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**CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** 08/18/23

**Time:** 0900-1000

**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:** Bob Mara, Aaron Katz, Ben Zura, Eric Ducat, Melissa Osborne, Jay Paretzky, Frank Glowski

**Guests:**

**Chaired by:** Loiz, Mike

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0904	Meeting commenced
Acceptance of Last Minutes		
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	N/A	None
Chairs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strat Plan 24</li> <li>• Taskforce Committee</li> <li>• VoterVoice</li> <li>• Contact list for PH, PS, AP committees</li> <li>• Legislative Breakfasts / demos, luncheons</li> <li>• Fire/EMS Caucus</li> </ul>	Mike laid out ideas for a basic strat plan for 2024
Discussion	<p><b>Ideas for Legislative initiatives for 24:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct State funding of EMS services – Zura</li> <li>• National EMS Compact – Zura</li> <li>• Trauma Committee – Stand Alone - Gregg</li> <li>• Regional Coordinators – OEMS</li> <li>• Insurance Payments to EMS instead patients – Loiz</li> <li>• VoterVoice - Mara</li> </ul>	<p>Zura – laid out that he would like to see EMS fully or even partially funded by the state like Telecommunications as well as being involved in the National EMS Compact.</p> <p>Loiz – Brought up insurance payments being paid directly to EMS agencies instead of to the patient with the “hope” that they will submit to EMS</p> <p>Mara – Spoke of the importance of and his agreement with making it easier to mobilize the</p>

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		EMS community as a pivotal component to our progress. Using a system like VoterVoice.
<b>Federal Level</b>	<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. Veterans affairs</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><a href="#">NCSL EMS Legislative Database</a></p>	Testimony sent from NAEMT and AAA on the following issues
<b>FYI's</b>	N/A	N/A

**Adjourned:** 09:50 Paretzky / Osborne

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Loiz

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

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