

**Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board  
Regional Collaboration/Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Meeting  
February 3, 2022  
Virtual**

**In Attendance:** Joseph Laucella, Judith Reynolds, Betty Morris, Paul Rabeuf, Michael Zacchera, Don Scranton, C.J. Dunn

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:10AM by Joe Laucella. Attendance was verified.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were previously distributed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed by C.J. Dunn, seconded by Joe Laucella. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**FMOP**

Joe Laucella reported the committee's commentary on the FMOP was forwarded to CEMSAB. At the CEMSAB meeting Director Coler stated the document will be brought back to OEMS for further action. She extended her thanks to everyone who had reviewed and submitted comments for consideration.

**EMS Leadership Guide:**

Committee members have submitted content to Joe Laucella for possible inclusion in the manual. The content was collated and distributed to the group. Following discussion the group decided to take content submitted and start by building a table of contents for the guide. Each item will then be assigned to committee members to build on. Joe Laucella, C.J. Dunn, Paul Rabeuf and Judi Reynolds offered to assist. Joe will arrange a meeting of the group.

**New Business:**

**CEMSAB Annual Report**

Joe Laucella distributed the draft 2021 CEMSAB Annual Regional Collaboration & Emergency Preparedness Committee Report for the group to review. After group review and discussion, a motion to accept the document as distributed was made by C.J. Dunn, seconded by Betty Morris and approved unanimously. The report will be forwarded to CEMSAB.

**Strike Team Discussion**

Joe Laucella spoke about the value of forming ambulance strike teams. There was discussion on situations they would prove to be an asset; Joe Laucella feels they could have provided essential back up on multiple occasions during the past two years. Covid strained the overall system and there were several large events that would have benefited, including a recent service providers funeral and movement of patients from facilities with critical system failures. Discussion followed on the activation of personnel and ambulance resources through FEMA.

Steps to establishing Ambulance Strike Teams discussed were:

- Training for service leadership
- Planning
- Establishing SOP's
- Building the program to potentially have it in place by December 2022

Joe Laucella noted TEEX conducts Strike Team training for Leadership positions. He will research the course to potentially be offered at the ECHO Hose Training Center.

Paul Rabeuf spoke about the DEMHS Public Health Emergency Response Plan.

### **2022 Regional Collaboration & Emergency Preparedness Committee Goals**

Joe Laucella distributed the 2022 Annual Goals for the Regional Collaboration and Emergency Preparedness Committee. There was discussion on whether a single committee should be tasked with two committee's workloads.

The document was reviewed line by line. Following discussion the edits discussed will be incorporated into the document and Joe Laucella will forward it to CEMSAB.

In addition to the goals included in the document the following was discussed:

- Promotion and assistance if requested with Stop the Bleed Programs to be conducted in May.
- Encouraging EMS services to attend and participate in their ESF-8's.
- Engaging new members for the committee and encouraging participation by current members
- Facilitating Ambulance Strike Team Leadership training.

A motion was made by Joe Laucella to edit the document as discussed and forward it to CEMSAB, seconded by Paul Rabeuf and approved unanimously.

### **Other Business:**

The LSU classes scheduled to be held at ECHO Hose Training Center have been postponed.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds  
Regional Coordinator