

MINUTES- Draft
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
April 14, 2021, 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED, Gregg Prevost – Valley Shore Emergency Communications,, Steven Savage – Northwest Public Safety; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Vaughan Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Brian Baldwin - North Central CMED

Unable to attend: Matt Duval – Norwich CMED; Joann Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Joann Miles - Willimantic Emergency Communications; Groton Communications; Mark Hughson, MEDCOM; Kevin McManus- DSET; Scott Wright, CTS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:39 p.m. –	Presented Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Meeting	Minutes accepted.
Follow-Up on Everbridge Hospital Diversion Notifications	K. McManus was unable to attend. B. Morris will be calling him to set up a meeting for North Central CMED	
Statewide Hospital Diversion Guideline Revisions	Circulated final edits of the CEMSMAC Hospital Diversion Guideline revision. Areas of concern: Accepting facility is out of EMS catchment area; Hospital personnel use of Emergent Operational Diversion when situations present that are unsafe for EMS units.	
Statewide CMED Manual/Directory	D. Racicot circulated final draft of the CMED maps showing towns, hospitals, coordinating and patch channel for each CMED. B. Morris reported that the EMS Advisory Board is anticipating release of the final draft.	

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Reportable Interoperable Events for the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)	G. Prevost reported that Valley Shore used the CT LMRN (CT Land Mobile Radio Network) tied to a MED Channel talk group for communications during recent structure fires. The coverage was good and they could talk to each other. Northwest Public Safety and Litchfield County Dispatch will beta test a trunked radio and UHF radio solution with associated talk groups.	
Regionalization and PSAP Consolidation	B. Morris reported that PSAP consolidation legislation is circulating each year. The consensus of the group is that consolidation/regionalization will occur when communities see a cost savings and quality improvement. Members recalled the issues and cost of the State Police PSAP consolidation and reversal. This circumstance makes it difficult to bring the concept/idea to others.	

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – Virtually – Details to follow

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

2021 Meeting Dates: June 9, No July and August, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2021