

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
June 14, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications Jon Rollinson, MEDCOM; Kristan Vargas; Gregg Provost; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC;

Unable to attend: Troy Clark, CTS; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Steven Savage – Northwest Public Safety; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Tyler Millix, Tolland County 911; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Groton Communications; Scott Wright, CTS; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch;

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the May 10, 2023 Meeting	Motion to approve (Rollinson) seconded (Finnigan) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	B. Morris reiterated that a regulatory change can also be initiated through the CT Legislative process.	
CMED Work Group Report	<i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i> G. Prevost and V. Dumas reported on the success of the use of the P25 system for agents working together on the Valley Shore system. Many municipalities are integrating into the CTS network. Evaluation continues on the number of CMED talk groups that each agency needs.	
Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory	B. Morris reminded the group that we need to put together a CMED fact sheet and education component for the CMED directory	

OTHER BUSINESS		
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee)	New meeting schedule has not been distributed.	
Draft 2023-2028 DPH State EMS Plan	B. Morris prematurely distributed a draft document.	
Future Agenda Items	A question was raised –“Do we need to pay attention to the times we do not have an EMS unit available to respond to a call? “	
Cancel Meetings for July and August	We will not meet in July or August 2023	
Information Sharing Upcoming Events	G. Prevost reported that the City of Middletown updated the MCI Guidelines and will host a tabletop exercise in late July or early August.	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.	

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

2023 Meetings, October 11, 2023, November 8, 2023 and December 13, 2023

Goals for 2023 – (1) Distribute the 2022/2023 CT EMS Communications Directory (2) Pursue increase to the CMED subsidy from the State 9-1-1 Fund. (3) Develop CMED fact sheet and education component for users of the CMED system as well as Municipal Leaders (4) Pursue expansion of the P25 system.

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