

# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS  
75 Center St  
Manchester, CT 06040

**Call-in:** Limited to 8 participants. Please email Josh Beaulieu for access info.

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- MIH Implementation Process in CT
- 2019 EOY Report
- 2020 Committee leadership

**New Business:**

- 2020 Projects

**Work Project:**

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** February 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

January 23, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, Jose Matias, Melissa Osborne, Erin Riggott, Irene Smith. Via Phone: Dave Burich, Lauri Bolton, Chris O'Brien

Excused Members: Jim Santacroce

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 1405	Minutes from <b>12/12/2019</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – Stacey Durante Second – Joshua Beaulieu
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	None at this time	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	Josh Beaulieu reports limited movement at this time. Appears that OEMS is in favor of the MIH concept. OEMS Director R. Cohler has requested support staff in the OEMS budget	
2019 EOY Report	Report reviewed and approved	Motion- Irene Smith Second- Jose Matias
2020 Committee Leadership	Leadership voted on and approved for following: Josh Beaulieu- Chair Jim Santacroce- Vice Chair Erin Riggott- Secretary	Motion- Irene Smith Second- Stacey Durante
<b>New Business</b>		
2020 Projects	Committee will work on creating 1-1.5 hour CME educational presentation regarding MIH in CT that can be given to state EMS agencies interested in MIH.	

	Group will review the "Florida MIH Community Paramedicine Program Guidebook" that was developed by the Florida EMS Bureau for the next meeting	
<b><i>Info Sharing</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	Meeting adjourned at 1510 hours	Next Meeting – February 27 <sup>th</sup> 2 PM

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Manchester, CT 06040

**Call-in:** Limited to 8 participants. Please email Josh Beaulieu for access info.

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- MIH Implementation Process in CT

**New Business:**

- JB Learning education resource presentation
- Florida MIH guide book discussion

**Work Project:**

- Public education project

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

February 27, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, Jose Matias, Melissa Osborne, Erin Riggott, Irene Smith, Lauri Bolton Via Phone: Len Guercia, Chris O'Brien, Jim Santacroce

Guests: Jeff Harris

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 1402	Minutes from <b>01/23/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – Irene Smith Second – Stacey Durante
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	None at this time	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	Public Bill 5005, addresses OEMS staff for MIH program. This is awaiting House Vote. Discussion on what the MIH staff member would be assigned to do, and what background/education would be required, still unknown at this time. Brief Discussion on application, and potential redundancy issues.	
<b>New Business</b>		
JB Learning Education Resource Presentation	Postponed at this time	
Florida MIH guidebook	CT implementation and MIH plan seems to fall inline with Florida- which has an existing guidebook. Group plans to utilize the Florida guidebook as a template for	

	creation of a CT guidebook. Group is asked to review chapters 1 and 2 of the Florida guidebook to see what would/wouldn't apply to CT for review at next meeting	
<b>Work Project</b>		
Public Education	Group will offer public education to EMS chiefs/councils throughout the state regarding MIH overview and MIH particular to CT.	
<b>Info Sharing</b>	None at this time	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1515 hours	Next Meeting – March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Virtual

# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

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**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS  
75 Center St  
Manchester, CT 06040

**Call-in:**

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- MIH Implementation Process in CT
- Public education project

**New Business:**

- JB Learning education resource presentation

**Work Project:**

- MIH guide book discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

March 26, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, David Burich, Len Guercia, Jose Matias, Victor Morrone, Chris O'Brien, Melissa Osborne, Erin Riggott, Irene Smith, Len Guercia, Chris O'Brien

Guests: Mike Torino, Eileen Ward

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 1404	Minutes from <b>02/27/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – Irene Smith Second – Stacey Durante
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	None at this time	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	No new movement. The focus has been on COVID at all levels. No word on staffing. All OEMS attention is currently on pandemic response.	
<b>New Business</b>		
JB Learning Education Resource Presentation	Mike Torino from JB Learning led an overview of their learning platform. They have teaching resources for all EMS levels including MIH. Mike provided a comprehensive review of functionality and answered questions.	
Florida MIH guidebook	Committee discussed the Florida guidebook in the context of how each chapter would or would not apply to Connecticut.	Members are asked to continue to review the Florida manual. We will get back to this as time allows around COVID demands.
<b>Work Project</b>		
Public Education	Committee will offer public education to EMS	We will continue to keep this on the agenda



# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of March 26th meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- MIH Implementation Process in CT
- Public education project

**New Business:**

- MIH and COVID-19

**Work Project:**

- MIH guide book discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board  
 Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Member Attendees: Greg Allard, Joshua Beaulieu, Lauri Bolton, Nancy Brescia, David Burich, Joe Laucella, Jose Matias, Chris O'Brien, Melissa Osborne, Erin Riggott, Jim Santacroce, Irene Smith, Jim Stead

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 1403	Minutes from <b>03/26/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – Irene Smith Second – Stacey Durante
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	None at this time	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	No new movement. The focus has been on COVID at all levels. No word on staffing. All OEMS attention is currently on pandemic response.	
<b>New Business</b>		
MIH and COVID-19	The committee discussed at length the various challenges that arose as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic from the perspective of how MIH programs could positively impact them. Several examples of healthcare challenges were provided by committee members and several MIH program functions were compiled for inclusion in a communication to State leaders, asking for support to move to implementation of MIH in CT.	J. Beaulieu will circulate a draft of the communication discussed. J. Beaulieu will work with G. Allard to identify the appropriate distribution of this communication and any additional information that should be included.
<b>Work Project</b>		
MIH and COVID-19	Combined with New Business, see above.	
<b>Info Sharing</b>	None at this time	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 15:15 hours	Next Meeting – June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Virtual

# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- MIH Implementation Process in CT
- Public education project
- MIH and COVID-19

**New Business:**

**Work Project:**

- Public Ed / Guide book Development Discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** August 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board  
 Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee  
 June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, Jose Matias, Chris O'Brien, Melissa Osborne, Irene Smith,

Guest: Nick Paproski

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 14:06	Minutes from <b>05/28/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved. Nick Paproski introduced himself. He is a paramedic and training officer for Vintech, interested in MIH and wishing to participate with this committee.	Motion – Irene Smith Second – Chris O'Brien
<b><i>Old Business</i></b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	None at this time	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	No new movement. OEMS continues to be heavily committed to the COVID-19 response. There was additional discussion regarding opportunities for support from communities with programs ready to implement as well as from initiatives such as opioid risk reduction that could potentially benefit from MIH. There is support from committee members for following up with local health departments about how MIH could address community challenges. This could be done through an online presentation.	C. O'Brien will reach out to Ready Responders, a group working in neighboring states to deliver MIH programs, and invite them to present their experience at a future meeting.
MIH and COVID-19	A letter was sent on behalf of this committee on 6/4 to officials in the governor's office and at DPH outlining challenges related to COVID-19 that could benefit from	J. Beaulieu will work with G. Allard to draft appropriate correspondence to public health committee members, identifying the current

	implementation of MIH programs. To date there has been no acknowledgement or response to this correspondence. The committee discussed next steps, including sending a similar letter to legislators on the public health committee.	status of MIH implementation and how MIH programs could potentially help with the current COVID -19 situation.
<b><i>New Business</i></b>	None	
<b><i>Work Project</i></b>	Further discussion of a guidebook tabled to a future meeting.	
<b><i>Info Sharing</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	Meeting adjourned at 15:20 hours	Next Meeting – August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020

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**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of June meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- CT MIH Implementation Update
- Public education project
- MIH and COVID-19

**New Business:**

**Work Project:**

- Public Ed / Guide book Development Discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board  
 Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee  
 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, David Burich, Len Guercia, Chris O'Brien, Melissa Osborne, Erin Riggott, Nick Paproski, Jim Santacroce, Irene Smith

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 14:04hrs	Minutes from <b>06/25/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved.	Motion – D. Burich Second – N. Paproski
<b><i>Old Business</i></b>		
Information Sharing on new programs	N. Paproski – New Milford PD calls social worker to certain scenes. Social worker is a PD employee who responds to opioid use cases and assists with case management for homeless. L. Guercia – New Haven considering the use of a nurse/LCSW in place of a first responder for some call types. J. Santacroce – Middlesex trial of ED provider follow-up continues to be successful. Middlesex EMS has been working proactively to support SNFs with needs related to COVID-19.	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
MIH Implementation Process in CT	No new movement. Correspondence to the legislative public health committee and DPH has gone unacknowledged. Discussion ensued regarding next steps for this committee. It was suggested that we seek opportunities to build support for MIH within existing EMS groups such as the CT Association of Paramedics and EMTs. There is a group coming into CT that provides medical care in the home similar to those offered by MIH programs. Dispatch Health staffs an APRN or PA with a	J. Beaulieu will make contact with CAPE.

	“technician”. It is unclear if this group will use EMS personnel. Discussion of vaccine distribution by paramedics and possible support from local public health for this.	
<b><i>New Business</i></b>	None	
<b><i>Work Project</i></b>	Further discussion of a guidebook tabled to a future meeting.	
<b><i>Info Sharing</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	Meeting adjourned at 15:10 hours	Next Meeting – September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020



# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

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**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
Agenda

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of August meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- CT MIH Implementation Update
- Public education project
- MIH and COVID-19

**New Business:**

**Work Project:**

- Public Ed / Guide book Development Discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, David Burich, Nancy Brescia, Lauri Bolton, Erin Riggott, Nick Paproski, Jim Stead, Greg Allard, Melissa Osborne, Chris O’Brien

Guests: Robert Glaspy (CAPE)

Excused Members: Len Guercia, Irene Smith

OEMS Staff: Stacey Durante

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM	Minutes from <b>8/27/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – D. Burich Second – E. Riggott
<b><i>Old Business</i></b>		
Information Sharing on New Programs	E. Riggott- Enfield is looking to hire additional Social Worker that will post out of the Enfield PD for a set amount of time- to assist/follow up with social services requests, opioid overdoses, etc. J. Beaulieu- reached out to Dispatch Health. They are a national company, operational x6 years. Use a PA/APRN with EMT/Paramedic to deploy resources to patients home. Just entered Greater Hartford Market. Offer Urgent care, bridge care, telemedicine, advanced care services. It is unclear how the EMT/Paramedic can be employed in this setting. Group discussion over services and how this can be either a competitor or an ally to MIH services in CT.	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
CT MIH Implementation Update	No New movement, still no correspondence regarding letter sent to DPH and legislative Public Health committee. Brief discussion on how COVID-19 may	

	assist with starting MIH in CT- related to EMTs and Paramedics administering vaccinations, but discussions with advisory board are in the beginning stages.	
Public Education Project	Mostly tabled for now; J. Beaulieu reached out to CAPE to involve /get support for MIH	
MIH and COVID-19	M. Osborne reports that there is a Pandemic/COVID-19 subcommittee of advisory board. MIH education/information should be sent to the committee to see how MIH could have been used during initial phase of COVID-19, or future use.	
<b><i>New Business</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Work Project</i></b>		
Public Ed/Guide Book development discussion	J. Beaulieu did MIH presentation for EMS CME put on by Uconn Rescue. Class is now approved for CT CME hours and can be given at other training programs if desired.	
<b><i>Info Sharing</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	Meeting adjourned at 3 PM	Next Meeting – October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 2 PM virtual meeting

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**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of August meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- CT MIH Implementation Update
- Public education project
- MIH and COVID-19

**New Business:**

**Work Project:**

- Public Ed / Guide book Development Discussion

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** November 19<sup>th\*\*\*</sup> 2020 @ 2:00pm.

\*\*\*Note this is the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

October 20th, 2020

Member Attendees: Joshua Beaulieu, David Burich, Nancy Brescia, Sean Caffyn, Len Guercia , Melissa Osborne, Chris O’Brien, Erin Riggott,

Jim Santacroce

OEMS Staff:

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM	Minutes from <b>9/24/2020</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – S. Caffyn Second – M. Osborne
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on New Programs	MD-I - New Jersey- Chris O’Brien. This is a subscription-based program that provides regular patient check-ins.	S. Caffyn will look in to additional information about this program.
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
CT MIH Implementation Update	No New movement, appears to be held at the DPH/OEMS level waiting on staffing support, but no information shared. L. Guercia recommends reaching out to the Co-Chairs of the Public Health Committee to inquirer. Additional suggestions were to reach out to members of the initial Legislative committee, to DEMHS Reg. 1, and to CAPE	Committee members will contact regional presidents for support and contact legislative work group members in November.
Public Education Project	Tabled	
MIH and COVID-19	Brief discussion related to Vaccinations and utilizing EMS providers to vaccinate.	L. Guercia, S. Caffyn and J. Beaulieu to discuss with the State vaccine advisory committee co-chair.
<b>New Business</b>	None at this time	

<b>Work Project</b>		
Public Ed/Guide Book development discussion	tabled	
<b>Info Sharing</b>	None at this time	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM	Next Meeting – Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 at 2 PM virtual meeting

# **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee**

of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Agenda**

**Location:** GoToMeeting Web meeting

**Call to order – 2:00pm**

**Review of October meeting minutes**

**Old Business:**

- Information sharing on new programs
- Community Data Reporting
- CT MIH Implementation Update
- MIH and COVID-19

**New Business:**

- Committee leadership nominations
- End of Year report

**Info Sharing**

**Next meeting:** Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> . \*\*Note the change from the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to the third due to the Christmas holiday.

CT EMS Advisory Board

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee

Nov 19, 2020

Member Attendees: Greg Allard, Victoria Barnes, Josh Beaulieu, David Burich, Robert Glaspy, Lenny Guercia, Melissa Osbourne, Chris O’Brien, Damian Rickard, Erin Riggott, Jim Santacroce, William Schietinger, Irene Smith, James Stead

Guests: Jonathan Feit, Dave Lespino

Excused Members:

OEMS Staff:

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM	Minutes from <b>10/22/20</b> meeting reviewed and approved	Motion – Chris O’Brien Second – Dave Burich
<b>Old Business</b>		
Information Sharing on New Programs	New Haven Public Health started a mobile program for New mothers/Infant checks in the city. AMR is assisting by utilizing an EMT to drive the crew (advanced practitioner/nurse). Grant funded  Chris O’Brien reports that COVID testing is being done mobile by EMS in the state of Wisconsin	
Community Data Reporting	None at this time	
CT MIH Implementation Update	No New Movement. Group discusses sending letter to the legislative committee members. Additional concern regarding staffing in OEMS office with two retirement/resignations (S. Durante and A. Kloter).  Jon Feit from Beyond Lucid Technologies discusses health information exchange- required by ET3 for data sharing. Reports this is more robust in other parts of	



	the country; HIE would provide wider net of information exchange from multiple hospital/EMS/healthcare systems	
MIH and COVID-19	L. Guercia reports that language is being drafted and reviewed by DPH for Paramedics to administer COVID vaccine. West Hartford FD is doing internal COVID testing for FD and PD members. AMR reports that they will begin doing the same soon.	
<b><i>New Business</i></b>		
Committee Nominations	Current nominations- Josh Beaulieu- Committee Chair, Jim Santacroce- Vice Chair, and Erin Riggott- Secretary. Additional nominations can be made in December for December vote.	
End of year report	This years accomplishments- Support implementation of MIH broadly, work with education standards, multiple communications to different groups, boards, committees, etc. Group agrees that MIH “road blocks” should be shared/addressed in this report as well.	
<b><i>Info Sharing</i></b>	None at this time	
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM	Next Meeting – Dec 17th at 2 PM virtual meeting