

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board
Emergency Preparedness Committee
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2019
New Britain EMS**

Present: Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, Alex Morisano – NBEMS, Carmine Centrella - CR-MMRS,
Bill Ackley - SWEMSC

Call in: Mark Franzese – Campion, Richard Kamin MD – OEMS

1.0 Call to order

Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM at New Britain EMS Headquarters. Introductions were done and call-ins were acknowledged. Bill called for a moment of silence.

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve them was made by Mark Franzese, seconded by Alex Morisano and approved unanimously.

**3.0 Initiatives for discussion
FMOP**

The Forward Movement of Patients Plan (FMOP) was discussed last month. Brian Conoyer spoke with Bill Ackley about the Hospital Preparedness Committee that has been formed by CHA. Their first meeting was held on January 23rd, Brian will be speaking with the committee to ask if a representative from our committee could sit as a member. Bill spoke about the benefits of having an EMS representative on the committee.

Carmine has forwarded a copy of the FMOP in word to Bill Ackley for the group to review and comment on. Bill will forward the document to the group.

• **OEMS**

Update from the Medical Director/Richard Kamin MD

Dr. Kamin reported the following:

- The Statewide EMS Protocols changes are being incorporated and should be available in March.
- Minimum equipment list has been reviewed and updates have been accepted. Anticipated release will be March with implementation one year from that date.
- CEMSMAC is in the process of drafting a position paper regarding EMD and the lack of consistency regarding medical oversight, quality assurance and the involvement of the medical director in program development. Appropriate use of lights and sirens is being discussed at CEMSMAC.

Group discussion on lights and sirens response followed including response safety, lack of impact found in response or return to service times, lack of EMD resulting in unnecessary hot response, liability issues, resistance to EMD and improved public perception.

- The IM Epi authorization is on Commissioners Pino's desk for his signature.

Update from DPH/Coordinators/Judi Reynolds

Judi reported on the following:

- Access to the MCI trailers has to be worked out following Charles Mullen leaving. Additional funds for equipment were given to the project by OPHPR but Judi will need to gain access to the trailer inventory to determine what is needed. Francesca Provenzano and Director Coler are working on access for Judi.

• **Update from Preparedness(OPHPR)**

No report was available.

- **Old Business**

Active Assailant

Bill asked Dr. Kamin if the Active Assailant document had been forwarded to DESPP. Dr. Kamin will check will Director Coler, he feels having the document circulated would be positive. Carmine will be attending the DEMHS Regional Collaboration Committee meeting next month, he reviewed the agenda, he will try to bring the guidance document up at that meeting. Discussion followed on various other agency committees and their missions.

Mass Gatherings

Bill reported the Mass Gathering document has been formatted and forwarded. It had been accepted by CEMSAB pending formatting which has been completed.

TECC Programs

TECC program content and program differences between TECC and TEMS programs were reviewed. Bill and Dr. Kamin will be meeting to discuss the various programs offered, instructor qualifications etc.

- **New Business**

May has been designated as Stop the Bleed month. Discussion followed on past and planned activities.

Bill noted that he has been participating with the New York, New Jersey, CT Region 1 Interstate Committee for the past five years. The committee works with the ambulance buses and special operation services. Connecticut has not had equipment or resources to share but participation was seen as important. Bill was contacted by New Jersey and New York concerning formalizing the Committee into a Charter organization, he is unsure how that would evolve. Bill has spoken to Bob Kenney, as more information is available Bill will bring it to the group.

2019 Meeting Schedule

The EPC meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30AM. Planned dates are:

March 14, 2019

April 11, 2019

May 9, 2019

June 13, 2019

July 11, 2019

August 8, 2019

September 12, 2019

October 10, 2019

November 14, 2019

December 12, 2019

4.0 Events/Exercises/Other

Bill Ackley spoke about available TEEX courses and LSU expanding their course offerings which are reflected in their catalog.

Bill reported May has been designated Stop the Bleed month.

Region 1 –

Fairfield – July 9th through July 11th 2019

An Active Threat Integrated Response Class is planned for July and November. (Three day course).

Wilton – March 19th and 20th & Bridgeport –April 27th and 28th

Medical Preparedness and Response

BCON- There are numerous BCON classes being planned, Bill will forward the list.

Stamford – June 2019

Stamford will be holding a Tactical Operations Class in June the class which will be centric to Stamford.

Region 2 –

Shelton – Echo Hose Ambulance Community Educational Center

Located at 430 Coram Avenue, Shelton

Upcoming courses:

Active Threat Integrated Response (3/2019)

YNHH Center for EMS – June 2019

A Critical Decision Making During Complex Coordinated Attacks will be held at Yale New Haven Hospital Center for EMS, June 4th and June 5th 2019. Designed for field commanders and higher.

Plum Island – March 2019

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting – Case Study and After Action Discussion

The facilitator, Kevin Reilly, will be reaching out to a target audience

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator