

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
March 9, 2022 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom- approved

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Gregg Prevost – Valley Shore Emergency Communications; Steven Savage – Northwest Public Safety Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Jon Rollinson, MEDCOM

Unable to attend: Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Brian Baldwin - North Central CMED; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Joann Miles - Willimantic Emergency Communications; Groton Communications; Kevin McManus- DSET; Waterford ECC; Scott Wright, CTS; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting MEDCOM has a new representative – Jon Rollinson introduced himself and he will be attending the meetings.	
Draft 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Projects and Goals	B. Morris shared the points of the Annual Report that is due to the EMS Advisory Board. She will finalize it and send it to the Chair.	Awaiting contact information and finalizing the format.
Statewide CMED Manual/Directory	B. Morris sent the draft 2021 CT EMS Communications Directory to the CT EMS Advisory Board for review. Additional information is needed to complete some sections of the document. We're looking for the contact person at Groton Fire Service and Waterford Communications.	
State Interoperability CMED Work Group	Medical Coordination Use of CLMRN -Draft CMED Plan v2 Northwest Public Safety is beta testing the patch interface with State system and Naugatuck Ambulance. The radio coverage is very good. Leveraging technology is making communication easier for the providers.	

Reportable Interoperable Events for SIEC	Bob Drozynski retired from State service at the end of January 2022. Clayton Northgraves appointed the State Interoperability Coordinator. Scott Wright is the Deputy Coordinator. The State Interop Committee is considering changing to quarterly meetings. They may produce a quarterly newsletter to keep everyone current.	
Update on Twiage and E-Bridge Communication Mobile Apps	The group shared observations on the use of the Mobile Apps for EMS to Hospital Communications. Hartford Healthcare is preparing to implement Twiage with their Sponsored EMS Services. Hartford Healthcare's goal is to improve the communication flow from EMS to the ED and Hospital Special Teams for STEMI, Stroke, Trauma, etc. alerts. EMS expressed concern about using a device in the back of ambulance while trying to manage their patient.	
Proposed Legislation to Increase CMED 9-1-1 Fund Subsidy	B. Morris contacted Mr. Northgraves and give him a heads up on the proposal to increase the 9-1-1 CMED subsidy	
Information Sharing HB 5001	B. Morris circulated information on Proposed HB 5001.	

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

Future Meetings: May 11, 2022; June 8, 2022; July and August (no meetings scheduled), September 14, 2022; October 12, 2022; November 9, 2022; December 14, 2022

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