CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 09:30 a.m.
At Connecticut Hospital Association
Approved September 9, 2009

Members Attendees:	N. Mayeda-Brescia, Marielle Daniels, L. Guercia, R. Guthrie, R. R. McKeon, J. Paretzky, A. Romano, J. Sredzinski, and S. Wolf.
OEMS Staff:	L. Guercia, R. Kamin, G. Wiemokly, K. Brown.
Regional Coordinators:	R. Petty, Betty Morris.
Regional Presidents:	J. Reynolds., W. Wright.
Committee Chairs:	R. Coler (Training), J. Soto (Communications), J. Parker (EMSC), T. Russell (Clinical Coordinators).
Public:	I. Smith (Steering), Kevin Burns, Laurie Bolton, Terry Shook, Bob Ziegler, Walt Dadik, and Saleem Khur.
Board Chair:	Irene Smith chaired the meeting for Chair John Quinlavin.

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

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	May 13, 2009 meeting.	None.	A motion was made by A. Romano and 2nd by R. McKeon to accept the minutes of May 13, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.
Chair's Report	EMT Practical testing. Kevin Brown EMS Awards	A meeting was held last week with DPH, Trauma, Clinical Coordinators and others regarding half spine immobilization. J. Paretzky and B. Ziegler were presented with awards during EMS week. Congratulations expressed by Board members. A nomination form has been developed for nominations of EMS awards and will be provided at the September Board meeting. Discussion regarding how to publish the form like The Conference website, DPH Website.	Reaffirmation of the January 2009 DPH position on standards and practices that must be observed. The Chair is to write a letter regarding this issue.
DPH report	Written report submitted. Quarterly reports. NW meeting with Commissioner.	Discussion regarding quarterly reports and that the data program is not picking up the identifiers for each service. L. Guercia reports that the following issues were discussed and settled: 1. length of EMT recertification,	If quarterly reports are submitted the data can be taken from there. 1. Changes in legislation

			have been done.
		2. use of LifePac 12,	2. Local medical direction must be consulted regarding any new procedure locally like 12 lead EKSs.
		3. EMT Intermediates and Paramedics act at their level whenever they are on a call regardless of the level of service responding.	3. This is outside of the Standard of Practice.
	Regs. Review.	A draft will be sent to the Board. The Committee meets today.	
	DPH/Council Budgets		
	SB6778	The bill has to pass to become effective. The bill in the final form may differ from the draft of the bill.	
		Technical Changes Bill. This Bill includes an extension for certification from two to three years to EMT, EMT-I and EMS Instructors. CME requirements decrease to 30 hours per cycle.	Recertification changes would become effective on 1.1.10.
		Discussion regarding how to better keep informed as legislative proposed changes occur.	
		At this time the Mass Gathering proposal has changed from our proposal.	
Action items	Determination of Death	CEMSMAC Discussion.	A motion was made by S. Wolf and seconded to approve the "Guidelines for

		R. Petty noticed that some of the document language may be interpreted to be in conflict. S. Wolf will bring this to CEMSMAC tomorrow. This is considered to be an editorial change and the vote will proceed.	MRT, EMT-B,I,P Determination of Death/Discontinuation of Pre-hospital Resuscitation for Adults age 18 and older in Non-Mass Casualty Situations dated 5.14.09. Motion passed unanimously. The Chair will submit the Guidelines to the Commissioner.
	EMS Response to Detention Facilities	Brief discussion.	A motion was made by S. Wolf and seconded to accept the CEMSMAC statement "EMS Response to Detention Facilities" dated 4.9.09. Motion passed unanimously. The Chair will submit the Guidelines to the Commissioner.
Committee Reports	CEMSMAC Written report submitted. CORC, Betty Morris EMSC, J Parker Written report submitted.	No discussion. CORC has met twice in the last two weeks to strategize how to use the funding allotted. All of the Regions are committed t restructuring based on whatever funding is available The annual conference is scheduled for	

		October 17, 2009 with pre-conference days. PEPP and PALS will be offered.	
	Volunteer Written report submitted.	A hand out of 'Active EMS Personnel as of 5.19.09' was handed out and discussed. A question of the accuracy of the data was raised. A breakdown of who actually works in EMS is needed. J. Paretzky asked L. Guercia if the regional councils are not funded could they operate on their own funds. A legal answer to the question would have to be done and OEMS would want to continue to communicate if that does occur.	A hand out of the document 'Active EMS Personnel' will be done at the next Board meeting.
	Communications/Interoperability. Written report submitted.	No discussion.	
	Training Written report submitted.	The May minutes will be forwarded when they are completed.	
	Clinical coordinators.	T. Russell will send out the administrative portion of the IFT Program.	
	Data Report handed out.	A five page memo from Data to the Chair and S. Wolf was discussed at length. Consideration must be given to mandate through Regulation that providers complete PCRs before leaving the ED. Some issues remain with hospitals and how to integrate the systems provided by the State. Medical Directors must address this with hospitals. EMS must establish Best Practices to include leaving PCRs at the hospital	B. Baxter asks that the Chair send this report out electronically to the Clinical Coordinators and CEMSMAC for their review. Trauma Committee will be

		immediately, complete a PCR for every response and EMS Clinical Coordinators must have access to all PCRs. A 'Pass Off Tool' was discussed.	notified about the Data report by R. Kamin.
Old Business	Minimum staffing J. Paretzky	Volunteers had requested minimum staffing be changed. CEMSMAC does not support the change. An informal survey may be done over the summer to garner the opinions of providers.	
New business	Summer board meetings.	Discussion. R. McKeon suggests that August will be important to prepare for the Legislative session.	**Keep the summer calendar and be prepared for cancellations.**
	Thanks	R. Kamin thanked the two EMS fellows that have been attending Board meetings this year.	
Adjournment	11:11 AM	Next meetings are scheduled for July 8, August 12 and September 9, 2009.	

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