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**CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 04/14/23

**Time:** 0900-1100

**Location:** GoTo Meeting. **Call-In Info:** (United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412) **Access Code:** 172-456-077

<https://meet.goto.com/MikeLoiz/cemsab-legislative-committee-meeting>

**Member Attendees:** Jay Paretzky; Bill Schietinger; Irene Smith, Judith Reynolds

**Guests:** Laurie daquila; Ben Zura, Jeff Jorgenson,

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Mike

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Meeting Called to order at</b>	0930	Meeting commenced
<b>Acceptance of Last Minutes</b>	Jay/Smith	
<b>Public Comment</b>	None	None
<b>DPH/OEMS Report</b>	Distributed	None
<b>Chairs Report</b>	Mike Loiz attended EMS on the Hill – 3/29-30 NAEMT CT Advocacy page up and running – CT EMS Bills uploaded/posted Attended Legislative Breakfast for R3 & 4	
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Zura – PSA bill, Do we invite the representative to try to collaborate Reynolds – East Haddam is working with OEMS and East Haddam – do to how far along that process is, we should leave them to continue their process. Mike – most of those bill appear to be dead – of course we still need to monitor closely in case there is a last minute change. Most municipalities don't really understand what we do and how we do it. We need to teach them that there is a process, how it works and why it is dangerous to circumvent the PSA process Zura – it will continue to come up again and again</p> <p>Schietinger - Medicaid – 56m to spend which needs to be spent on multiple needs of the state. 7 million is what weve been told is what has been set aside for EMS (that could change) and it would not be the whole amount because the feds also contribute to this</p> <p>Zura - SB 524 - Cardiac Screening bill may cause an issue where again were asked to do more without consideration of how, who and finances.</p>	Good discussion on PSA, Medicaid & unfunded mandates

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	<p>Schietinger – Narcan Leave behind / Epi – more mandates on a system that is underfunded and understaffed.</p> <p>FUNDING &amp; STAFFING are the two main efforts this year</p> <p><b>****NOT THAT EMS DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MANY OF THESE EFFORTS, BUT WE NEED TO BE FUNDED AND STAFFED APPROPRIATELY FIRST****</b></p>	
<p><b>Federal Level</b></p>	<p><a href="#">American Ambulance Association</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMS Workforce</li> <li>2. Medicare Ambulance relief</li> <li>3. Balance Billing</li> <li>4. Sequestration cuts</li> <li>5. Ambulance Cost Data Collection</li> </ol> <p><a href="#">NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EMS Workforce Bill</li> <li>2. SIREN bill</li> <li>3. TIP &amp; TAD bill</li> <li>4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons</li> <li>5. Congressional EMS Caucus – Right now, this is the most important because we (CT) don't have any representation on this caucus in DC</li> </ol>	<p>Testimony sent from NAEMT and AAA on the following issues</p>
<p><b>FYI's</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

**Adjourned:** JAY / SMITH

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Loiz

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** 5/18, 6/22, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 11/19, 12/16

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