## MINUTES

## CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

January 10, 2024 -1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS; Steve Savage.-Northwest Public Safety; Vaughn Dumas, Southwest Regional Communications Gregg Provost, Valley Shore Emergency Communications; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC Christopher Licata, Communications Manager, MEDCON-AMR CT; Kristin Vargas, Willimantic Emergency Communications

Unable to Attend: Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; 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 December 13, 2023 Meeting.	Motion to approve (Prevost) seconded (Savage) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	V. Dumas reported that he plans to follow-up with the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Fire/EMS Caucus on the letter that was sent requesting 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	Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness  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.	
Develop CMED Fact Sheet and Education Component for CMED Directory	B. Morris reported that it's an ongoing project to develop a summary CMED fact sheet that can be used for educational purposes.	
SIEC (State Interoperability Executive Committee	SIEC meetings are being held quarterly.	

Page 2 OTHER BUSINESS  OEMS Communications - Pediatric Patient Transport To Urgent Crisis Center	J. Reynolds emailed list of approved facilities. The DPH/OEMS Protocol was completed per the Legislative deadline of January 1, 2024. The unanswered question still remains "How will EMS agencies communicate with the facilities"?
Other Communication Platforms for Ambulance to Hospital Communication	V. Dumas reported that Yale Healthcare System will be going on line with Twiage as a method to communicate time sensitive information from pre-hospital personnel to departments within the hospital.
Goals for 2024	B Morris recommended goals for 2024: Developing Education Component for the EMS Communications Directory; Pursue Increase to the CT 9-1-1 CMED subsidy; Submit Recommendations on EMS Mass Casualty Communications and Response including Forward Movement of Patients Plan; Promote use of CMED Talk Groups
Information Sharing	MCI Plans - B. Morris reported that she along with the CEMSAB Regional Collaboration/Emergency Preparedness/FMOP Committee Chair (Kevin Ferrarotti) received the 2022 (DRAFT) copies of the Forward Movement of Patients, Statewide EMS Mobilization and CT Multiple Burn Forward Movement of Patients Plan. North Central is reinvigorating the MCI Committee to revise the Region 3 MCI Protocol. Break Ins at Tower Sites – S. Savage reported that their area is experiencing break ins at the radio tower sites. He encouraged us to be aware of this activity in the event it spreads across the state.
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. via zoom

**Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair** 

2024 Meetings - 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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