Approved
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD (CEMSAB)
August 26, 2026 at 0900 hours
Virtual only

Board Members	G. Allard, J. Beaulieu, L. Bolton, M. Daniels, C. Dunn, R. Guthrie, T. Lardaro, M. Loiz, J. Paretzky, J. Quinlavin, J. Roache, A. Romano, I. Smith, J. Spencer, D. Tompkins, B. Zura
Non-Member Committee Chairs	M. Osborne (Education and Training), B. Morris (CMED)
Regional Council Presidents	L. Goodman (Region 1), M. Letita (Region 3), J. Danao (Region 4)
EMSC	
OEMS Staff:	J. Demers, R. Calciano, J. Reynolds, K. Hickcox, A. Pugliese, F. Glowski, R. Kamin (CEMSMAC)
Guests	P. Canning, J. Way, B. Sullivan, T. Schietinger, S. Conley
Board Chair	W. Schietinger

Meeting opened at 9:01 am

Total in attendance: 34

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Moment of Silence for Lost EMS Providers	W. Schietinger	• Cooper Whiteside – Bpt Police Dept. & Brookfield Fire Dept. • Dr. Richard Judd • Kathy Call – Vernon Fire Dept.	
Meeting Minutes of June 2026	W. Schietinger	• June 2026 meeting minutes	Motion to accept June 24, 2026 meeting minutes 1st R. J. Beaulieu 2nd R. Kamin Abstention: M. Daniels Motion passed.
Public comment		• None	
Presentation		• None	
Chair's Report	W. Schietinger	• CT Mirror is doing an investigative piece on EMS; Bullet points are being put together for the reporter.	
EMS Transformation	J. Beaulieu, B. Zura	• Committee presentation on findings and recommendations. • Draft recommendations being worked on, problem statement and proposed recommendations • OEMS established communications	
OEMS	R. Calciano, August written report submitted	• Review of report • Review of OEMS office refurbishing; work remote schedule discussed	

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EMSC Report		• No report	
Breakout Session		• None	
Committee Reports			
CEMSMAC	R. Kamin	• Did not meet in July or August • No report	
CMED and SIEC Committee	B. Morris	• Did not meet in July or August • No report	
Council of Regional Presidents (CORP)		• No update	
Data Committee	L. Goodman	• No update	
Education and Training Committee	M. Osborne	• Met during the summer • Student minimum portfolio	
Health and Wellness Committee	L. Goodman	• Met this summer • No update	
Legislative Committee	M. Loiz	• August meeting was canceled; Sept. meeting will be held on the 17th • 2027 Review of legislative initiatives list that the committee has come up with; committee has been	

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		working over the summer to come up with items; welcome suggestions and participation • Rates “max allowable”; define the rates as the rates rather than max allowable • MIH expansion, • DEA drug control; work with DCP over summer • Rare disease discussion; work with CHA to help guide the process • License plate, a vanity plate to generate revenue for state grants • Dashboard; need more R&D • Special taxing districts; need more R&D • Treating K-9’s; need more R&D • Stretcher vans	
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee	J. Beaulieu	• Program is up and running, first patient will be seen Friday • Next committee meeting 8/27	
Nominating and Membership Committee	W. Schietinger	• No nominations this year	
Regional Preparedness and Collaboration Committee		• No update	
Trauma Committee		• No update	

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		• Next meeting 9/2 @ 3:30pm	
Action Items	W. Schietinger	• None	
Old Business	W. Schietinger	• Discussion around the use of AI and documentation of patient care reports (M. Osborne); looking for a statement of recommendation for guidance • Subject Conversation will continue with data committee • Looking for update on Rural health transformation grant on MIH (B.Zura). M. Zacchera working on and Ralf will ask Michael to send an update.	
New Business	W. Schietinger	•	
Next Meeting		• September 23	
Adjournment		• Meeting adjourned at 11:04	Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by:
Angela Pugliese, OEMS
Charles Dunn, CEMSAB secretary

EMS Advisory Board Upcoming 2026 Meeting Schedule:
~~Jan 28~~ | ~~Feb 25~~ | ~~Mar 25~~ | ~~Apr 22~~ | ~~May 27~~ | ~~June 24~~ | ~~Aug 26~~ | Sept 23 | Oct 28 | Nov 18 | Dec 16