Approved

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD (CEMSAB)

January 28, 2026 at 0900 hours

Hunters Ambulance

450 Main Street, Meriden, CT

Remote option (hybrid)

Board Members	G. Allard, J. Beaulieu (P), L. Bolton, S. Caffyn (P), K. Coupe, M. Daniels, C. Dunn (P), K. Ferrarotti, R. Guthrie (P), M. Loiz (P) S. Martus, P. Norwood (P), J. Quinlavin (P), J. Roache (P), S. Robinson, A. Romano, I. Smith (P), J. Spencer, D. Tompkins, R. Ziegler, B. Zura
Non-Member Committee Chairs	M. Osborne (Education and Training), B. Morris (CMED)
Regional Council Presidents	L. Goodman (Region 1) (P), W. Fitzmaurice (Region 2), M. Letita (Region 3)
EMSC	M. Petruculli
OEMS Staff:	J. Demers (P), J. Reynolds (P), M. Zacchera (P), K. Hickcox (P), A. Pugliese, F. Glowski (P), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC)
Guests	R. Antonowicz, C. Bassett (P), D. Moore, S. Conley, S. Varga, J. Way, T. Schietinger, J. Nadeau
Board Chair	W. Schietinger (P)

Meeting opened at 09:11

*In Person (P) = 17

*Remote = 26

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	W. Schietinger	• None	
Meeting Minutes from December 2025	W. Schietinger	• The December 2025 meeting minutes were not available for approval at this meeting and will be carried to a future agenda.	
Change to Meeting agenda		• Chair noted the need to focus on time sensitive items due to room scheduling constraints and the start of the 2026 legislative session.	Motion by W. Schietinger to adjust the agenda to cover three items only: (1) Legislative Committee report, (2) EMS commemorative plate initiative (action), (3) EMS Transformation planning. Motion: I. Smith Second: G. Allard Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment		• None	
Presentation	.	• None	
Chair's Report	W. Schietinger	• No discussion	
EMS Transformation	W. Schietinger	• Chair introduced EMS Transformation planning using the State EMS Plan and the NHTSA EMS System Assessment recommendations as references. • Members discussed the need for clear objectives, defined deliverables, and a	An ad hoc committee was established to review statutes and regulations and identify inconsistencies in EMS delivery statewide, associated impacts, and potential recommendations. Co-chairs: J. Beaulieu and B. Zura.

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		structured approach to prioritize initiatives on a monthly basis. • Communications was identified as a broad topic requiring scoping. Suggestions included completing a high level SWOT analysis and dividing communications into components such as emergency medical dispatch (EMD), inter PSAP and CAD to CAD interoperability, regional CMED and hospital communications workflows, and related data handoffs. • Discussion noted that inaccurate or inconsistent call time handoffs between dispatch centers can impact response time measurement and performance evaluation. • Section J (Evaluation) of the NHTSA review was cited as a priority area to better use existing data and municipal EMS plans to evaluate system performance and identify actionable gaps. • Medical direction inconsistency was discussed, including the role of sponsor hospitals, the need for stronger physician engagement and protected time, and opportunities for quality improvement training.	Participants: L. Goodman, C. Dunn, S. Martus, M. Zacchera, J. Spencer, M. Osborne, G. Allard (additional subject matter experts to be recruited as needed). First meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 1:30 PM (virtual). Committee to provide a progress update at the February 25, 2026 CEMSAB meeting.

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		• Members emphasized the overarching theme of inconsistent EMS delivery across municipalities, and the need to identify which inconsistencies create measurable system problems and where a minimum expected floor of service should be defined.	
OEMS, written report submitted for January 2026		• No discussion	
EMSC Report		• No discussion	
Breakout Session		None	
Committee Reports			
CEMSMAC	Dec. and Jan. minutes distributed.	• No discussion	
CMED and SIEC Committee		• No discussion	
Council of Regional Presidents (CORP)	December minutes submitted	• No discussion	https://ctemscouncils.org/
Data Committee	January minutes distributed	• No discussion	

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Education and Training Committee		• No discussion	
Health and Wellness Committee	December minutes distributed	• No discussion	
Legislative Committee	M. Loiz, Jan minutes distributed	• Legislative session noted to begin February 4, 2026. The committee reviewed the list of CEMSAB legislative initiatives and emphasized the importance of the status and notes columns in the tracking document. • Discussion included how bills are advanced during a short session and the need for committee sponsorship and timely submission. • Members requested that future tracking documents include direct links to bill language on the Connecticut General Assembly website once bill numbers are assigned. • John Spencer noted interest in pursuing technical regulatory changes related to AEMT staffing requirements and patient attendance language; Chair encouraged coordination with the Legislative Committee for review and possible advisory letter.	

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		• Committee highlighted the need to monitor EMS related bills as they are introduced, including workforce support proposals and other items previously endorsed by the board.	
The CT EMS Commemorative Plate Project discussion	J. Quinlavin	• John Quinlavin provided an overview of the proposed EMS commemorative license plate initiative, developed over approximately 2.5 years, to raise awareness of the EMS profession and create a dedicated revenue stream for EMS related priorities. • Proposal described a permanent, non-lapsing EMS fund within the state budget. A portion of the plate fee would offset DMV administrative costs and approximately $35 per plate would be directed to the EMS fund. The fund would also allow donations and grants. • Eligibility discussed as open to certified or licensed EMS personnel and members of the public who wish to promote EMS (consistent with other specialty plate programs). • Board discussion focused on governance and fiduciary oversight of the EMS fund	Quinlavin to return to legislative stakeholders to refine the bill language, including options to allow CEMSAB to designate the 501(c)(3) fiduciary and/or administer a competitive grant process. Chair to schedule a special meeting (virtual) for board action once revised language is available.

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		proceeds. Options discussed included a Connecticut based 501(c)(3) fiscal agent with transparency requirements (for example, annual IRS Form 990 reporting) and safeguards to ensure funds benefit Connecticut EMS. • Several members expressed concern about naming a specific organization in statute. Alternatives discussed included language empowering CEMSAB to designate an appropriate 501(c)(3) fiduciary, and a competitive grant or distribution process administered in collaboration with CEMSAB. • • Given the short legislative session timeline, members encouraged moving the concept forward while refining language through the legislative process.	
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee		• No discussion	
Nominating and Membership Committee		• No discussion	
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee	Dec. minutes submitted	• No discussion	

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Trauma Committee		• No discussion	
Action Items	W. Schietinger	• None	
Old Business	W. Schietinger	• None	
New Business	W. Schietinger	• None	
Next Meeting		• Feb 25th	
Adjournment		• Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.	Motion to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by:
Angela Pugliese, OEMS
Charles Dunn, Advisory Board Secretary

EMS Advisory Board Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

2026
~~Jan 28~~ | Feb 25 | Mar 25 | Apr 22 | May 27 | June 24 | July 22 | Aug 26 | Sept 23 | Oct 28 | Nov 25 | Dec 23