

**EMS WORKING GROUP**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**  
**11:00am-1:00pm**  
 Virtual meeting

Attendance: R. Calciano, S. Bangalore, A. Katz, W. Schietinger, S. Halpin, B. Baxter, M. Barrett, K. McClaine, R. Kamin, G. Allard, D. Kosciuk, M. Daniels, J. Beaulieu  
 Absent: J. Kennedy, N. Holmes, M. Morelli, M. Wilson  
 Meeting minutes taken by: A. Figueroa

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Approval of Minutes		Minutes from October 19, 2022, unanimously approved.	
Public Comment		No Public Comment	
Discuss EMS workforce Recommendations: Defining the problem		<p>Norwalk and New Britain are willing to present Paramedic and Certified EMT data from their towns</p> <p>The number of certified recruitment and retention have gone up in comparison to those working in the field. Better focus on retention vs recruitment?</p> <p>Request in mutual aid; covering into other municipalities due to a shortage of staff.</p> <p>EMS delays for transition to homes, nursing homes (non-emergency transports) higher level of care putting state at risk with EMS delays to trauma centers, hospital overcrowding etc.</p>	Ralf will review Elicense data; numbers tied to PCR's.

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		<p>Come up with protocols regarding sending paramedic ambulance to calls unnecessarily.</p> <p>Working doubles, overnight shifts with other organizations has presented great risks.</p> <p>Quantify Connecticut’s EMS funding and recognition as an essential first responder under <i>Defining the Problem</i></p> <p>Define the value statement for EMS</p>	
<p>Discuss EMS workforce Recommendations: Workforce Development</p>		<p>Financial data regarding Earn and Learn Program</p> <p>Workforce retention issues should be included in the EMS Recommendations document.</p>	<p>Ralf will follow up with Kevin Ferrotti regarding cost to run an Earn and Learn program</p>
<p>Discuss EMS workforce Recommendations: Potential Solutions:</p>		<p>Modify financial support for EMS certification programs.</p> <p>Allow EMT and Paramedic personnel to utilize their license and knowledge and apply it in a physician or additional alternative health care environment.</p> <p>Modify crew makeup, special waivers</p> <p>Modify certificate of need process</p>	

Approved 11-16-2022

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Discuss EMS workforce Recommendations: Joshua Beaulieu/EMS Industry:			Allow the workgroup to review the EMS industry recommendation document for next meeting
Next Steps		Review this document and the articles linked to provide feedback during the next meeting 11-30-2022	
Public Comment		No Public Comment	
Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 12:36PM	