

**Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 9:30AM
Connecticut Department of Public Health
Room A/B, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford**

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Caroline Baisley, Raphael Barishansky, Bruce Baxter, Charles Babson, Joe Danao (via call in), Paul Fitzgerald, Matthew Galligan, Mary-Ellen Harper, Vincent Landisio, David Lowell, Seth Roberts (via call in), Thomas Ronalter, Carl Schiessl, Charlee Tufts, Gary Wiemokly

Guests in Attendance:

Mark Brennan, William Champion, Randy Collins, Wendy Furniss, Jill Kentfield, Elizabeth Keyes, Ken Przybyysz, Judith Reynolds, Tamath Rossi, William Schietinger, Brian Sullivan

1.0 Call to Order

Co-Chair Barishansky called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

- A. Introduction/Roll Call of Members
The Task Force members introduced themselves and their affiliations.
- B. Introduction of Audience
The members of the audience introduced themselves and their affiliations.
- C. Public Comment
Tamath Rossi, Naugatuck Deputy Mayor, gave an update on concerns in her town.
- D. Motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2014, (Babson/Landisio), approved with Fitzgerald abstaining.
Motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2014, (Galligan/Babson) approved.

2.0 Old Business

- A. DRAFT Task Force Final Report
David Lowell distributed and reviewed a document titled, "Draft 1-30-14, Appendix D: Explanation of the Local EMS Plan Template", as a preface for the Local EMS Plan Template.

Technical and grammatical corrections were made as noted by the group to the full document.

Co-chair Barishansky reviewed the three choices given to the group at the January 28, 2014 meeting, regarding "Recommendation #1: Changes to the EMS Plan":

- Acceptance of the proposed changes
- Acceptance of the proposed changes with modifications
- Rejection of proposed changes with a paragraph containing your position statement

The floor was opened for response. David Lowell commented that he cannot accept Recommendation #1 as written as it allows removal of a PSAR without cause. Discussion followed.

Babson/Baxter motioned to strike the language as currently written, ("Recommendation #1, Changes to the EMS Plan", paragraphs 3, 4, and 5), do not replace it with the previous language and call the report complete. Discussion followed. Vote taken with 7 in favor, 8 against, motion failed.

Landisio/Galligan motioned to accept "Recommendation #1, Changes to the EMS Plan" as written in the report, retaining paragraphs 3, 4 and 5. A friendly amendment was made by Co-chair Harper to work with David Lowell and Carl Schiessl to add a paragraph explaining the challenges in coming to a consensus, after discussion the friendly amendment was withdrawn. Discussion followed. Tom Ronalter called the question. Vote taken with 7 in favor, 7 against, motion failed.

There was extensive discussion with both viewpoints expressed. Co-chair Harper stated she is willing to put the necessary time in to come to an agreement.

Landisio/Ronalter motioned to adjourn and come back with position paragraphs to a meeting, date to be determined. Discussion followed, David Lowell stated the group was tasked with coming back to today's meeting with 1 of the 3 choices given, he has a descriptive paragraph he would like included as discussed and wants to move forward today. Vincent Landisio stated he needs time to consult with his group. Vote taken with 7 in favor, 7 against, motion failed.

Gary Wiemokly suggested putting your position in bullet points, keeping the intent clear. David Lowell suggested a paragraph stating the removal of a PSAR without cause was not agreeable to all parties and additional paragraphs stating each side's position.

Lowell/Barishansky motioned to include a paragraph with bullet points from both sides in the report and call it complete, a friendly amendment Lowell/Baxter was made that the paragraphs provided state the facts of both positions to complete the report and the group return at a mutually agreeable time. Co-chair Harper added a friendly amendment that the changes only relate to "Recommendation #1: Changes to the EMS Plan", and to no other part of the report. Recommendations #2, #3 and #4 are to remain as they are. Vote taken all in favor (14).

Co-chair Harper and Co-chair Barishansky will work on a historical timeline to preface the statements. Co-chair Harper again stated she does not want to give up on possibly reaching a consensus.

Schiessl/Harper motioned to waive delivery of notice of the meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 to the Task Force member's homes, motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 3, 2014 at 9:30AM, room location to be announced.

3.0 New Business

None.

4.0 Adjournment

Barishansky/Galligan motioned adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judith Reynolds, DPH/OEMS, Region 2 Coordinator