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**MINUTES**  
**CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 07/18/19                      **Time:** 0900-1100  
**Location:** Hunter’s Amb, 450 W. Main Street, Meriden CT

**Member Attendees:** William Schietinger, Doug Dole, Irene Smith, Jay Paretsky,

**Guests:** Robert Glaspy, Derrick Caranci, Adam Goldstien, Stephen Johnson, Steve Conley, Kim Aroh, Bob Mara, David Lowell

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Meeting Called to order at 0915</b>		
<b>Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>DPH/OEMS Report</b>	None	
<b>Chairs Report</b>	<p>Review of Bills, Some historical explanation of Mikes experiences and challenges with Legislative meetings, initiatives. Mike pointed out again that it’s not about “what we want” it’s about developing solutions that work for the many different kinds of EMS agencies, focused on HOW to get what we want.</p> <p>Mike reinforced the need that those interested in continuing to participate on Legislative committee, remain engaged far beyond PTSD.</p> <p>Also discussed the need to remain forward thinking and solution oriented.</p>	Provided
<b>PA-19-118 MIH/NREMT</b>	No Comment – Mike explained that there will be communications from OEMS on next steps toward the activation of these two bills	Update provided
<b>PA-19-188 Peer Support</b>	Stephen Johnson explained components of Peer Support	Update provided

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<p><b>PA-19-17 PTSD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lengthy Discussion – Positive / negative / challenges</li> <li>• Perception of lack of meetings and/or discussion at previous meetings</li> <li>• What was the reluctance in the past to support it PTSD?</li> <li>• Discussion related to the development of an EMS Association in CT – Mike pointed out that while most generally supports this, we cannot allow ourselves to become even more fragmented than we already are in our communications</li> <li>• A lot of discussion on Lack of communication to the field level or lack of understanding at the field level</li> <li>• We need to have open dialogue regarding true costs associated?</li> <li>• We need to have a better understanding of the challenges that the different kinds of EMS agencies face related to PTSD coverage?</li> <li>• Discussion on recognizing what EMS agencies are already doing and using to combat PTSD throughout the state (best practices? – share)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peer Support group discussion</li> <li>○ Support dogs, etc.</li> <li>○ Mental health First Aid</li> <li>○ EAP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Lots of needed discussion ensued</p>
<p><b>Goals for short Session</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish better Communication throughout the state             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CEMSAB FB Page?</li> <li>○ Regional Coordinators – engagement?</li> <li>○ Clinical Coordinators – engagement?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Training for legislative             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Setup training for field providers to educate them on the EMS Legislative process. Can be used in orientations, CME, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Understand the Costs and challenges associated with PTSD and the different kinds of EMS agencies throughout CT?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mike suggested someone take on doing a Survey Money to gather information – no takers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other programs that can be shared throughout the state. Best practices? (peer support) – what are we already doing</li> <li>• Re-develop the existing pamphlet about what CEMSAB / Committees do - share</li> <li>• While we will work toward solution-based progress on the issue of PTSD coverage, we must also remain open and aware of other EMS oriented initiatives and work on them also</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training presentation for Legislative</li> <li>• FB or other media</li> <li>• Survey Monkey</li> <li>• Pamphlet</li> </ul>

**Adjourned:** 10:49

**Respectfully Submitted:** Loiz, Michael A.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates/Locations:** 08/15/19 0900-1100 @ Hunters



# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

## MEETING NOTICE



**LOCATION: Hunter's Ambulance: 450 West Main Street – Bld 3, Meriden CT**

**DATE:** August 15, 2019 | **TIME:** 0900-1100

### AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting will come to order

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – July 18, 2019

**PRESENTATIONS** – Michael Loiz

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (5 MINUTES)

**CHAIRS REPORT** – Michael Loiz

- [OLR Report: Acts Affecting First Responders 2019](#)

**DPH/OEMS REPORT**

### OLD BUSINESS

- **PTSD – Members should be prepared to discuss:**
  - CEMSAB FB Page
  - Regional Coordinators engagement
  - Clinical Coordinators engagement
  - Training
  - Survey Monkey
  - Pamphlet
  - **Agency cost information associated with PTSD**

### NEW BUSINESS

- Legislative work for short session?
- Including a federal legislative monitor

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**Date:** 08/15/19                      **Time:** 0900-1100  
**Location:** Hunter's Amb, 450 W. Main Street, Meriden CT

**Member Attendees:** Mike Loiz, Greg Allard, Doug Dole, Jay Paretsky, John Aotes

**Guests:** Derrick Caranci, David Lowell, Bruce Baxter, Kim Aroh, Jean Gauthier, Robert Mara

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0910	
Approval of last months minutes	Motion Peretzky/ Second Baxter	Approved
Public Comment	None	
DPH/OEMS Report	None	
Chairs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not been able to complete Survey Monkey or Powerpoint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Survey Monkey</li> <li>• Complete Powerpoint</li> </ul>
PA-19-118 MIH/NREMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIH Meeting this afternoon</li> <li>• NREMT Still moving forward</li> </ul>	None
PA-19-188 Peer Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hartford Healthcare starting a peer support group for EMS. Meeting once a month, open to all. Cancer Center 201 North Mountain Road. Formal monthly process.</li> </ul>	They will be providing information on this program. CEMSAB Leg Comm to support disseminating this information.

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<p><b>PA-19-17 PTSD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AETNA/ASM: Workers Comp Trust – aware of the PTSD bill. Can't forecast what the cost of this will be. Trying to get ahead of it.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offers classes</li> <li>○ Revive responder</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concern for smaller volunteer organizations (especially, private not for profit) who may not be supported through the town/city</li> <li>• NBEMS: Social worker on retainer             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Faith community – chaplaincy program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SEMS: Chaplaincy (Stephen Johnson), Peer support, Peer support dogs, presumption of death training</li> <li>• Doug Dole raised concerns for the presumption of death protocol. Would like to see Education and Training committee look into placing this into curriculum.</li> <li>• American: Pamphlet: In process of being updated – passed around for review</li> <li>• Facebook Page: needs to go through CEMSAB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to Education &amp; Training about death protocol and what kind of system EMS personnel are getting into</li> <li>• Update through CEMSAB</li> <li>• Facebook: Work with CEMSAB for approval</li> </ul>
<p><b>Goals for short Session</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get EMS added to PTSD</li> <li>• Legal crew, EMR and anything else?</li> <li>• EMD / Dispatch uniformity</li> <li>• Legislative Champions?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> <li>• Legal Crew: Needs more discussion and development, OEMS input</li> <li>• Check with Communications and OEMS on EMD uniformity</li> <li>• Leg Champions: Ongoing</li> </ul>

**Adjourned:** 10:15 Lowell (motioned), Allard (second)

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael A. Loiz

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** 9/19/19, 10/17/19, 12/19/19, 1/16/20, 2/20/20, 3/19/20, 4/16/20, 5/21/20, 6/18/20, 7/16/20, 8/20/20, 9/17/20, 10/15/20, 11/19/20, 12/17/20 (Third Thursday of the month)

**Upcoming Meeting Times:** 0900-1100

**Locations:** Hunter's Ambulance, 450 W. Main Street, Meriden, CT.: Building 3



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA



**LOCATION: Hunter's Ambulance: 450 West Main Street – Bld 3, Meriden CT**

**DATE:** September 19, 2019 | **TIME:** 0900-1100

#### AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting will come to order

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – August 15, 2019

**PRESENTATIONS** – Michael Loiz

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (5 MINUTES)

**CHAIRS REPORT** – Michael Loiz

- [OLR Report: Acts Affecting First Responders 2019](#)

**DPH/OEMS REPORT**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **PTSD – Members should be prepared to discuss:**
  - CEMSAB FB Page
  - Regional Coordinators engagement
  - Clinical Coordinators engagement
  - Training
  - Survey Monkey?
  - Pamphlet
  - **Agency cost information associated with PTSD**
- **EMR/Paramedic legal crew?**
- **EMD Language**
- **Trauma Triage Guideline Regulation changes**

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Any new Legislative work for short session?
- National Legislative information

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**CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 09/19/19

**Time:** 0900-1100

**Location:** Hunter's Amb, 450 W. Main Street, Meriden CT

**Call in information: (605) 313-5111 | Access Code: 885762**

**Member Attendees:** Loiz, Mike, Dole, Doug

**Guests:** Robert Glaspy; Katie Coupe; Derrick Caranci; Lowell, David; Baxter, Bruce; Aroh, Kim; Cloney, Steve; Mara, Bob; Tompkins, Dan

**Via Conference:** Bill Fitzmaurice; Jay Peretzky; Dean, Malcom; Ackley, Bill; Jean Gauthier

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	09:10	Meeting started
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>OEMS communication regarding NREMT/Certifications</li></ul>	None
Chairs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Met with Labor Committee chair – good meeting, discussed importance of EMS being included and that we do not want the process derailed by miscommunication. We want to be included in the “workgroup”</li></ul>	Follow-up, public hearing
PA-19-118 MIH/NREMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nothing new except that I did ask OEMS about whether or not there is a pathway to MIH right now – Answer: no there is not.</li></ul>	Continue to monitor
PA-19-188 Peer Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nothing new</li></ul>	Continue to monitor

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<b>PA-19-17 PTSD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will likely be a public hearing within the next few months (November is the plan) – Mike stressed the need for data asap</li> <li>• Mike reported that he has heard rumblings that there are already reports of “abuse” and “a great deal of confusion related to the bills administration” will try to get sharper details</li> <li>• Reviewed survey built by Bob Mara. Some concerns about who will complete survey and how effective the data will be</li> <li>• Discussion on what “data” legislators will need – disclosure about what risks the agencies would need to have data on</li> <li>• Bruce brought up some interesting opportunities to look at as alternatives to survey monkey survey</li> <li>• EMS Focused researcher – Brian McGuire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to get approval from CEMSAB to move forward in a meaningful way with PTSD</li> <li>• Need updates to survey</li> <li>• Need to look at other options for data collection – IAFF/Brattleboro</li> <li>• Malcom Dean reaching out to NAEMT</li> <li>• Derrick will also see NAEMT at conference and will ask for data to bring back to meeting.</li> <li>• Mike will Reach out to Brian McGuire – Bruce will provide introduction</li> </ul>
<b>Goals for short Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with LC on PTSD</li> </ul>	

**Adjourned:** 10:15

**Respectfully Submitted:** Loiz, Michael A.

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**Call in information: (605) 313-5111 | Access Code: 885762**

**DATE:** October 17, 2019 | **TIME:** 0900-1100

### AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting will come to order

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – Sept Meeting Minutes

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (5 MINUTES)

**PRESENTATIONS** – Phyllis DiGioia, Honor Wellness

**CHAIRS REPORT** – Michael Loiz

**DPH/OEMS REPORT**

### OLD BUSINESS

- **PTSD – Members should be prepared to discuss:**
  - Survey - Updates
  - Pamphlet - American
  - **Agency cost information associated with PTSD**
    - Kate Coupe

### NEW BUSINESS

- National Legislative update
- Legislative work for short session?
  - PTSD
  - Address Mental Health First Aid / Autism (mandated training)?
  - EMR/Medic Legal crew?

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**Member Attendees:** Loiz, Mike; Fitzmaurice, bill; Oates, John; Baxter, Bruce; Dole, Doug;

**Guests:** Caranci, Derrick; DiGioia, Phylis; Aroh, Kim; Conley, Steve

**Via Conference:** None

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Meeting Called to order at</b>	0915 Motion to accept last months minutes – Baxter/Conley	Meeting started Motion passed to accept last months minutes
<b>Public Comment</b>	None	None
<b>DPH/OEMS Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>	None
<b>Chairs Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting in November (although if there is workshop activity, I may request for the committee to meet even if just via phone)</li></ul>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phylis DiGioia / Honor Wellness Center – Mental health outpatient counseling – Private, non-profit. Serve Fire, Police, EMS, Dispatch</li><li>Training – peer support and CISM – Certification program</li><li>73 people per week (30% fire and EMS) largest numbers are PD and Dispatch (10% new a week)</li><li>4 Clinicians in office but access to providers throughout the state</li><li>Clinician vetted by HWC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HWC provided informational brochure</li><li>Dole asked for a numeric comparison of HWC “patients” against the recent PTSD legislation passed</li><li>Oates provided fiscal analysis for existing PTSD bill</li><li>HWC – how long are PTSD individuals out of work</li></ul>

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<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTSD</li> <li>• Survey – Updated by Oates</li> <li>• Pamphlet</li> <li>• Agency Cost info</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Legislative Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workplace violence</li> <li>○ Rural EMS needs (SIREN)</li> <li>○ Volunteer Incentives (VRIPA)</li> <li>○ Helping ERs Overcome (HERO) PTSD</li> <li>○ Addiction Resources (CARE)</li> <li>○ Protecting Americas FRs</li> <li>○ EMS being left out of National Disaster &amp; Emergency Planning</li> <li>○ First responder can buy into medicare after retirement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PTSD</li> <li>• Mental Health First Aid/Autism</li> <li>• EMR/Medic Legal Crew</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derrick raised concerns over first responder buy in to medicare after retirement – several constituencies left out.   Surprise billing   Insurance companies paying patient and patient not paying EMS for services.</li> <li>• Look at whether or not there are already laws on books requiring patient to pay EMS when insurance pays patient instead of EMS</li> <li>• Discussion to watch EMR/Medic legal crew issue</li> </ul>
<b>Goals for short Session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTSD</li> <li>• Mental Health First Aid / Autism</li> <li>• Surprise billing</li> </ul>	

**Adjourned:** 11:05 – Motion to adjournLoiz/Caranci

**Respectfully Submitted:** Loiz, Michael A.

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