

**MINUTES- Draft**  
**CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**May 12, 2021, 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

**Member Attendees:** Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED, Gregg Prevost – Valley Shore Emergency Communications,; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Vaughan Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Brian Baldwin - North Central CMED; Scott Wright, CTS;

**Unable to attend:** Matt Duval – Norwich CMED; Steven Savage – Northwest Public Safety; Joann Miles - Willimantic Emergency Communications; Groton Communications; Mark Hughson, MEDCOM; Kevin McManus- DSET; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS;

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Meeting called to order at 1:39 p.m. –</b>	Presented Minutes of the April 14, 2021 Meeting	Minutes accepted.
<b>Statewide Hospital Diversion Guideline Revisions</b>	B. Morris reported that CEMSMAC (Dr. Kamin) received the comments from the discussion at our last meeting. She explained the concern for managing situations when the area surrounding a facility maybe unsafe for EMS units and the hospital is not on diversion.	
<b>Statewide CMED Manual/Directory</b>	D. Racicot circulated final draft of the CMED maps showing towns, hospitals, coordinating and patch channel for each CMED. G. Prevost circulated the CMED System Overview and Listing of Hospitals Statewide. B. Morris reported that she is editing the introduction and general radio operating procedures. The EMS Advisory Board is anticipating release of the final draft.	

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<b>CMED Work Group – P25 Project</b>	A discussion ensued about investing in equipment compatible with the State P25 to improve UHF radio coverage. G. Prevost and S. Wright will draft a one-page summary on the beta test results. In many areas of the state, replacing the MED channel radio system along with improving coverage is cost prohibitive. Understanding that all EMS vehicles must have a UHF CMED radio to be compliant with the State standard, CMEDs/RCCs are seeking cost effective ways to improve and support the MED channel radio system. B Morris and D. Racicot will develop questions to survey the EMS community about their CMED radio replacement plan. G. Prevost will work with D. Soule and submit a request for assistance from CTS.	
<b>Reportable Interoperable Events for SIEC</b>	The next meeting is Tuesday, May 18.	
<b>Information Sharing</b>	G. Prevost suggested we consider applying for grants or funding from COVID-19 or Economic Stimulus that the states and local government will receive from the federal government.	

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – Virtually – Details to follow**

**Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair**

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