	
	Communications B. Morris	No meetings. No update.	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<p>Discussion re EMS Awards; thinking of having an awards ceremony in September. Nomination period has been extended. Deadline of August 1st for submissions. Currently 29 submissions.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Unit Citation.</p>	<p>The 2020 EMS Conference is cancelled. Planning in process for a May 2021 conference.</p> <p>Planning for a fall presentation of this year's awards.</p>
	Education and Training M. Zacchera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway management for Paramedic programs; will be discussing with CEMSMAC • Discussion of BLS lesson plans; will be ongoing over the summer • Group working on protocol questions; waiting for rollout of protocols • Various members working with J. Demers regarding educational exams. 	
	Emergency Preparedness B. Ackley	No meeting, no report.	

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	Legislative M. Loiz	Law enforcement reform and mail-in ballots priority.	Meeting notice will be sent for June 30, 2020 meeting.
	Trauma	No report	
	MIH J. Beaulieu	Communication to DPH Acting Commission and OEMS regarding COVID-19 challenges; have not received any response.	Meeting on June 25, 2020 at 2 PM via teleconference.
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	Difficulty setting up meeting. Discussion regarding volunteer survey results, general decrease in calls by 35 to 40 % during pandemic and the possibility of having legislative change allowing crews to have an EMR with a Paramedic as minimal crew. Continuing a minimal crew of EMR and Paramedic is not supported by OEMS. There would have to be a gap analysis done to have any possibility of consideration by OEMS.	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	Next meeting July 1, 2020.	
Action item		No action items	

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Meeting opened at 0906 hours.

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Moment of Silence	In memorial	None	
Minutes	Minutes of June 24, 2020	Amended corrections.	Motion to amend the agenda to move the minute approval to meeting action items: 1 st Fred Potter, 2 nd Fred Rosa Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		Rate Increase request – providers are putting in requests to the Commissioner to increase rates. Pending Worker's Comp Executive Order to come out from Gov. Lamont. Not one response to the widely distributed letter regarding Covid-19 and MIH letter sent out in early June. Discussion followed.	Motion to write a letter to the Public Health committee members by Fred Rosa, 2 nd Art Romano. Motion passed unanimously.
	Breakout Session, all present for comments.	None	

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DPH-OEMS R. Coler	Written report submitted, July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website • Education and Training; practical exams sites are properly screening candidates for COVID-19 • EMS Trauma data is with digital innovation, uploaded and available; transitioned over to Image Trend • ODMAP Statewide Expansion and response Grant • Hiring of Stacey Durante as Heath Program Associate • OPIOID Directive; ongoing SWORD newsletters • Protocols in process. • Local EMS planning, HeartSafe info attached to report. • Two positions open, Region 3 and 5. Region 3 position in process for applicants. • PPE distribution will be ending 8/7/2020. 	Lengthy discussion regarding significant number of EMS personnel not familiar with the SWORD mandate. Multiple ideas presented by those present and with total support of OEMS efforts.
	EMS-C V. Barnes	<p>Still coordinator for EMSC in CT as well as Nationally.</p> <p>Procured some extra funding from coalition. PEP courses have been done and purchasing of low fidelity manikin.</p> <p>Working on pediatric forum rescheduling.</p>	Special thanks to K. McClaine and R. Kamin

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Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for July 2020. K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved current Protocol changes. Protocols have been sent to the Commissioner. A summary of changes will be distributed. • Interfacility transfers is under review. • State Trauma committee active on the committee. • L. Timmons (CARES); plan of action for end of year to set routine monthly meetings; more agencies are continually to enroll, surpassed the 50% mark. 	
	Communications B. Morris	<p>No meetings. Communications regarding COVID-19 have occurred through email.</p> <p>Hospital Diversion guidelines are in discussion. Any decisions will be forwarded to CEMSMAC for approval.</p>	
	CORP, minutes of July 21, 2020 submitted. W. Fitzmaurice	<p>Held a conference call; Discussion re EMS Awards; still plan to hold 2020 awards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) set a deadline for submission of 8/24/20. (2) Would like to have a ceremony, possibly 9/30/2020, depending on COVID situation, details in discussion. (3) Discussion regarding Unit Citation. (4) Legislator to recognize EMS providers (5) Elections; current officers have been nominated to stay on for next term. 	Next meeting August 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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	Education and Training M. Zacchera	No meeting. No report. Discussed letter sent out by UCONN EMT club on campus. The group is very active and is planning an EMS conference.	Next meeting to be held in August.
	Emergency Preparedness	No report.	
	Legislative M. Loiz	No meeting this month. PTSI/mental health first aid discussion. Legislative proposals my need to be moved to the second legislative session. Worker Compensation bill has been drafted; could be an executive order, it may come up in September special session. Concentration is legislative is currently on police reform and mail-in ballots.	Next meeting August 20, 2020. Motion made to allow the Legislative Chair to follow and comment on Workers Compensation legislation that relates to PTSI/mental health aid for EMS by J. Oats 2 nd by Bill Fitzmaurice. Motion passed unanimously.
	Trauma S. Gregg Minutes submitted	Met in July 2020. Discussion regarding data project manager position elimination. Ann Kloter is still in the data position. Field Trauma Triage protocol has been submitted went to CEMSMAC. The use of cefazolin prehospital by Paramedics for patients with open fractures was approved and sent to CEMSMAC for consideration. COVID-19 best practices discussion.	

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	MIH	No report	
	Covid Response Comm. K. Ferrarotti Written report submitted	Covid-19 response in each region; challenges and lessons learned; region collaboration discussed.	Next meeting first Wednesday in August.
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	No report.	A virtual meeting will be scheduled.
	Nominating and Membership B. Campion	Clarify terms of office.	Please review bylaws; article 5 sec one regarding term limits, suggestion by I. Smith to clean up.
Action item	June minutes		Motion to accept the amended minutes of June 24, 2020 by F. Rosa, 2 nd R. Guthrie Motion approved unanimously.

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New Business		<p>Submitted by J. Laucella Relevant to current pandemic situation. Biological Incidents Awareness (AWR-118): Wednesday, September 30, 2020</p> <p>Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents (PER-220): Tuesday-Wednesday, October 6-7, 2020</p> <p>Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters (MGT-409): Tuesday-Wednesday, November 10-11, 2020</p>	
Next meeting	August 26, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours.	
Adjournment	At 1024 hours		<p>Motion to adjourn by I. smith 2nd by F. Rosa.</p> <p>Motion passed unanamosly.</p>

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- PPE distribution
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CHAIR’S REPORT – Greg Allard

- Bill Ackley - Em Prep
- Board Secretary
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Minutes	Minutes of July 22, 2020	Minor Corrections	Motion to accept July 22, 2020 minutes with corrections: 1 st R. Guthrie, 2 nd W. Fitzmaurice Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		None	
Chair's report		B. Ackley chair stepping down from Emergency Preparedness role. I. Smith chair leaving role as secretary. Looking for volunteers for roles; discussion for upcoming steering committee Need for bylaw review regarding clarification of term limits. Asking for letter of support for L. Timmons for CARES initiative.	Motion to write a letter of support for CARES. 1 st I. Smith, 2 nd M. Blake Motion passed unanimously.
	Breakout Session	None	

<p>DPH-OEMS R. Coler</p>	<p>Written report submitted, August 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website • Education and Training; EMS courses have returned to limited clinical experience in hospital and ambulance. • EMS Trauma data / Image Trend discussion • ODMAP Statewide Expansion and response Grant budgets have gone out, discussion • OPIOID Directive; annual report to commissioner • Protocols in process; revisions sent to B. Cass, then to commissioner to approval • Region 5 Coordinator position closed • Region 3 position in the internal process • DPH audit; deficiencies / appointment letters, 10 current appointment openings • Battelle system ending • Distribution of PODS ending Friday Aug. 28th; Request for PPE can be submitted. A ninety day reserve supply should be the standard for PPEs. • Regulation update discussion. 	
	<p>CT State Police</p>	<p>Question, Are they out of the EMS system? They will no longer maintain EMR status. They will do First Aid, Narcan, Tourniquets and CPR. Discussion.</p>	
	<p>EMS-C, V. Barnes</p>	<p>No dates for classes</p>	

		Keeping a close eye on back-to-school plans regarding COVID-19.	
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for August 2020. R. Kamin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding updated protocols; currently with commissioner for approval • Ongoing discussion about COVID and possible surge. • CARES discussion • IFT update regarding critical care will be revised formally; plan to design and implement a level of care within the protocol • Diversion guidance update will be on the agenda for September • Review of State Training and Education recommendation to adopt CoAMESP position on airway training and rescind previous DPH standard. • Lengthy discussion regarding whole blood transfusions provided in the field in supervisor vehicles under medical control of SFH/Trinity Health. • Discussion included comments on regional and state processes/guidelines for approval, storage of product, how to proceed forward. 	
	Whole blood transfusions		
	Communications B. Morris	Meetings starting up again in September Subcommittee met regarding COVID lessons learned; Email to CMEDS to be forwarded to board secretary.	

	CORP	Moving forward with 2020 awards. Nominations are closed and will be evaluated. Plans for the awards to be presented some time in October.	
	Emergency Preparedness	Have not met. No report.	
	Trauma S. Gregg		Next meeting September 2, 2020.
	MIH	No report	Scheduled meeting for Aug. 27 th
	Volunteer Jay Paretzky	No report	May meet in September.
	Nominating and Membership	No report	
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- COVID-19
- NHTSA Reporting on PPE
- Review Report Provided
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- Merging Emergency Preparedness & Regional Collaboration Committees
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- Review 2021 Schedule
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Breakout Session - Mental Health - Kevin Ferrarotti

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Public comment		None	
Chair's report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merging Emergency Preparedness & Regional Collaboration Committees due to similarities in work • Bylaw Review - Conducted Steering; No changes • Job Descriptions created for Vice Chair/Secretary --Review descriptions Provided. Vice Chair will assume the role of Nominating Committee chair. • Review of 2021 meeting Schedule. Must be sent to Secretary of State. • Letter of Support Request - CARES – completed. • Board Openings - Ralf and Brie Wolf sent list 	

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	<p>Breakout Session Start 0924 Ended 0948</p>	<p>Mental Health Discussion – Kevin Ferrarotti</p> <p>Robust discussion with suggestions from multiple Board members.</p>	<p>General agreement that this is the time to address physical and mental health issues facing EMS providers.</p> <p>Kevin Ferrarotti will serve as leader to formulate suggestions on how the Board will proceed including the formation of a Committee of the Board.</p>
<p>DPH-OEMS R. Coler</p>	<p>Written reports submitted, July, August and Sept 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of submitted report. • OEMS communication statement sent regarding approval of protocols (v2020.2) • Airway document sent to Commissioner for approval • COVID-19 information posted to OEMS website; distribution of PODS has been stopped, PPE request procedure will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks. • Education and Training; Questions go to Joel Demers 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Trauma data, consultant Heidi Fitzgerald has been hired with funding until the end of the year. • Ann Kloter is retiring Nov. 1st. • Opioid response; SWORD going well • Heartsafe; still several municipalities have not compiled • Region 5 Coordinator position; interviews have been completed; currently at HR • Region 3 position has been posted; interviews have been scheduled. 	
	EMS-C, V. Barnes	No report	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for Sept 10, 2020. R. Kamin, K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes. • New appointees for Trauma committee • Protocols approved and on website • CARES continues to gain strength. • Subcommittee held for IFT • Ongoing work regarding Diversion Guidance • CME Sharing • Question regarding the Trinity program of whole blood provided in the field. Discussion. 	
	Communications B. Morris	No report	

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	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations have been received by CORP and rewards have been selected. • Presentations may be done at a regional level. • Working on securing a proclamation from the governor to recognize EMS responders. 	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regionalization & collaboration discussion and how roles have changed, reviewing current regulations. • J. Laucella will Chair the Committee. 	Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1100 hours.
	Legislative M. Loiz, minutes of June and September submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate is supposed to be meeting; agenda has not been set yet. Concern that none of the legislative issues are included • Mental Health First Aid; continuing to follow; would like to see on the docket. 	
	MIH, G. Allard spoke on behalf of J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal letter written to ask OEMS to include paramedics in helping with vaccinations. • Executive order would be needed. • No response from anyone in government regarding letters sent from the Board or MIH committee. 	Next meeting on Sept 24, 2020
	Volunteer J. Paretzky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recent meetings. • For next committee agenda consideration/discussion: EMS responding 	

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
		minimal crew consisting of EMR and Paramedic.	
	Ed and Training M. Zacchera, minutes of August 18, 2020 submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on updating protocol test bank. • Update on BLS presentation that is online. 	
	Trauma S. Gregg	No report	
Next Meeting	October 28, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via teleconference at 0900 hours 	
Adjournment			Meeting Adjourned at 10:27

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	EMS-C, V. Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes ongoing with COVID provisions 	
Chair's report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of all committees. 	Volunteer committee is removed from Board.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSOB Info was sent to Board members and benefits reviewed. Jay Paretzky will keep the Board informed on PSOB. 	Thanks and appreciation to Jay Paretzky for his years of dedication to the Volunteer Committee.
	Breakout Session	None	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted for Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, 2020. R. Kamin, K. McClaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of submitted minutes. • Continued offer for simulation sessions live and virtually. • Trauma representative Ron Gross continued availability to be evaluated. • Continued work on Protocols. • Discussion regarding notification of diversions and the development of a statewide system of notification. • Discussion of min. equipment lists. 	
	Communications Minutes submitted for Oct. 14, 2020 B. Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of distributed minutes. • Discussion around State notification of hospital diversion; use of Everbridge • CMED Directory was put on hold due to COVID, hope to get it published in early 2021. • P25 system re geographic coverage. This would be a long-term project. • Survey planned. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question re COVID responses for universal screening questions and language for dispatch; three protocols being used, trying to standardize. 	
	<p>CORP W. Fitzmaurice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call regarding regions; moving forward with awards and presentations. • Region One awards; Nov. 13th • Region Four; Sat Nov. 15th, Mystic VFW; limiting number of attendees. • Region Three and Region Five unsure. • Region One; M. Blake working on plans for presentation, Trumbull EMS. • Regions will be sending out press releases • Working on plans to live stream the award presentations. 	
	<p>Regionalization J. Laucella</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluated Regional Coordinator and Council roles • Mass casualty has been added to committee • Discussion around regulatory component; will meet with OEMS director 	<p>Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1100 hours.</p>
	<p>Legislative M. Loiz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short meeting held this month • Public Safety dispatch oversight. 	<p>Next meeting has not been scheduled.</p>

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	MIH, J. Beaulieu Minutes for Aug. and Sept submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthy discussion of MIH planning, legislative initiatives, an inexcusable lack of response to communications sent to appropriate legislators and committees. • Legislation in place to enable MIH • Office support is missing for oversight. DPH is not in position to implement until there is adequate staff. • Use of paramedics for mass vaccinations when it is appropriate to do so is not included in any published proposed plan. • No direct connection to EMS; trying to work through with Directors at DPH. • Thanks to J. Beaulieu for his comprehensive presentation. • J. Oates discussed process and a global piece to renewed approach. • Working with local Directors of Public Health is recommended. 	Next meeting on Nov. 19th
	Health & Wellness Oct. 9, 2020 minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief discussion by G. Allard. • Anyone interested in joining the Committee may tune into the virtual meetings. 	
	Nominating, W. Campion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of candidates for consideration for CEMSAB. Office of Chairman – G. Allard has agreed to serve another term 	Open to accept nominations for consideration. None.

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		<p>Office of Vice Chairman – W. Schietinger has agreed to serve another term Secretary – I. Smith has agreed to serve as Secretary only during a transitional period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Coupe has expressed interest in secretary. She needs to first be appointed to board. 	<p>Formal election will be held at Nov. 22nd meeting.</p> <p>Motion that nominations be closed and nominations presented be accepted made by W. Campion 1st and 2nd R. Kamin.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	Ed and Training	No update	
	Trauma S. Gregg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Sept 9th meeting • Ancef may be added into protocols for open fractures after assessing for allergies. • Registry work, new personnel overseeing the integration of the State. • Looked into membership committee requirements, if you are a member of American College of Surgeons you can serve. • State trauma protocols have been adopted • Whole Blood discussion. There is no dispute regarding bringing whole blood to patients in the field. There is concern regarding process, transparency and collaboration in the implementation of the protocol. 	<p>Next meeting Nov 4th</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support given to the current process of having a new protocol go through CEMSMAC then to the EMS Advisory Board for comment and/or recommendation. 	
	New Business. G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to review board goals to provide an update for 2021 Data Committee reactivation discussion. 	
	Marie Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion around streamlining a process for first responders to receive COVID testing. Question what is the process if an on-duty health care worker is tested positive? 	We must all double down on our personal protection including hand washing PPE and social distancing.
	J. Laucella	A career Fair for EMS Personnel will be held of EMT students and /or other interested parties.	November 18, 2020 from Shelton.
Next Meeting	November 23, 2020	Via teleconference at 0900 hours	
Adjournment			Meeting Adjourned at 10:37

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PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes) -

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DPH-OEMS – Raffaella Coler, OEMS Director

- Review Report Provided
- Regulation Update
- COVID Testing for EMS by EMS and/or in each Region
- Vaccination Administration by EMS and for EMS

EMSC: Cicero/Barnes

CHAIR'S REPORT – Greg Allard

- Committee Annual Reports coming due (January 2021)
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ACTION ITEMS –

- Vote for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of Advisory Board

OLD BUSINESS –

- **CPR in schools**
 - *Public Act 15-94*
 - *Chapter 164 Section 10-16b*



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE update will be included in EMS chief memo; organizations need to seek their own materials; S. Roof can be contacted for assistance if needed and may supply a 3 day emergency supply for services.; N95 masks and gloves still difficult to get on the marketplace. • MIH position cannot be supported due to lack of funding. Lengthy discussion. • Vaccinations for Covid-19. OEMS fully supports EMTs and Paramedics assisting with a vaccination programs if they are properly trained in administering IM injections. An enabling Commissioner’s order is forthcoming. • An article regarding Dispatcher Health is on the OEMS website. • Question regarding minimal crew of EMR and paramedic been considered by OEMS. There has been no request for or proof of need for this. 	
	<p>EMS-C V. Barnes, written report submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes ongoing with COVID provisions • Check website for updates 	<p>ctemsc.com</p>

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Chair's report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report for committee chairs due in January • Review of board goals; attached to agenda; IFT, MIH, guide for regionalize services; complete Regulation re-write project – begin review for next update; emphasis on health and wellness committee. • Reestablishment of the <u>data committee</u>; discussion of what type of data will be helpful; looking for leadership and membership; J. Beaulieu, J. Oates and R. Kamin offered their time. 	
	Breakout Session	None	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for Nov. 11, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes. • R. Gross recognized and affirmed that he can remain representative • Protocol subcommittee is active. Hospital diversion guidance, Blood transfusion review, IFT process is continuing. • CARES; current contact Maddie Little; in process of hiring someone in place of Lance Timmons. 	
	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the use of state Everbridge notifications for hospital diversion 	

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	B. Morris, 10.20.20 Interoperability & Nov.12th EMED minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on formalizing Directory • Brief discussion of Region One patching policy 	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully live streamed presentations on website (Region 2 and 4) • Youth award was given in person • Region 3 and Region 1 presentations forthcoming. • Region 5 award given at a well-attended face to face safe ceremony. 	
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	Legislative G. Allard for M. Loiz Nov. 19 th minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMED language • Leadership has been established; if interested in getting appointed let Greg know. 	
	MIH J. Beaulieu, Oct. 20 & Nov. 19 th minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of MIH planning, • Reaching out for support 	Next meeting on Dec. 17th

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	<p>Health & Wellness G. Allard for K. Ferrarotti, Oct 9 & Nov. 13th minutes submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been a robust committee. • Wellness and Resiliency discussed. • Survey had been created; will be sent out to all EMS providers, social media. 	
	<p>Nominating I. Smith for W. Campion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion for candidates for consideration of CEMSAB. 	<p>Motion that the Board send a recommendation to the Commissioner in support of G. Allard continuing to serve as Board Chairman of CEMSAB, 1st I. Smith, 2nd W. Fitzmaurice.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to nominate W. Schietinger to serve as Vice Chairman of CEMSAB, 1st I. Smith, 2nd W. Fitzmaurice.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to nominate I. Smith to serve as Secretary of CEMSAB 1st G. Allard 2nd M. Blake.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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	Trauma	None	
	New Business	None	
Education question	J. Demers	The National Registry is moving towards a multi-answer test rather than multiple choice. The change is under discussion and has not been implemented.	
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- Review Committee Goals
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- Appointments for Open Seats - Josh, Kate, Stephen

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWORD compliance numbers up to 85% statewide • HeartSafe update attached • OEMS Staff updates; Mike Zacchera started on 12/18 as Region 3 EMS coordinator • Regional Coordinator application updates • Questions around vaccine process and cost to EMS personnel 	
	EMS-C V. Barnes, written report submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program coordinator position is open, 	
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	Breakout Session	None	

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Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for Dec. 10, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minutes. • Jan meeting rescheduled to Jan. 7th, 2021 • Discussion re protocols; steroids will be added back into the protocols for Asthma and COPD • COVID non transport process; based on local needs • New CARES coordinator; contact Maddie Little until new person is up to speed • Scope of practice document is up for Advisory board review. • Hospital diversion guidance was reintroduced and reviewed; for Advisory board review; changes have been made; current document is dated 12/18/20 and submitted for review • Region 2 had a medical advisory committee meeting; non transport protocol discussed. 	Next meeting Jan. 7 th , 2021
	Communications B. Morris, Dec 9, 2020 minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the use of state Everbridge notifications for hospital diversion, road closures, communications, and major events. • Discussion on legislative committee regarding CMED oversight. • Statewide CMED Manual should be done by January 2021. 	

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	Data, J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting set up a framework for the goals. • More participation is needed on the committee. 	
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards still need to be done in Regions one and three. Regions 2, 4 and 5 have been completed. 	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
	Legislative, M. Loiz Minutes Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next session starts on Jan 6 • Mental Health First Aid • Watch list being put together 	CT Legislation session will be 100% virtual for the session starting January 6, 2021.
	MIH J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on End of year report; committee to stay the same for 2021 • Looking for support for OEMS 	
	Health & Wellness K. Ferrarotti, Dec. 11 th minutes submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of individual providers around state has been sent out with over 100 respondents health and wellness needs. • Link has been well publicized 	

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	Nominating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
	Ed and Training M. Zacchera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subgroup completed review of protocols exam questions. • Worked on goals for next year • Elections for new officers; L. Brockett new chair 	
	Trauma	No Report	
	New Business	None	
	Joel Demers	National registry will continue provisional certificate through Jan 2021.	
Next Meeting	January 27, 2021	Via teleconference at 0900 hours	
Adjournment	At 0956		

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