

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board
Emergency Preparedness Committee
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2019
New Britain EMS**

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

Call in: John Reed – Danbury, Art Groux – Suffield, Art Romano –Greenwich, Mark Franzese – Campion,
Richard Kamin MD – OEMS,

1.0 Call to order

Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM at New Britain EMS Headquarters. Introductions were done and call-ins were acknowledged. Bill called for a moment of silence.

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve them was made by Carmine Centrella, seconded by Dr. Kamin and approved unanimously.

**3.0 Initiatives for discussion
FMOP**

The Forward Movement of Patients Plan (FMOP) was distributed to the group for review. Dr. Cone has submitted commentary and questions. Brian Cournoyer-CHA has contacted Bill stating CHA would like to be involved in the process. Bill has spoken to others that would like to be involved. He has sent an email to Greg Allard about working collaboratively on the review because it is a broad document that affects multiple entities, he is waiting for Greg's reply. Bill suggested possibly forming a sub-committee, recognizing that other entities including hospitals may have been working on their individual plans and it might be beneficial to have a group that encompasses all affected parties. Bill will reach out to Francesca Provenzano and Bill Gerrish for their input. Dr. Kamin asked if there is a word version that is available to be able to track suggested changes. Carmine stated he had worked on the original plan and may have a word version which he will share.

• **OEMS**

Update from the Medical Director/Richard Kamin MD

Dr. Kamin reported the following:

- Minimum equipment list is being updated with an expected release in March with required compliance next year. Dr. Kamin stated suggested changes can be submitted until the end of the month. Dr. Kamin gave a brief overview of the changes.
- The Statewide EMS Protocols have had significant changes, revisions and additions, they are now being collated and put into a pdf version that will have a final review and approval.
- The EMT change in scope of practice to provide IM injection for epinephrine education process is in the final stages of development of the draft that will then go to the Commissioner for approval.

Update from DPH/Coordinators/Judi Reynolds

Judi reported on the following:

- Another Opioid conference is planned for Spring in Waterbury.
- The opioid reporting method is being finalized, currently entering the information on run reports will meet the reporting requirement.
- Steve Hotchkiss has distributed the latest information regarding Local EMS Plan compliance.
- The MCI trailer reconfigurations are on hold due to weather. An additional \$15,000 has been allocated to purchase equipment.

Carmine reported that Public Health organizations have been informed that Commissioner Pino's resignation has been accepted by Governor Lamont. There has been no information on who will be appointed. Carmine also reported that James C. Rovella has been appointed Commissioner of DESPP and Regina Rush-Kittle has been appointed Deputy Commissioner. William Hackett will stay as State Emergency Management Director.

- **Update from Preparedness(OPHPR)**

No report was available.

- **Old Business**

Active Assailant

Bill reported the Active Assailant document has been formatted and sent to OEMS. Bill spoke with Director Coler on what the future of the document is, he would like to have OEMS and DEMHS endorse it. Director Coler was going to reach out to the Commissioner. He will follow up with her.

Mass Gatherings

Bill reported the Mass Gathering document has been formatted and forwarded. It had been accepted by CEMSAB pending formatting which has been completed.

TECC Programs

There was discussion on the differences in programs being offered and following recognized curriculums. Bill commented he had submitted his program curriculum to Dr. Smith for approval, the process went very well. Dr. Kamin spoke very highly of Dr. Smith.

Discussion followed on TECC program content and how to share information on available programs. The differences between TECC and TEMS programs were discussed, Bill Ackley and Dr. Kamin will meet and have further discussions on programs being offered.

- **New Business**

Carmine questioned seeking endorsements for documents being developed by EPC. Bill noted documents are guidance documents that are intended to provide information and resources to facilitate planning. Discussion on the future of the mass gathering document included permitting processes and issues encountered during events.

2019 Meeting Schedule

Bill will tally the results of the survey sent and share the results with the committee.

4.0 Events/Exercises/Other

Bill Ackley spoke about available TEEX courses and LSU expanding their course offerings which are reflected in their catalog.

Bill reported May has been designated Stop the Bleed month.

Region 1 –

Fairfield – July 2019

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

Stamford – June 2019

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

Region 2 –

Shelton – March 2019

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

Shelton – Echo Hose Ambulance Community Educational Center

Located at 430 Coram Avenue, Shelton

Upcoming courses:

Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents

Presented by: Texas A&M Engineering - January 23 & 24th, 2019: 8:00am- 5pm

ICS 300 - Presented by: Texas A&M Engineering - February 26, 27 & 28th: 8:00am- 5:00pm

Active Threat Integrated Response Course - Presented by: Louisiana State University (LSU)

March 26, 27 & 28th: 8:00am- 5:00pm

CERT Train-the-Trainer (TtT) - Two Saturdays: April 6 & April 20, 2019 (8:00am-5:00pm)

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. Designed for field commanders and higher.

North Haven Stop the Bleed – November 8, 2018

Bill commented the event went very well, he gave a brief overview of the day. Anyone interested in conducting a similar day can contact Bill for assistance in coordinating. There was discussion on collecting data about courses being conducted, the differences in the courses being taught and the level of competency students achieve.

5.0 Other

Carmine reported CHA has formed a hospital preparedness committee, they are in the process of determining their mission. Carmine questioned if there should be representation from CEMSAB or EPC. Bill will follow up with Brian Cournoyer. Bill Ackley spoke about the importance of EMS participating in the HCC's.

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator