

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board
Emergency Preparedness Committee
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2018
New Britain EMS**

Present: Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, Alex Morisano – NBEMS, Carmine Centrella - CR-MMRS,
Bill Ackley - SWEMSC

Call in: Brian Cournoyer – CHA, John Reed - Danbury

1.0 Call to order

Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM at New Britain EMS Headquarters. Introductions were done and call-ins were acknowledged. Bill called for a moment of silence in honor of President Bush passing.

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve them was made by Carmine Centrella, seconded by Alex Morisano and approved unanimously.

3.0 Initiatives for discussion

The Forward Movement of Patients Plan (FMOP) was distributed to the group for review. Bill Ackley had spoken with Greg Allard about the committee's next project and his suggestion was a review the FMOP. The plan was last reviewed in December 2008, with the final version labeled "Final Draft Version 4.0". Carmine Centrella commented he was one of the original authors of the document, he asked if the group should reach out and engage other groups in the process. He envisions the FMOP as an annex of the regional response plans. Carmine gave a brief overview of past efforts to update the document. Bill suggested asking Greg Allard to develop a work group that might include representation from DPH, FLIS, OPHPR and CHA among others. Discussion followed.

- **OEMS**

- Update from the Medical Director/Richard Kamin MD**

- Dr. Kamin was not available for today's meeting.

- Update from DPH/Coordinators/Judi Reynolds**

- Judi reported with Charles Mullin leaving OPHPR access to the trailers had to be reworked. A process is now in place for her to gain access and she will continue to work on the trailers as the weather allows. The area they are stored in is an unheated garage so progress will be slow until spring. Judi noted Francesca Provenzano has acquired some additional funding to purchase supplies for the trailers. Positive feedback has been received since the reconfiguration began.

- **Preparedness(OPHPR)**

- No report was available.

- **New Business**

- Mass Gatherings**

- Bill reported CEMSAB voted to accept the document in content with formatting changes now being completed.

Active Assailant

Bill reported the Active Assailant document has been formatted and sent to OEMS. Bill asked Director Coler if they could work to make it a joint document with DEHMS, she will be forwarding the document to Commissioner Pino for next steps. Bill will follow up.

FMOP

Bill noted Dr. Cone has submitted comments on the FMOP which will be considered as the group moves forward. Bill will gather input, and then integrate them into a draft document when the full committee meets.

Next Initiative

Bill suggested following the FMOP review the next project could be “EMS Operations During Mass Casualty or Multiple Patient Incidents”. He envisions a state wide mass casualty plan.

Resignation/Todd Lomento

Todd Lomento has resigned from the committee due to work obligations, he will remain as a resource for the group. Bill expressed appreciation for Todd’s contributions to the committee.

2019 Meeting Schedule

Bill will send out a survey to determine the best day and time for meeting.

- **Other**

Carmine Centrella spoke about the Health Care Collation Conference recently held in New Orleans noting there was a breakout session that included two Las Vegas hospitals University Medical Center and Sunrise Hospital. They spoke about how patients were received during the Las Vegas shooting, commenting 60% of them did not come by ambulance. They spoke about the issues encountered and how they dealt with them. He will share the presentation materials. Discussion followed.

Bill commented Stryker has put out a video about Community Ambulance that illustrates the effects of the Las Vegas shooting on responders.

Carmine spoke about the Health Care Coalition contractual requirements moving forward. The need for EMS to be involved was discussed.

4.0 Events/Exercises/Other

Region 1 –

Fairfield – July 2019

An Active Threat Integrated Response Class is planned for July. (Three day course).

Stamford – Active Shooter Table Top

Bill reported there was an Active Shooter table top exercise held in Stamford Town Center in October. There were approximately 100 people involved, 4 hour duration. The exercise concentrated on the initial response. The plan is to have the next exercise cover operations and recovery. There was great feedback from law enforcement and fire involved identifying operational needs. The need for integration with multiple partners was identified.

Critical Decision Making During Complex Coordinated Attacks

A Critical Decision Making During Complex Coordinated Attacks course was held last week with 23 agencies represented, 50 participants, at the Fairfield Fire School. The course was no cost presented by LSU. Another course is planned for Region 2 in June. Bill gave an overview of exercise and the value of networking.

Stamford – June 2019

Stamford will be holding a Tactical Operations Class in June the class which will be centric to Stamford.

Region 2 –

North Haven – October 19, 2018 – Field Day

Bill Ackley gave an overview of the event and the equipment on display.

North Haven - Stop the Bleed Training Day – for all credentialed education employees - November 6

Bill Ackley commented close to 300 credentialed educators were trained during the event. He spoke about the coordination required to move that many people through the training which was broken into two sessions, morning and afternoon. The lecture portion was taught up front followed by skill stations. During the morning skill session the afternoon lecture was held rotating the afternoon attendees into the skill stations as the morning attendees were completing them. There were over 30 instructors that assisted. The entire day went well. Bill credited Chief Januszewski, Deputy Chief Scott Martus, the North Haven Fire Department, the North Haven Board of Education Administration, the numerous instructors who participated and the South Central Connecticut EMS Regional Council Special Operations Committee for their work on the event. Judi Reynolds noted Bill Ackley also assisted with the event and with the planning.

Discussion followed on Stop the Bleed/Hemorrhage control classes being taught throughout the state, how to collect data on the courses and funding options to support the training. Bill commented May is designated Stop the Bleed month this year.

Judi noted that Steven Hotchkiss through the Heart Safe program has acquired training equipment for hemorrhage control classes that will be located with the CPR caches throughout the state. They are available for loan with certain conditions. Further information can be obtained by contacting Steven Hotchkiss at OEMS.

Shelton – March 2019

An Active Threat Integrated Response Class is planned for March 26th, 27th and 28th 2019 at the Echo Hose Ambulance Community Educational Center in Shelton. Bill spoke about the training center and plans for courses to be held there.

YNHH Center for EMS – June 2019

A Critical Decision Making During Complex Coordinated Attacks will be held at Yale New Haven Hospital Center for EMS, June 4th and June 5th 2019.

Region 3 – CCSU Active Shooter Table Top Exercise

Alex Morisano gave a brief overview of a recent table top active shooter exercise held at CCSU. There were approximately 100 participants.

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator