APPROVED

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

April 24, 2024 at 0900 hours

Hunter's Ambulance Service with
Remote option (hybrid)

Board Members	G. Allard (P), L. Bolton, S. Caffyn, W. Perez, K. McClaine, J. Paretzky (P), I. Smith (P), D. Tompkins, B. Zura, R. Ziegler, N. Brescia (P), W. Campion, K. Ferrarotti, M. Loiz (P), M. Daniels
Non-Member Committee Chairs	M. Fletcher (Education and Training), B. Morris (CMED), C. Dunn (DATA) (P)
Regional Council Presidents	L. Goodman (Region 1), W. Fitzmaurice (Region 2)
EMSC	R. Calciano (P), J. Reynolds (P), M. Zacchera (P), K. Hickcox (P), A. Pugliese, F. Glowski (P), J.
OEMS Staff:	Demers (P), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC)
Guests	J. Way, A. Katz, S. Collazo, R. Mara, K. Lindstrom, S. Varga, T. Schietinger, P. Canning
Board Chair	W. Schietinger (P)

Meeting opened at 09:12

*In Person (P) = 13

*Remote = 24

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	W. Schietinger	• Marc Cohen, Stamford EMS, AMR	None required.
Meeting Minutes from March 2024	W. Schietinger		Motion to accept March 27, 2024 minutes 1st I. Smith 2nd, J. Paretzky Motion passed unanimously
Public comment		• None	
Presentation		• None	
Chair's Report	W. Schietinger	• Voter Voice review – over 450 emails sent • Mike Loiz NAEMT Advocacy Rep for CT recognized in DC during national event. Spent a few days with two other reps discussing EMS issues with legislators.	
OEMS	R. Calciano, written report submitted For April 2024	• Review of submitted report. • Agencies not reporting will be getting a letter from OEMS • PEER review • CARES review; annual subscription no longer available to the state	
EMSC Report		• No update	

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Breakout Session		• None	
Committee Reports			
CEMSMAC	R. Kamin, April minutes distributed	• Review of report • Minimum Equipment List final request for updates have been made • Scope of Practice regarding use of Supraglottic airways by EMT's • Introduced Susan Collazo	
CMED and SIEC Committee	B. Morris	• Did not meet in March • From Feb meeting; Lisa Bushnell, Epidemiologist, DPH Office of Public Health Preparedness presented the roles and responsibilities for CMEDs for requesting and deploying the CHEMPACK supplies. A Tabletop Exercise being held at CHA on May 2, 2024.	
Council of Regional Presidents (CORP)	W. Fitzmaurice	• Did not meet this month • L. Goodman working on corp website (ctemscouncils.org)	
Data Committee	C. Dunn	• Review of distributed minutes • Still working on high performance EMS agency project	

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Education and Training Committee	M. Fletcher, March minutes distributed	• Train the trainer for EMS instructors review; CT has a low pass rate	
Health and Wellness Committee	K. Ferrarotti, April meeting minutes distributed	• Review of distributed minutes • Follow up of Chip's presentation on new proposed OSHA standards for EMS	
Legislative Committee	M. Loiz, April minutes distributed	• Last Meeting: 4/18 • Huddle Friday, 4/26 @ 1300 • Next Meeting: 5/16 • Session Ends: 5/8 @ midnight • Bills are voted out of committee and are now going for final vote Medicaid: Activity: Voter Voice 5048 - nothing 5053 - file number 597 5054 - nothing 5459 - voted out of committee but no file number • Insurance 5460 - nothing • Sales Tax 5105 - Nothing • Max Allowable 179 - File number 17 • Regional Coordinators 5290 - file number 404 110 - nothing	

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		• Bill 5488 - Glucagon bill but also discusses surprise billing that may not be intended for us, but the language in its current form could be used against us. Meeting with Legislature to address. • ACAP - AG/Looney: • National: EMS on the Hill was nice. 3 CT Reps including Loiz (Duckworth & Dean / Ridgefield and Stamford) Met with DeLauro, Larson, Blumenthal & Murphy and covered: SIREN - rural grant (40% of CT Towns are eligible) TIP = 1.5-1.98 BILLION savings to Medicare MIH Medicare Entenders EMS Caucus (House) • There were opportunities to infuse the talking points with real CT centric examples of how these bills impact us and how they integrate and/or work together with our CT State initiatives. A meeting will be hosted this Friday	
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee	M. Zacchera	• No report	

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Nominating and Membership Committee		• No report	
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee	K. Ferrarotti	• Completed regional survey regarding State of EMS; committee may do a focus groups to understand the true numbers are; will talk more about this next month.	
Trauma Committee		• No report	
Action Items	W. Schietinger	• None	
Old Business	W. Schietinger	• Question on the status of Stop the Bleed Letter	
New Business	W. Schietinger	• R. Ziegler/W. Schietinger – conversations on where are we with getting a police representative on the board; K. Lindstrom reviewed • EMS Week is week of May 20th	
Next Meeting	May 22		
Adjournment	10:14 a.m.		Motion to adjourn

Respectively submitted by:
Angela Pugliese, OEMS

EMS Advisory Board Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
2024
~~Jan 24~~ | ~~Feb 28~~ | ~~Mar 27~~ | ~~Apr 24~~ | May 22 | June 26 | July 24 | Aug 28 | Sept 25 | Oct 30 | Dec 4