

Approved 10-19-2022

EMS WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

11:00am-1:00pm

Virtual meeting

Attendance: S. Bangalore, A. Katz, W. Schietinger, M. Daniels, J. Beaulieu, S. Halpin, M. Barrett, N. Holmes, J.

Kennedy, M. Wilson, K. McClaine, R. Kamin, G. Allard, D. Kosciuk

Absent: R. Calciano, M. Morelli, B. Baxter

Meeting minutes taken by: A. Figueroa

Agenda Item:	Issue	Discussion	ACTION
Approval of Minutes		Minutes from October 5, 2022, unanimously approved.	
Public Comment		No Public Comment	
Examine the EMS Workforce		<p>There is a staffing emergency in the state of CT.</p> <p>Recruitment and retention and the underlying causes, determining short-term, longer-term solutions.</p> <p>Some recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public service campaigns to garner public support,• Loan forgiveness for EMS education/professionals,• Increase Medicare, and Medicaid rates,• Wage increase• State funded EMT courses• EMT classes to count as college credits	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing EMR's as a temporary staffing solution • Create subcommittees to look at these issues further 	
Next Steps		Jill will put a list of recommendations together.	Email Jill.Kennedy@ct.gov with any recommendations you would like to include before Friday morning, October 21 st , 2022
Public Comment		No Public Comment	
Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 12:06PM	