

EMS Advisory:

Regionalization- Sub Committee

June 10, 2019 @ 430 Coram Ave, Shelton.

Present: J. Laucella, K. Coupe, D. Smith, J. Reynolds, K. Ferrarotti, M. Blake, Steven Conley

Via Phone- J. Speck, Stacey Durante

Meeting was held on Monday June 10, 2019 at 10am- at 430 Coram Ave, Shelton

Minutes from last meeting reviewed. Motion made Mark made motion, Kevin seconded to approve. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Discuss partnerships and regionalization in different areas.

- * In the past personnel could jump on other ambulances to complete crews. That has stopped, unknown why but one reason could be insurance.
- * Towns in Northwest corner have mutual aid agreements. Towns that cannot get a crew when needed. Each service covers worker comp and other liabilities.
- * Crew member must be a part of the service in order to be billed.
- * Weston and Wilton ALS Association shares a paramedic.
- * Discussed Fairfield/Westport ECC and issues in creating.
- * Discussed Tolland/Windham County Ambulance Association and they work off a mutual aid agreement.
- * EMS has PSA issues and billing issues.
- * 7 Town medic contract based in eastern part of the state. There are other medic shared services around the state.
- * Other states have regionalization of ambulance services. Could reach out to them for information and best practices. Other states have county governments that can assist with county based emergency service systems. CT does not have that.
- * State regulations limit abilities to change systems.
- * Southwest region worked together to get grants for TECC, stop the bleed and other programs.
- * SW discussing notifying C-Med of crew status and even putting GPS in each ambulance so C-Med would know closest ambulance.
- * Regional dispatch would make EMS regionalization easier.

General Discussion:

Discussion of service chiefs meeting. No formal association similar to PD and FD. Important for information sharing and to develop ideas for improvement. Important for medical control to hold regular service meetings for their ambulance services.

Educate CEOs of community about EMS and challenges

Lack of training for EMS Chiefs. No formal training programs. Hartford Health Care looking to develop a program.

Data collection and analysis important to identify needs and potential improvements.

List of responsibilities

New Business:

Staffing:

- * Could an EMR work with medic in the future? Will that improve staffing? Would probably improve volunteer services having an easier time recruiting, training and on-boarding new members to help cover call volume in communities.

Next Meeting:

Develop: Benefits, Negatives, Roadblocks of Regionalization

Recommendations: Consider proposing idea to Advisory to look at EMR working with Paramedics.

Review NECOG Report

Meeting ended at 11:35am

Next meeting:

July 29th @ 10am (Conference Call)

Future meetings: Last Monday of the month

EMS Advisory – Regionalization Sub Committee
Echo Hose EMS Training Academy – Shelton, CT
September 30, 2019
11:00am – 12:00pm

Present: Katie Coupe – *Granby EMS*, Stacey Durante – *OEMS (phone)*, Kevin Ferrarotti – *Harwinton EMS/Hartford HealthCare* (co-chair), Mark Hartog – *Westport EMS*, Joe Laucella – *Shelton EMS* (co-chair), Judy Reynolds – *OEMS/Essex*, and Jean Speck – *OEMS/Kent* (phone)

- Joe Laucella initiated meeting with review to date. Meeting goals:
 - o Current state of committee
 - o Define timeline
 - o Define committee objective(s)
- Kevin Ferrarotti reviewed topics from last meeting. Consensus with group to focus on staffing needs / concerns for commercial and volunteer agencies, response challenges, data collection, funding resources and challenges, and training opportunities. Discussion was held on each topic and what impact each has.
- Group consensus to take November and December meetings to further breakdown the 5 areas of focus, and identify core questions that can be brought regionally for discussion.
- Beginning in January, the group will (hopefully) begin going to each region to hear regional issues / challenges / opportunities. These opportunities will be promoted to hopefully attract a strong turnout. The goal will be to compile 5 biggest challenges and also best practices that can be further developed into a “guide book” for agencies state wide. There was discussion on using EMS Expo in a round table format to present / discuss results and gain further insight.
- Group consensus to add 2-3 additional individuals to committee. Specifically looking for representation from Danbury area and northeast region. Judy, Stacey and Jean are identifying and following up with potential individuals.
- Group defined committee purpose:
 - o *“Develop best practice guidance for components of regionalization. Further identifying opportunities for collaboration between agencies statewide.”*
- Meeting schedule. All meetings will begin at 10am and be held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Echo Hose Training Center in Shelton.
 - o October 28th
 - o November 25th (off December)
 - o January 27th (and regional council meeting(s))
 - o February 24th (and regional council meeting(s))
 - o March 30th
 - o April 27th

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Ferrarotti
Co-Chair