APPROVED

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD (CEMSAB)

March 25, 2026 at 0900 hours

Hunter's Ambulance Service

450 W. Main Street

HYBRID Remote option

Board Members	G. Allard (P), J. Beaulieu (P), L. Bolton, M. Daniels, C. Dunn (P), K. Ferrarotti, R. Guthrie (P), J. Laucella, S. Martus (P), K. McClaine, P. Norwood (P), J. Paretzky (P), J. Quinlavin (P), J. Roache (P), A. Romano, I. Smith (P), D. Tompkins, W. Wheeler, B. Zura
Non-Member Committee Chairs	B. Morris (CMED)
Regional Council Presidents	L. Goodman (Region 1) (P), W. Fitzmaurice (Region 2), M. Letita (Region 3), J. Danao (Region 4)
EMSC	H. Chicaiza, M. Petrucelli (P)
OEMS Staff:	J. Demers (P), R. Calciano (P), J. Reynolds (P), M. Zacchera (P), A. Pugliese, F. Glowski (P), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC)(P)
Guests	J. Nadeau, K. Rosenthal, K. Lindstrom, A. Mauro, R. Rautio, S. Vargo, M. Warner, P. Gauthier, A. Tisdale, C. Bassett (P)
Board Chair	W. Schietinger (P)

Meeting opened at 9:02
*In Person (P) = 20
*Remote = 24

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	W. Schietinger	• None	
Meeting Minutes from February 2026	W. Schietinger	• February 2026 meeting minutes	Motion to accept February 28, 2026 meeting minutes 1st I. Smith 2nd R. Kamin Motion passed unanimously
Public comment		• None	
Presentation		• None	
Chair's Report	W. Schietinger,	- Chair invited suggestions for EMS Week activities and messaging the board could support statewide after the legislative session ends. - Members discussed possible press outreach, recognition events, and opportunities to engage legislators during or around EMS Week. - R. Kamin suggested compiling and sharing EMS Week events statewide so providers know what is happening in each region and how they can participate. - CORP agreed to help collect regional information and collate a statewide list of activities through the regional presidents.	
EMS Transformation	J. Beaulieu	- Group has continued meeting every Thursday at 1400 hours since the last board meeting, with strong	

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		participation. - Current focus is communications; medical direction is expected to be the next major area of work. - Three work groups are reviewing CMED, PSAP, and EMD systems, including origin, function, functionality, and related background materials. - Additional report-outs were expected the following day, with the goal of bringing recommendations back to the board on whether current systems meet needs and what changes should be considered. - Members described this as a long-term project and discussed organizing background documents and resources so the board can review the supporting information.	
OEMS	R. Calciano, March written report submitted	- R. Calciano reviewed the report and opened the floor for questions. No additional discussion was recorded beyond the written update.	
EMSC Report	M. Petrucelli	• No report	
Breakout Session		• None	
Committee Reports			
CEMSMAC	R. Kamin, March minutes submitted	- R. Kamin noted ongoing efforts to distribute draft minutes in advance when timing allows. - Committee participation remains strong, with	

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		regular communication between CEMSMAC, the protocol subcommittee, and the regional councils. - Trauma committee representation has been inconsistent; discussion included the possibility of an alternate trauma representative to improve continuity of participation.	
CMED and SIEC Committee	B. Morris, Feb. minutes distributed	- Committee highlighted ongoing partnership with the Connecticut Healthcare Coalition and related subgroup work on communications. - Discussion included information sharing around the Protect Advisor platform used for long-term care, assisted living, nursing home, and mutual aid planning. - Upcoming events noted included an Emergency Management conference on April 23 and a Connecticut Healthcare Coalition conference on April 28, with communications among the featured topics.	
Council of Regional Presidents (CORP)	W. Fitzmaurice, L. Goodman	- CORP met this month and held a regional roundtable to share updates. - Members were encouraged to continue recognizing outstanding EMS work through awards submissions; only five additional nominations were received this month. - Agencies and regional leaders were asked to send website and contact updates to Leigh Goodman or	https://ctemscouncils.org/

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		Ryan Nuzzo so the statewide site can be kept current. - CORP will also help gather and share regional EMS Week activities statewide.	
Data Committee	L. Goodman	• No update	
Education and Training Committee	J. Demers, Feb. meeting minutes distributed	- Committee is developing student minimum competencies for portfolio or competency-based EMR and EMT education, following national guidance and examples from other states. - This work is intended to reduce reliance on the traditional one-day, pass or fail psychomotor testing model and instead measure skill development over time across multiple attempts and settings. - A pilot involving several classes has gone well, and the committee is working with the OEMS licensing team to streamline the certification and licensing process. - Committee also continues updating educational materials to align with protocols, and an updated optional CME tracking form was recently distributed.	https://ctaemsi.org/home/membership/
Health and Wellness Committee	K. Ferrarotti	- Committee continues work related to peer support. - K. Ferrarotti and L. Goodman are developing a leader peer support pilot intended to begin on a small scale and expand if successful.	

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Legislative Committee	W. Schitinger; Legislative Bill Tracking Report distributed	- Next meeting April 16. Connecticut representatives attending EMS on the Hill were recognized, and the legislative tracking report was reviewed. - HB 5046: committee reiterated support for inclusion of all EMS, not only selected EMS sectors. Discussion included the need for consistent language when referring to EMS clinicians, EMS organizations, and the different EMS staffing and organizational models in Connecticut. - SB 93: members reported prior IAFF opposition had been resolved after additional discussions. Discussion also noted proposed language calling for later implementation and a five-year look-back period, while several members stated a bordering state is not required for the compact to be beneficial. - SB 238, EMS response time transparency: extensive discussion occurred regarding transparency, response-time metrics, EMS funding, local EMS plans, PSAR designation gaps, and the concern that current bill language could create misleading public perceptions without clearly defining how data would be used. Several members supported continuing discussions with Senator Anwar and the Public Health Committee through the Advisory Board and transformation group. - During this discussion, the board also addressed how board members speak with the media or	

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		legislators. The concern expressed by multiple members was that when a member identifies themself as a board member in public comments, they must clearly distinguish personal views from official board positions so they are not understood to be speaking for the board without authorization. - Several comments reflected the view that the board meeting itself is the place to air differing opinions and work toward board positions, and that individual members may still speak personally so long as they are explicit that they are not representing CEMSAB. - Discussion suggested the need for clearer expectations regarding external communications when members speak to the media or legislature on issues still under board discussion. - Additional bills discussed included SB 429, SB 499, HB 5169, and HB 5279, all of which advanced from committee with generally supportive testimony.	
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee	J. Beaulieu, M. Zacchera	- Committee meets tomorrow and has shifted its regular meeting time from 2pm to 2:30pm to accommodate another meeting. - Members reported that the first program application has reached the hearing office. - A joint subcommittee with Education and Training has started work on best practices for MIH and community paramedicine education. The group is	

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		reviewing what other states have done and noted that there are few established models, leaving Connecticut in a position to help define the approach.	
Nominating and Membership Committee		• No discussion	
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee	K. Ferrarotti	- Committee continues work on task force development and regional operational coordination. - Discussion included mutual aid and the practical need for region-based planning, recognizing that a single statewide model may be difficult to implement all at once. - K. Ferrarotti also recognized Palmer Booth for advocacy in the northwest corner related to EMS inclusion in broader emergency support and preparedness planning.	
Trauma Committee	January meeting minutes distributed	• No discussion	
Action Items	W. Schietinger	• None	
Old Business	W. Schietinger	• None	
New Business	W. Schietinger	• None	
Next Meeting		• April 22nd	

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Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.	Motion to adjourn. 1st G. Allard 2nd J. Demers Motion passed unanimously

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

EMS Advisory Board Upcoming 2026 Meeting Schedule:
~~Jan 28~~ | ~~Feb 25~~ | ~~Mar 25~~ | Apr 22 | May 27 | June 24 | July 22 | Aug 26 | Sept 23 | Oct 28 | Nov 25 | Dec 23