

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
February 9, 2022 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; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Scott Wright, CTS

Unable to attend: Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Brian Baldwin - North Central CMED; Matt Duval – Norwich CMED; Joann Miles - Willimantic Emergency Communications; Groton Communications; Kevin McManus- DSET; Waterford ECC

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting	Motion by G. Prevost, Second by C. Kelleher Minutes accepted.
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.	Awaiting contact information and finalizing the format.
State Interoperability CMED Work Group	Medical Coordination Use of CLMRN -Draft CMED Plan v2 S. Wright reported that the ground work is done. He worked closely with VS, LCD, SW and NW. Interfaces are available for non-Motorola consoles. The beta test <i>[cross band to UHF channel]</i> proved to be very successful. G. Prevost reported that the PSAP to PSAP project is working well in Region 2.	

Reportable Interoperable Events for SIEC	No Report.	
Other Business Update on CT FMOP	B. Morris reported that at the last EMS Advisory Board (1/26), the FMOP discussion was moved to the DPH/OEMS office.	
2021 Hospital Diversion Guideline (draft)	The CT EMS Advisory Board sent the updated Hospital Diversion Guideline to DPH for review. V. Dumas emailed the Sponsor Hospital Council of Greater Bridgeport's Diversion Guideline. The group commented that due to high patient levels, ambulance wait time at the hospitals can be hours.	
New Technology – Mobile App for EMS	The group shared information mobile applications that hospitals are using internally to manage their patients. Questions arose about the QA/QI process and recordings. Mobile Apps are Internet dependent. Devices may need a minimum data capacity.	
Proposed Legislation to Increase CMED 9-1-1 Fund Subsidy	B. Morris reported that North Central EMS Council/CMED approached key legislators regarding an increase to the 9-1-1 fund subsidy. The CMED subsidy was implemented in 2004 and never increased. B. Morris will contact Mr. Northgraves and give him a heads up on the proposal.	
Projects and Goals for 2022	B. Morris shared the draft 2022 Annual CEMSAB CMED Communications Committee report and goals for 2022. B. Morris will send the report and goals for approval at the next meeting.	
Information Sharing	<p>Education - Southwest Regional Communications – Signed agreement with Yale Sponsor Hospital for EMTs/Paramedics to do a rotation on CMED communications.</p> <p>S. Wright reported that Police and Fire have very good communication training programs. EMS should take advantage of them.</p> <p>Mutual Aid – V. Dumas reported that due to high call volume, services in Region 1 are refusing to go to other towns for mutual aid. Region 1 will review the mutual aid policy.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

Future Meetings April 13, 2022; 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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