

Approved April 28, 2021  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 0900 hours** Via  
teleconference

Members Attendees: G. Allard, J. Beaulieu, L. Bolton, N. Brescia, 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 and Stacy Robinson

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, R. Kamin, K. Hickcox, M. Zacchera, J. Reynolds, Angela 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), Megan Petrucelli (EMS-C) L. Brockett (Ed&Training), S. Gregg (Trauma)

Guests D. Manz, P. Canning, S. Conley, M. Osbourne, T. Schietinger, J. Way

Board Chair: G. Allard

Meeting opened at 0906 hours.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Moment of Silence	In memorial, Stephen Johnson	Whitney Biggs	
Minutes	Minutes of February 24, 2021		Motion to accept minutes of 02/24/2021 with addition of Legislative outbreak notes one edit change.  1 <sup>st</sup> I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> F. Potter  Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment	None		
Presentation	Dan Manz, EMS Compact Educator, Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice	Comprehensive presentation, 33 minutes.  *Protects the public and enhances the Emergency Medical Services system in the United States.  *The EMS Compact facilitates the day to day movement of EMS personnel across state boundaries in the performance of their EMS duties as assigned by an appropriate authority.  *The EMS Compact authorizes state EMS offices to afford immediate legal recognition to EMS personnel licensed in other member states.  <u>Questions taken:</u>	<a href="http://Emscompact.gov">Emscompact.gov</a> <a href="mailto:dmanz@emscompact.gov">dmanz@emscompact.gov</a> 833-473-7542  Presentation slides addended to the end of these minutes.

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		<p>How long allowed to work in foreign state? Indefinitely</p> <p>Pre-employment screening?</p> <p>Cost to state? Currently covered by NREMT</p> <p>Why do states not participate? Cost related, fingerprint, inconvenience.</p>	
Chair's report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome new appointed board member, Stacy Robinson, represents Hunter Ambulance</li> <li>• Webinar on Health Technology yesterday by Office of Health Strategy.</li> </ul>	
DPH-OEMS, R. Coler	Written report submitted March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of written report.</li> <li>• Discussion of D. Manz's presentation and associated cost to state.</li> <li>• Monitoring Ebola in Africa.</li> </ul>	Thanks to Judy Reynolds for her efforts with the MCI trailers.
	EMS-C M. Petrucelli Written notes submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ EMSC Survey is completed for this year. Thank You! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking forward for results to share</li> </ul> </li> <li>✚ New England Regional Collaborative EMSC Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flyer attached with the 6 CME Credits upon completion</li> <li>○ Free of Charge</li> </ul> </li> <li>✚ Coming soon: Near Drowning/Hiking Extrication CME</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning stages for drill in Meriden</li> <li>○ PEPP Classes resuming – Reach out if interested.</li> </ul>	
Breakout Session		None.	
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for March 11, 2021	Review of minutes submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leaving COVID item on agenda; decrease in COVID for transporting, locally experiencing a bump up in cases</li> <li>● EMS protocol work continues</li> <li>● CARES Report; new coordinator, Jackson O’Brien</li> <li>● IFT update; ongoing</li> <li>● Minimum Equipment List</li> <li>● Scope of Practice</li> </ul>	Diversion guidelines will go to the Board next month.  Motion to approve 2021 Minimum Equipment List as presented by CEMSMAC; 1 <sup>st</sup> I. Smith; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rich Kamin  Motion passed unanimously.
	Communications B. Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee met in March; minutes will be distributed.</li> <li>● CMED Statewide Directory – Due 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021</li> <li>● Everbridge system across all regions project moving forward</li> <li>● Discussion around a single centralized CMED for the state.</li> <li>● Discussion of original purpose of CMED</li> </ul>	

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	Data & MIH J. Beaulieu	Data Committee met March 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance metrics, making progress.</li> <li>• Reach out to committee chairs regarding what they could use with regards to data; build the data around committee requests</li> </ul> MIH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to communicate to elected professions and additional communication needs</li> </ul>	Data Next meeting April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 3pm.  MIH Next meeting March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2 pm.
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2021 awards submissions will open April 1 and close on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Award presentations will be in October 2021.</li> </ul>	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	No report.	
	Legislative M. Loiz	Committee met in March. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill #2 testimony submitted</li> <li>• Senate Bill #1; home visits – still reviewing</li> <li>• EMSI bill – not looking like it will go anywhere</li> <li>• Bill 6626; insurance and billing; consent must be received on emergency call</li> <li>• No updates on Mental Health aid PTSI; focusing on 660 more generalized language</li> </ul>	Next meeting April 15th

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadlines for bill out of public health is April 7<sup>th</sup>, public safety is 3/26; bills need to be pushed now.</li> <li>• DPH Bill – technical edits only.</li> </ul> <p>303 (13) The commissioner may waive any provisions of the regulations</p> <p>304 affecting an emergency medical service organization, as defined in</p> <p>305 section 19a-175, if the commissioner determines that such waiver would</p> <p>306 not endanger the health, safety or welfare of any patient or resident. The</p> <p>307 commissioner may impose conditions, upon granting the waiver, that</p> <p>308 assure the health, safety or welfare of patients or residents and may</p> <p>309 revoke the waiver upon a finding that the health, safety or welfare of</p> <p>310 any patient or resident has been jeopardized. The commissioner may</p> <p>311 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,</p> <p>312 establishing procedures for an application for a waiver pursuant to this</p> <p>OEMS has no waiver power</p>	

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	<p>Health &amp; Wellness  March 12, 2021 minutes  were distributed</p>	<p>Update by J. Oates.  The ‘actionable next steps’ was developed by break out groups of the committee.  Smith suggests that the Board receive progress reports so it can be ready for approval of submissions as they are developed.</p>	
	<p>Ed and Training  L. Brockett  Minutes of 2.9.21  submitted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on Bill regarding the health and safety of children which should be opposed.</li> <li>• Goal is to update online presentations for instructional purposes.</li> <li>• Protocol testing finishing up.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Trauma, S. Gregg</p>	<p>Meeting held on March 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved 2020 reports</li> <li>• Trauma centers are upgrading their systems</li> <li>• CEMSMAC trauma centric protocols</li> <li>• Ongoing discussion around traumatic arrests in the field.</li> </ul>	<p>Goals are presented in upcoming minutes.</p> <p>Meetings are every other month on first Wednesdays. Next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>New business</p>	<p>Rich Kamin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion regarding reoccurring incidents of law enforcement personnel attempts to mandate EMS provider to take people to hospital for evaluation</li> </ul>	

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		<p>regarding intoxication when EMS staff disagrees with the need for transport to as hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking group for EMS experiences regarding the issue and submit to Rich Kamin.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:richard.kamin@ct.gov">richard.kamin@ct.gov</a></p> <p>R. Kamin will submit comments in writing to board for discussion next month.</p>
Action item		<p>Irene Smith has submitted letter of resignation as secretary of CEMSAB. Board membership shall continue.</p> <p>New Secretary of CEMSAB – Stephen Johnson</p>	<p>Motion by G. Allard to accept I. Smith’s resignation and to approve S. Johnson as interim secretary. Motion seconded.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Next Meeting	April 28, 2021	At 0900 hours. Via teleconference.	
Adjournment	At 11:07		

Irene C. Smith RN, Secretary  
Angela Pugliese, OEMS

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## The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

# WHY REPLICIA?

- Allows EMS personnel to do their job
- Protects the public though proper screening of EMS personnel crossing state lines
- Assures EMS personnel meet a uniform, national 'fitness to practice'



# Interstate Compacts – What are they?

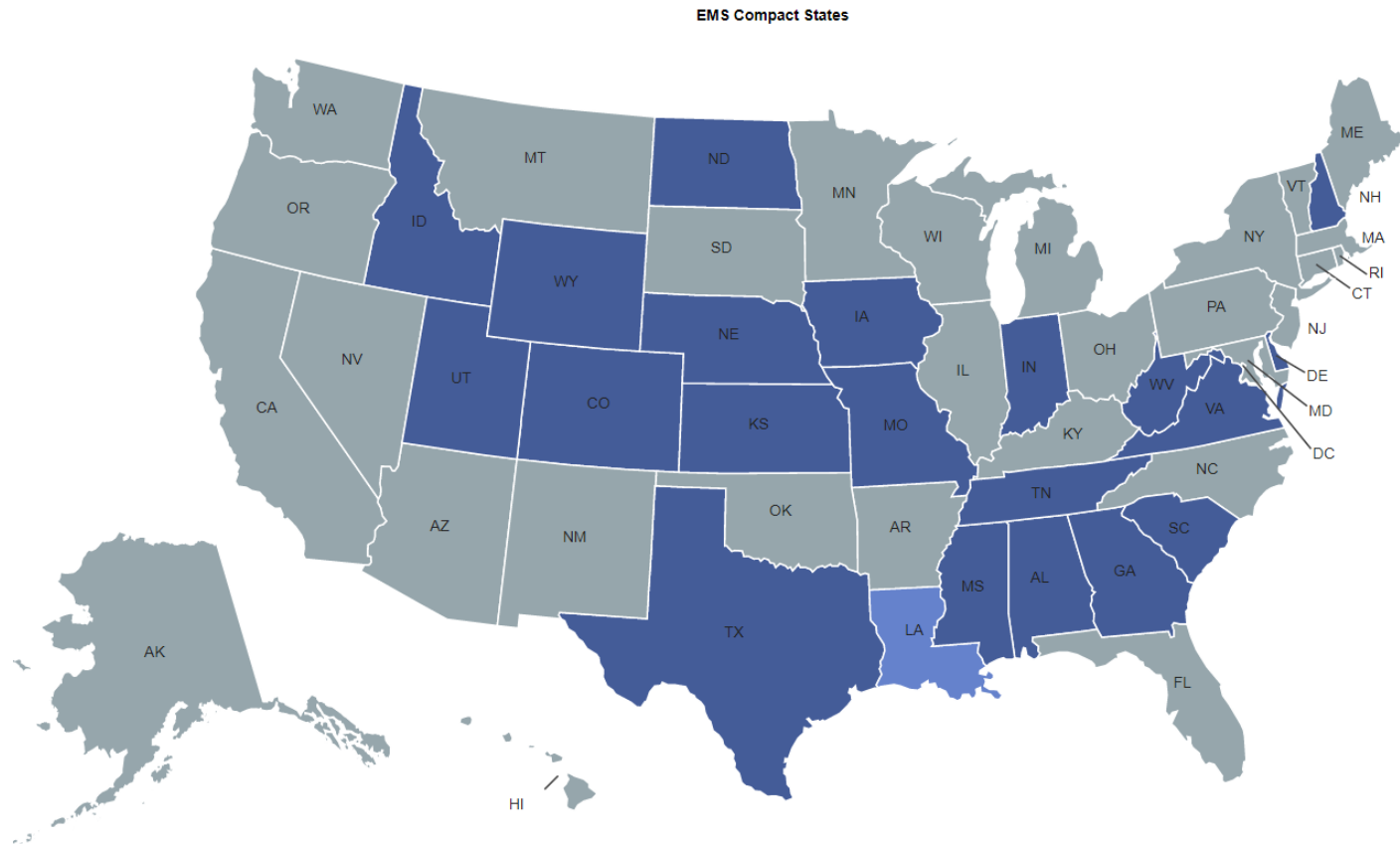


# 10 States had to pass REPLICA legislation to form the Compact Commission



As of September 15, 2018

# Current member states in the EMS Compact as of March 2021



# REPLICA State Eligibility

## NREMT

- Utilize the NREMT exam at the EMT, AEMT and Paramedic levels for initial licensure

## FBI

- Utilize FBI compliant background check with biometric data (e.g. fingerprints) within **5 years** of Compact activation (by October 7, 2022)

## Process

- Have a process to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints; and share information with other Compact states as necessary

## Law

- Enact the model REPLICA legislation

# Individual Eligibility & Practice

- **Licensed** in a Home State as an EMT, AEMT\* or Paramedic
- Practicing in **good standing** in their home state(s)
- Under the supervision of an EMS Medical Director
- Using home state protocols
- At least **18** years of age

\* Or at a level between EMT and Paramedic



# Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

- Oversight of Compact operations
- Governmental body
- Member states have one seat, one vote
- Rulemaking authority on Compact related matters only





# National EMS Coordinated Database (NEMSCD)

- Legal authorization provided by the REPLICA legislation
- State EMS Office Can:
  - View complete (multiple state) license history of individuals
  - Share real-time significant investigatory information
  - Share License Discipline History
  - Receive cross-border notifications of out of state adverse actions



# Relationship to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact



Once a Governor declares a disaster and EMAC is activated, EMAC applies and no terms or provisions of REPLICA shall supersede the terms of EMAC on NAC with respect to any individual practicing in the remote state in response to such declaration

# So where are we TODAY?

- The Commission is formed and meets
- Officers are established
- By-laws are in place
- Rules of operation have been created
- Cross border practice went live in March 2021



# Continuing to work on

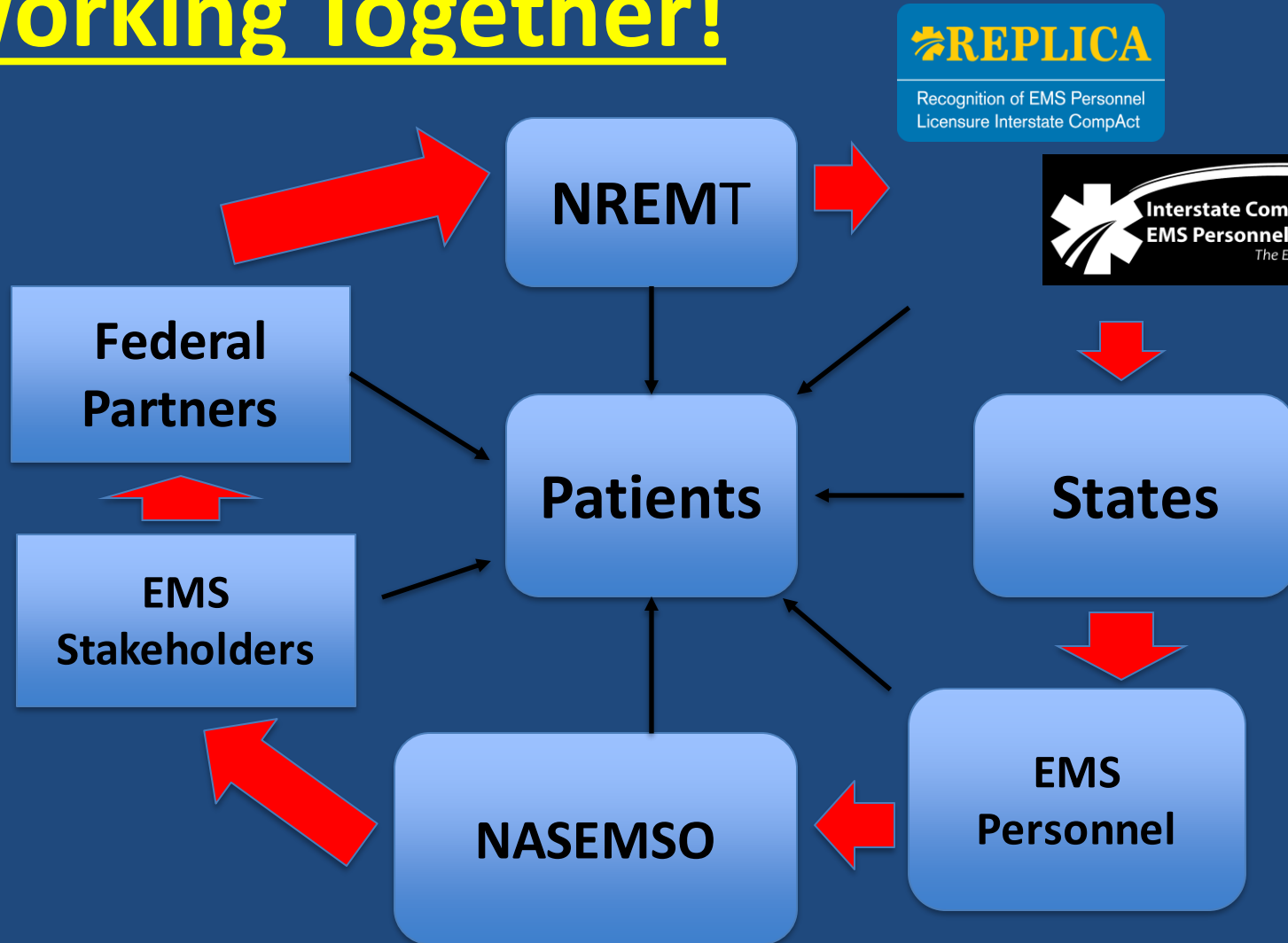
- Implementation of the National EMS Coordinated Database
- Refining policies for data sharing
- Encouraging more states to join the Compact
- Hiring an Executive Director for the Compact Commission
- Improving the EMS Compact website
- Maintaining a national presence to assist in EMS personnel cross border practice

# TARGET Dates

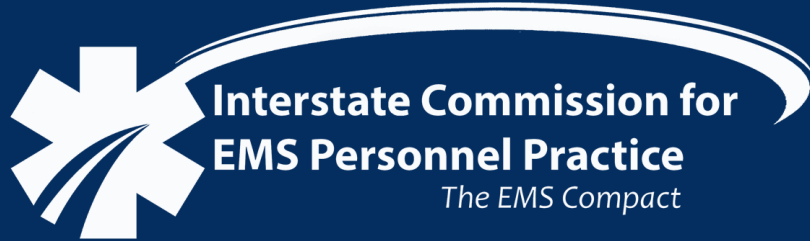


- **Third Quarter, 2021**  
Executive Director hired
- **First Quarter, 2022** All states uploading data into NEMSCD
- **October 7, 2022** All states must meet the FBI background check requirement

# Working Together!



# Partners



**Thank You!**

# For More Information..

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