

Connecticut Paramedic Committee

A Committee of CEMSAB

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2013, 09:30

Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital

Torrington, CT

Attendance: Doug Dole, Paul Rabeuf, Andrea Downs, Alex Morisano (Conference Call), Jim Santacroce (Conference Call)

The minutes of October 30, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Report of the Chair:

- 1) The training committee is working on programs for CPAP (BLS) and Spine Motion Restriction
- 2) DPH- CPAP (BLS) protocol approved by CEMSMAC
- 3) NHTSA Project- just received permission to hire a Data Manager
- 4) PSA Task Force- still meeting, report due in February
- 5) AEMT- OEMS plans to retire the level
- 6) Election of Officers- John Quinlavin, Chair; Charlee Tufts- Assistant Chair; Irene Smith- Secretary
- 7) Clinical Coordinators minutes of Oct 10- IN Narcan (BLS) being reintroduced to legislature by community action groups with momentum building in Hartford
- 8) 2014 Legislative proposals include: Elimination of AEMT; MOLST; Licensing and discipline to mimic other practitioners; define paramedic intercept; Allow billing for paramedic intercept; defines Inter-facility Critical Care Transport; Mandates ambulances to strike contingency plans; to set rates for non-emergency transports during disasters for certified services; include State agencies in OEMS jurisdiction for certification and licensure
- 9) CEMSMAC working on SMR and state-wide guidelines
- 10) Trauma committee- supposed to have a member from paramedic committee
- 11) CORC- working on CT EMS Expo
- 12) Legislative- working on initiatives- especially background checks for providers
- 13) Paramedic committee- received feedback about setting up facebook page.

Old Business:

- 1) Mission Statement: approved

- 2) Facebook- move to January agenda
- 3) CT EMS Expo- short discussion about medic committee involvement with EMS Expo
- 4) State-wide guidelines- CEMSMAC is compiling comments using New Hampshire guidelines as a template. Each region has representation on the committee. Forward comments to your reps.
- 5) Membership- discussion about having an assistant or co-chair. Who is interested?

New Business:

- 1) Discussion about background checks:
 - a) What would be the threshold for withholding certification or licensure?
 - b) Would background checks be repeated? How often?
 - c) Would the results be shared with other EMS agencies?
 - d) Why isn't DPH or OEMS taking the lead on this?
 - e) Why EMS providers and not other healthcare providers?
 - f) Who should pay for background checks- individual providers or EMS agencies?
 - g) Paramedic committee not in favor of providers paying.
- 2) Paramedics on other committees
 - a) Paul attends CEMSMAC, CEMSAB, state Guideline Working Group, EMS-C, Clinical Coordinators, Sponsor Hospitals
 - b) Jim attends CEMSAB, Clinical Coordinators, Sponsor Hospitals
 - c) Doug attends CEMSAB. May start attending Legislative
- 3) Trauma Committee
 - a) Jim will try to attend the next Trauma Committee meeting: February 20, 2014.

Next Meeting: January 29, 2014 at Charlotte-Hungerford at 09:30

Adjourn: 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J Dole

Chair

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