

Approved August 24, 2021 CONNECTICUT
EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 0900 hours
In Person Meeting with Remote Option

Board Members G. Allard, J. Beaulieu, N. Brescia, S. Caffyn, W. Champion, K. Ferrarotti, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, J. Paretzky, S. Robinson, I. Smith, R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, J. Demers, K. Hickcox, A. Pugliese, J. Reynolds, M. Zacchera.

Regional Presidents M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Wilson, F, Rosa

Committee Chairs W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Beaulieu (MIH & Data), B. Morris (CMED), M. Loiz (Legislative), M. Petrucelli (EMS-C), J. Laucella (Regionalization),

Guests K. Couple, D. Dole, B. Mara, J. Santacroce, T. Schietinger, J. Way

Board Chair: G. Allard

Meeting opened at 0915 hours.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	Stephen Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding cards, decided that name and card will be sent to most recent/longest tenured service and family if that information is available. • Keith Cooper - Williamsville Fire Engine Company, Killingly. 	None required.
Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2021 meeting.	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted as written. 	<p>Motion to accept May 26, 2021 meeting minutes</p> <p>1st W. Fitzmaurice and 2nd J. Laucella</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Public comment	D. Dole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ET3 and paramedicine; concerns of paramedic's ability to work at standbys outside of their service, suggested a "Standby Medical Control." Ralf discussed regulations and statutes concerning medical control, PSA, and first aid services vs. freelancing. 	
Special Presentation	No presentation.		
Chair's Report	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time is now to submit interest in leadership role on the Board. • Treat and no transport rates reminder. Led to discussion on treat and no transport policies and processes. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of lift assists at nursing homes and assisted living. • Medicaid reimbursement rate increases. • July and August meetings are remote. 	
OEMS written reported submitted for June 2021	R. Coler for DPH-OEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of written report. • Close to hire of a new data person/epidemiologist. • Discussion of grants for SWORD and expanding services of EMS to distribute Narcan. • Reviewing trauma data vendors. 	None required.
EMSC Report.	M. Petrucelli for EMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted issues PECC Grant, looking for an EMS agency to join and make a two year commitment and quarterly simulations. Contact Mark Cicero (mark.cicero@yale.edu) for more information. • EMSC is willing to come out to EMS agencies and conduct free training: SIMS, BLS 1-hour airway CME, and PEPP. 	None required.
Breakout Session	G. Allard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief update on law enforcement interaction with EMS and patients, awaiting response from interested parties and organizations. 	None required.
Committee Reports: CEMSMAC minutes submitted for June 10, 2021	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	None required.

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CMED and SIEC Committee CMED Minutes submitted for May 12, 2021	B. Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of 700 and 800 MHz system for better coverage. • EMS Communications Directory revision is underway. 	None required.
Council of Regional Presidents (CORP)	W. Fitzmaurice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting today immediately following CEMSAB meeting. • CT EMS Awards nominations ongoing, currently approximately six nominations, would like to see that number increase. Nominations are still open. • Award presented to R. Coler on behalf of OEMS for all the support provided during COVID-19 pandemic. 	Please make nominations at ctemscouncils.org .
Data Committee	J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for a new committee chair. 	None required.
Education and Training Committee Minutes submitted for May 18, 2021	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	None required.
Health and Wellness Committee	K. Ferrarotti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	None required.

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Minutes submitted for June 11, 2021			
Legislative Committee	M. Loiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of HB 6666. • Involvement of EMS representative at the fire/EMS caucus. • Discussion of EMR/paramedic crew configuration. • Discussion of items of legislative interests for the next session. 	Next meeting July 15, 2021.
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee	J. Beaulieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	Next meeting June 24, 2021.
Nominating and Membership Committee	No report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	None required.
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee	J. Laucella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward movement of patient plan. • Meeting with CORP today to discuss liaison role to Regional Preparedness and Collaboration to discuss how to better coordinate within regions. 	None required.
Trauma Committee	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	None required.
Action Items	N/A	None.	

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Old Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional coordinators remain as contractors, but CEMSAB has previously supported making the coordinators a full-time role. I. Smith asks the Chair to make this a priority, M. Loiz concurs and states that the item can be taken to the Legislative Committee, and the consensus of the Board is that this should be explored and discussed further. Discussion of the current timeline regarding certification and licensure expirations considering the pandemic and recently rescinded executive orders. 	
New Business	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
Next Meeting	July 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual meeting. 	
Adjournment	At 10:44 am.		

Respectively submitted by:

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