

APPROVED – November 21, 2022  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
**September 28, 2022 at 0900 hours**  
**In Person and Remote**

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| Board Members               | J. Beaulieu (MIH) (P), L. Bolton, M. Daniels, K. Ferrarotti (Health and Wellness) (P), R. Glaspy (P), R. Guthrie, J. Paretzky (P), A. Romano, I. Smith (P), R. Ziegler (P), S. Caffyn (P), N. Brescia (P), M. Loiz (Legislative) (P), F. Potter, K. McClaine (CEMSMAC), G. Allard, J. Quinlavin, D. Tompkins, J. Laucella (Regionalization) |
| Non-Member Committee Chairs | C. Dunn (Data) (P) M. Osborne (Education and Training), S. Gregg (Trauma), B. Morris (CMED)   |
| Regional Council Presidents | W. Fitzmaurice (Region 2), M. Wilson (Region 4), D. Tauber (Region 3), F. Rosa (Region 5)   |
| EMSC                        | None  |
| OEMS Staff:                 | J. Demers (P), M. Zacchera (P), K. Hickox (P), R. Calciano (P), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC) (P), J. Reynolds (P) A. Pugliese (P), E. Little  |
| Guests                      | D. Dole, K. Lindstrom, J. Way, S. Conley, D. Tompkins, K. Coupe   |
| Board Chair                 | W. Schietinger (P)  |

Meeting opened at 09:00

**Attendance: \*(P)=in person**  
**18 in person**  
**25 remote**

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| Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers | W. Schietinger     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Blake, AEMT, Region One President</li> </ul>   | None required.   |
| Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2022     | W. Schietinger     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted with minor edit</li> </ul>   | Motion to accept August 24, 2022<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> F. Rosa and 2 <sup>nd</sup> I. Smith<br><br>Motion passed unanimously. |
| Public comment                           |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Presentation                             |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>   |  |
| Chair's Report                           | W. Schietinger     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEMSAB October meeting is scheduled during EMS conference; discussion if meeting should be held; consensus is we will wait until there is a pressing issue, postpone or cancel</li> <li>• Feedback regarding hybrid; working well</li> <li>• Interest in volunteering time for on PREE &amp; Protective Custody forms               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussing combining forms</li> <li>○ Chief Lindstrom; discussion will be taken offline</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bylaws Committee:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irene Smith, Bob Guthrie, R. Calciano, R. Kamin, J. Beaulieu</li> <li>• Current bylaws to be sent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CT EMS instructors report; will be meeting 10/24 at noon, can email Scott if interested in attending; new website will be published soon</li> </ul> | <a href="mailto:scottm@huntersamb.com">scottm@huntersamb.com</a>   |

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| OEMS, written report submitted for September 2022 | R. Calciano                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 2022 OEMS report submitted</li> <li>• EMS agencies are reporting to ImageTrend</li> <li>• ePCR Aggregate Report submitted, on OEMS website.</li> <li>• CT Opioid response, 1100 naloxone kits given out</li> <li>• Welcome new staff member, Cliff Maestri</li> <li>• Michael Zacchera new MIH position</li> <li>• Jill Kennedy to present at Oct meeting on legislative procedures</li> </ul> |                |
| EMSC Report                                       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>  | None           |
| Breakout Session                                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>  | None required. |
| <b>Committee Reports</b>                          |  |   |                |
| CEMSMAC   | R. Kamin, September 2022 minutes submitted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept. meeting minutes submitted</li> <li>• Diversion guidance was refined; Discussion regarding positive conversation with commissioner; looking to go out as a product of CEMSAB</li> <li>• Conversation regarding meeting process; some degree of in-person meeting, continue to meet remote-only and in person meetings as needed; legislative supports</li> </ul>                                    |                |

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| CMED and SIEC Committee               | B. Morris, September 2022 meetings submitted       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met in September; minutes discussed</li> <li>• Twiage discussion</li> <li>• Staffing issues as a result of COVID</li> </ul>  | None  |
| Council of Regional Presidents (CORP) | Fitzmaurice  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS awards will take place at Foxwoods Casino at 5:30 pm, no cost</li> <li>• Award recipients announced.</li> </ul>  | <a href="https://ctemscouncils.org/">https://ctemscouncils.org/</a> |
| Data Committee                        | C. Dunn, Aug. and Sept. 2022 minutes submitted.    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next month will be discussing NEMSIS 3.5 validation rules</li> </ul>   |   |
| Education and Training Committee      | M. Osborne, June and August 2022 minutes submitted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making changes to PPTs, goals</li> <li>• L. Brockett will be retiring in November</li> </ul>   |   |
| Health and Wellness Committee         | K, Ferrarotti, September 2022 minutes submitted    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met in September; minutes submitted</li> <li>• Peer support program discussion; statewide or regional?</li> <li>• New <a href="#">Health and Wellness page</a> on OEMS website</li> </ul>  |   |
| Legislative Committee                 | M. Loiz  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met last week; next meeting Oct. 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Watching current projects and new projects for next legislative session – Apr – June</li> <li>• Congressional session starts in January</li> <li>• Medicare Ambulance relief: ambulance increases set to expire and they want to extend or make permanent</li> <li>• EMS Workforce shortage</li> </ul> | <a href="#">EMS Workgroup</a>                                       |

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|   |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance billing: Advisory committee has been stood up 180 days to make recommendation</li> <li>• COVID 19 \$\$\$ assistance</li> <li>• Sequestration cuts - congress delayed the 4% cut and they are attempting to permanently prevent the cut</li> <li>• Cost Data collection: trying to push it back in line with the delays from COVID</li> <li>• Biden Admin has placed in their budget proposal to maintain the Ambulance add-ons. Still needs to go through House/Senate.</li> <li>• Introduction of EMS Workgroup; access from OEMS homepage</li> </ul> |                        |
| Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee            | J. Beaulieu        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction M. Zacchera new MIH coordinator</li> </ul>  | Next meeting Oct. 27th |
| Nominating and Membership Committee               | J. Beaulieu        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of leadership for CEMSAB in December; requires nomination in October and vote in November; all positions; looking for a resume to support nomination</li> </ul>   |                        |
| Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee | J. Laucelleu       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met in September</li> <li>• Working on leadership guide</li> </ul>   |                        |
| Trauma Committee                                  | S. Gregg           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee met in September</li> <li>• Subjects of discussion; Registry, new trauma centers coming online soon; injury prevention; stop the</li> </ul>  |                        |

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|              |                    | bleed, not one more campaign, hospital violence state committee; protocols with collaboration with CEMSMAC; new guideline book from American college for surgeons and new requirements |                   |
| Action Items | W. Schietinger     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>   |                   |
| Old Business | W. Schietinger     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>   |                   |
| New Business |                    |  |                   |
| Next Meeting | Oct. 26            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid</li> </ul>   |                   |
| Adjournment  | 10:21 am           |  | Motion to adjourn |

Respectively submitted by:  
Angela Pugliese, OEMS

**EMS Advisory Board Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

Oct 26  
Nov 21 (*Monday due to the holiday*)  
Dec 28