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CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: 12/21/23

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; Melissa Osborne; Ben Zura, Kate Coupe, Irene Smith

Guests:

Chaired by: Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0903	Meeting commenced
Acceptance of Last Minutes	Coupe, Zura	
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	N/A	None
Presentations	N/A	N/A
Chairs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for 2024 meetings sent out and will also be attached for our January meeting Region 3 Breakfast – successful Aetna ASM doing a great job – Mara provides update: Ride along, Tours, explaining what EMS is about and our challenges. Staying on topic, not going rogue, collaboration to keep the talking points consistent. So far successful. Initiatives below have been approved by CEMSAB to work on. Keep the talking points consistent and succinct. 	Zura raised “what are we doing with Mark King?” Education/Joel: Already working on it? Melissa: provides some background on Mark King
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing Trauma Committee – Like the Medical Advisory Committee, Make Trauma Committee as standing committee of CEMSAB. 2. Regional Coordinators – Making them permanent employees 	General discussion on the initiative. Lost of discussion on the need to make the “Essential Service initiative to include Funding source”

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	<p>3. Mileage – currently, Medicaid does not pay load miles for intracity mileage. Have Medicaid include loaded mileage in the rates for intracity transports</p> <p>4. Wording of “Maximum Allowable” – remove that language to reflect that the rates set by OEMS are “the Rates”: so as to remove any ambiguity when negotiating with insurers.</p> <p>5. Establish EMS as an “Essential Service” in CT</p>	
<p>Federal Level</p>	<p>American Ambulance Association: Visit the Action Center to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce: One-Pager on EMS Workforce Shortage 2. Medicare Ambulance relief: S.1673 & HR.1666 3. Balance Billing: One-Pager on Balance Billing 4. Veterans affairs: One-Pager on VA Final Rule Delay <p>NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce Bill: EMS Counts Act: S.1115 and HR.2574 2. SIREN bill S.265 & HR.4646 3. TIP & TAD bill = Passed 4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons: S.1673 & HR.1666 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> <p>-Kate asks about surprise billing – what’s happening at the national level? Discussion ensued with regard to AAA / NAEMT initiatives</p> <p>Also discussed EMS on the Hill</p>
<p>FYI’s</p>	<p>EMS on the Hill is 4/17-18/2024: https://naemt.org/events/register</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Adjourned: 10:41 Coupe, Zura

Respectfully Submitted: Loiz, Michael

Upcoming Meeting Dates: 1/18, 2/15, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16, 6/13, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19

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