

**MINUTES**  
**CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**November 8, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

**Member Attendees:** Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC; ; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Gregg Provost, Valley Shore Emergency Communications Christopher Licata, Communications Manager, MEDCON-AMR CT;

**Unable to attend:** Steve Savage.-Northwest Public Safety; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Vaughn Dumas, Southwest Regional Communications; Troy Clark, CTS; Tyler Millix, Tolland County 911; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Groton Communications; Scott Wright, CTS; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Kristin Vargas, Willimantic Emergency Communications

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the October 11, 2023 Meeting.	Motion to approve (Kelleher) seconded (Licata) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	No Update.	
CMED Work Group Report	<b><i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i></b> G. Prevost reported that CTS continues to reach out to interested parties and form talk groups.	
<b><i>Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory</i></b>	<i>B. Morris emailed Director Coler requesting that the EMS Communications Directory be posted on the CT EMS Advisory Board page -CMED Communications Committee on the DPH website. B. Morris is looking for input for a summary CMED fact sheet that can be used for educational purposes. This initiative becomes more important as new technologies are introduced to provide pre-hospital to hospital communications (particularly without</i>	

	<i>coordination). CMED's mission is to coordinate EMS resources along with hospital bed availability particularly during a mass casualty event.</i>	
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>		
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee)	SIEC meetings are being held quarterly.	
<b>Information Sharing Upcoming Events</b>	<p><b>OEMS Communications</b> – Pediatric Patient Transports to Urgent Crisis Centers J. Reynolds reported that a working group was formed to develop an EMS protocol. She attended an information session to get a better understanding of the current process. J. Reynolds will share the slide presentation.</p> <p><i>CT EMS/Fire Expo - Foxwoods</i> J. Reynolds reported that the conference was well attended and very successful. The CEMSAB Regional Collaboration Committee held a meeting and approximately fifty EMS Service Chiefs attended. They expressed concerns relating to staffing and resources.</p> <p><i>CT Healthcare Coalition - Medical Response and Surge Exercise</i> B. Morris and others attended the CTHCC Medical Response and Surge Exercise. CTHCC recently entered a contract with All Clear, a consulting firm. The purpose was to exercise the 2020 CTHCC Emergency Response Plan. We look forward to receiving the after action report – lessons learned and areas of improvement.</p>	
<b>Adjournment/Next Meeting</b>	The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.	

**Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair**

**2024 Meetings - January 10, 2024**

**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.