

MINUTES
CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: 10/19/23

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: Kate Coupe, Bill Schietinger, Ben Zura, Irene Smith, Bob Mara, John Quinlavin

Guests: Heather Zimmerman, Aaron Katz,

Chaired by: Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0904	Meeting commenced
Acceptance of Last Minutes	Tabled for next meeting	
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	N/A	None
Chairs Report	<p>(Update this to whatever the discussion is, then remove this line)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan 24 • VoterVoice – working to get a presentation for next week • Contact list for PH, PS, AP committees – list submitted to CEMSAB • Legislative Breakfasts / demos, luncheons: 11/15 Region 3 • Fire/EMS Caucus 	No comments
Discussion	<p>Ideas for Legislative initiatives for 24: (change this to whatever the discussion is, then remove this line)</p> <p>State/Fed/Committee/CEMSAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Trauma Committee • Regional Coordinators – Permanent employees • Revise EMS plan requirement (add teeth) • Move EMS out of DOT to HRSA/HHS • Change PCR submission timeframe for data • Expand OEMS 	<p>Top 5 -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trauma Committee – Standing committee 2. OEMS Coord permanent 3. Support for Trauma committee letter 4. Protection from surprise billing legislation 5. Highway calls \$500 6. Mileage for in Town 7. Rescue Mark King initiative 8. Permanent funding for PSARs 9. Revised rate setting 10. EMS as a Essential Service

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	<p>Reimbursement/funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid Increase • ET3 for State Medicaid • MIH • Mileage for in Town transports • Payments direct to EMS • Wording of “maximum allowable” • Providers to bill CMS after 12/31/23 • Permanent funding for EMS • EMS as essential – State / Municipal cost sharing? • Surprise billing protection • Highway calls: \$500.00 bonus for EMS • Funding EMS Grants <p>Workforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training/Workforce preparedness funding • EMS Compact <p>Education/Certs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark King • Hemorrhage Control training and equipment in schools 	<p>Good discussion:</p> <p>-Night charge available in Medicare</p> <p>-NY Task force Committee – review it.</p>
<p>Federal Level</p>	<p>American Ambulance Association</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce 2. Medicare Ambulance relief 3. Balance Billing 4. Veterans affairs <p>NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce Bill 2. SIREN bill 3. TIP & TAD bill 4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons 5. Congressional EMS Caucus – Right now, this is the most important because we (CT) don’t have any representation on this caucus in DC <p>NCSL EMS Legislative Database</p>	<p>Testimony sent from NAEMT and AAA on the following issues</p>

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FYI's	N/A	N/A
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Adjourned: Smith / Zura

Respectfully Submitted: Loiz, Michael

Upcoming Meeting Dates: 11/16, 12/21

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