

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
December 13, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Steve Savage.-Northwest Public Safety; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Vaughn Dumas, Southwest Regional Communications Gregg Provost, Valley Shore Emergency Communications Christopher Licata, Communications Manager, MEDCON-AMR CT; Kristin Vargas, Willimantic Emergency Communications

Unable to attend: Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC; Troy Clark, CTS; 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 1:30 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Meeting.	Motion to approve (Prevost) seconded (Savage) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	V. Dumas reported on the letter that was sent to the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Fire/EMS Caucus. It requests their support to raise the CMED 9-1-1 Subsidy funding. V. Dumas recommends that we seek support from CCM and CT Firefighters Association and others.	
CMED Work Group Report	<i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i> G. Prevost reported that CTS continues to reach out to interested parties and form talk groups. Mark Gorka is the State Coordinator for this project.	
<i>Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory</i>	B. Morris reported that the EMS Communications Directory is posted on the DPH/OEMS - CT EMS Advisory Board page -CMED Communications Committee of the DPH website. Ongoing project to develop a summary CMED fact sheet that can be used for educational purposes.	

Page 2 OTHER BUSINESS		
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee)	SIEC meetings are being held quarterly. No meeting dates are posted on the website.	
OEMS Communications - Pediatric Patient Transport To Urgent Crisis Center	DPH/OEMS has a January 1, 2024 deadline to draft a protocol for this legislation. The unanswered question is “how to communicate with the facilities”. J. Reynolds will email the list of approved facilities	
Other Communication Platforms for Ambulance to Hospital Communication	Healthcare Systems are not using a standardized method for ambulance to hospital communication. It’s agreed that for some patients, using E-Bridge or Twiage to communicate time sensitive information to departments within the hospital is useful. For some areas, the transport time to the facility is 10-12 minutes. Acknowledgement of the information can be delayed depending on the activity within the facility.	
Information Sharing Goals for 2024 Adjournment/Next Meeting	<p><u>Regional ESF8 Annex Revisions</u> – Question on the Coordination of ambulances referred to in the Regional ESF8 Annexes? Regions are revising the language in the Regional Emergency Support Plans. State Plans are being revised as well. <u>EMS Data</u> -M. Zacchera joined the meeting (2:24 p.m.) to talk about EMS data collection, particularly dispatch, arrival and transport times.</p> <p>B Morris recommended goals for 2024: Developing Education Component for the EMS Communications Directory; Pursue Increase to the CT 9-1-1 CMED subsidy; Mass Casualty Communications and Response including Forward Movement of Patients Plan; Promote use of CMED Talk Groups</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. The 2024 Meeting dates will be listed in the minutes.</p>	

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

2024 Meetings - January 10, 2024; February 14, 2024; March 13, 2024; April 10, 2024; May 8, 2024; June 12, 2024 (No July or August meetings) September 11?, 2024, October 9, 2024; November 13, 2024; December 11, 2024

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