CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 09:30 a.m.
At Connecticut Hospital Association
Approved June 10, 2009

Members Attendees:	N. Mayeda-Brescia, Marielle Daniels, R. Guthrie, R. Kamin, Mark Palmer, J. Paretzky, , J. Reynolds, A. Romano, F. Rosa, S. Wolf, W. Wright and Charlee Tufts.
OEMS Staff:	R. Kamin, G. Wiemokly, K. Brown.
Regional Coordinators:	Betty Morris.
Regional Presidents:	J. Reynolds., W. Wright.
Committee Chairs:	R. Coler (Training), J. Soto (communications).
Public:	I. Smith (Steering), J. Suzzi, J. Schultz (Trauma), Terry Shook, Lauri Bolton, Franklin Quicksley.
Board Chair:	John Quinlavin

Requests for written reports may be made to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	April 8, 2009 meeting.	None.	A motion was made by A. Romano to accept the minutes of April 8, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.
Chair's Report	DPH website.	Printer driver has been updated on the DPH website.	
	EMS Conference.	Almost 400 people in attendance at the conference this year.	It is not financially feasible to move the Conference to Hartford in 2010.
	H1N1 Flu.	Information has been distributed by DPH.	
	EMT KED testing.	Multiple committees of the Board are exploring the application of KED in order to establish the proper application process	
	CoAEMSP visit.	K. Brown discussed the background of the accreditation process for Paramedic programming. There are questions regarding the impact on current Paramedic programs.	A workshop on the process of accreditation is planned for October.
	EMS week.	EMS awards will be given on May 20th in Capital building 310 at 1400 hours.	
	Fire EMS Grants.	The Chair provided the website for more information.	http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/
	Council funding.	Discuss during the CORC report.	

DPH Report Written report submitted.	Data update.	Uploads have been dramatically improved. B. Teal should be contacted if problems still exist.	
	NHTSA funds.	There are enough funds to provide for 100% of Toughbooks by the end of this year.	
	H1N1 flu.	Discussion regarding the proper personal protection devices for this strain of flu. It is always best to follow the current CDC Guidelines.	The N95 respirator is needed only for intubations, suction, ineffective cough protection and general airway management.
	NW Regional Council of Governments meeting with the Commissioner.	Discussion regarding the purpose of the meeting and who was invited to attend.	
	Stimulus Bill funds for medical records.	Efforts continue to have EMS PCRs put into hospital medical records. Several states were polled regarding submission of PCRs at the receiving facility. Discussion followed.	
Committee reports.	EMSC Written reports submitted.	$130,000 Grant funding will support an EMSC conference at the Hartford Convention Center.	Saturday October 24, 2009.
	CEMSMAC. Written report submitted.	The Committee is working on Determination of Death, EMS response to Detention Centers and the ACS Trauma Field Triage document. The Chair asked that they look at ambulance minimum staffing.	

	Trauma. Written reports submitted.	The committee will be looking at Trauma Field Triage.	
	CORC. Written reports submitted.	Discussion of the CORC budget proposal dated March 2009.	A motion was made by J. Paretzky and 2nd by S. Wolf to modify the agenda to present the CORC report as an action item. Motion passed with one abstention. A motion was made by F. Rosa and 2nd by J. Paretzky to endorse the March 2009 CORC budget proposal. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by J. Lillpopp and 2nd by F. Rosa that the Chair shall write a letter to the Appropriations Committee indication support of the CORC budget proposal. Motion passed unanimously.
	Volunteer. Written report submitted.	The Review of EMS proposal was not supported by the Legislative Program Review for this year. Ambulance staffing was discussed.	
	Interoperability. Written reports submitted.	The Committee requests that if any problems arise with ITAC ICALL they should call the CSP messaging center immediately. ARC has requested use of ITAC ICALL during an incident. They would report to	Approval is pending from the Commissioner.

		the scene Incident Commander to have permission for use during that particular incident. Regions 1 and 2 radios are being reprogrammed to include the new transit system lines. 132 radios are to be reprogrammed for fire affiliated services.	
	MCI/Homeland Security. Written reports submitted.	No discussion	
	Training Written reports submitted.	Dr. Hatch gave a presentation at the last meeting regarding accreditation of Paramedic programs. EVOC has been assigned to another committee member and K. Brown is assisting with this review. Work in progress on Scope of Practice, Immobilization, DNR education and accreditation.	
	Paramedic. Written reports submitted.	Minutes have been posted on the Paramedic list serve.	
	Clinical Coordinators. Written reports submitted.	Significant progress has been made regarding the administration issues with IFT.	
	Data.	The committee has been working with CHA to bring hospital IT staff in to update EMS programs.	

	Legislative. Written report submitted.	HB06365, Encourage all to contact legislators to support this funding bill. SB00755, EpiPens and inhalers has been combined and has a file number. HB06599, patient safety has been signed by the Governor. 6678, discussion. Revisions to public health licensing statutes. Seems to be a repeal of the Woodstock law.	
New business	NW Council of Governments meeting with the Commissioner.	F. Rosa raised this issue and it was discussed. The Board needs to demonstrate that we have addressed many issues believed to be the concern of the NWCOG and that we generally do not support groups who have issues that do not have a presentation for the Board.	A statement will be written stating that the Board has an established process for review of issues. A factual summary sheet of topics raised and voted on by the Board will be developed.
	Alan Yoder	Has retired from the Town of Westport.	
Adjournment	At 1117 hours	**Next meeting is June 10, 2009 at 0930 hours at CHA.**	Motion to adjourn by F. Rosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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