

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday July 27, 2016 at 0900 hours  
At the Connecticut Hospital Association  
Approved on August 24, 2016

Members Attendees: L. Bolton, W. Champion, R. Coler, S. Gelati, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, R. McKeon, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, J. Reynolds, A. Romano, R. Rosa, W. Schietinger, I. Smith and C. Tufts.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, Ann Kloter-Epidemiologist, data.

Regional Coordinators: J. Speck, M. Rivers, J. Reynolds.

Regional Presidents: S. Gelati, and W. Schietinger.

Committee Chairs: K. McClaine, (CEMSMAC), N. Brunet, (Clinical Coordinators), D. Dole (Paramedic), S. Gregg (Trauma), J. Soto (Communications), W. Schietinger (CORC), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), D. Skoczulek (Legislative) P. Violano (EMSC) and P. Yeno (Data).

Public: B. Morris, J. Beaulieu, L. Brockett and C. Tremblay

Board Chair: W. Schietinger, Vice Chair

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Call to order at 0904 hours.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Moment of Silence	Remembrance.	EMT Thomas Newman.	
Minutes	June 22, 2016.	Editorial change done.	A motion was made by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by S. Gelati to accept the minutes of June 22, 2016 as edited. Motion passed unanimously.
Vice Chair's report.	Introduction	David Skoczulek was introduced as new Chair of the Legislative Committee.	
	Committee reports	CORC and OEMS Director reports were submitted and not distributed to the Board for today's meeting.	Reports will be sent out by the Chair upon his return from vacation.
DPH report		The CT Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols V2016.1 have been distributed and are available on the EMS on the website.	Target dates: July 2016 Protocol release, rollout of the protocols will begin on October 1, 2016 and expected compliance by December 31, 2016.
	AEMT	A letter and 'CT AEMT Initial Certification Program Guidelines' was submitted from the Training Committee. Discussion.	A motion was made by A. Romano and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by I. Smith to endorse the report submitted by the Training Committee regarding AEMT titled 'Connecticut Advanced Medical Technician Initial Certification Program Guidelines' identified by 'Version 1.0 71516'. Motion passed unanimously.
Breakout sessions	Board goals	Suspended for this meeting.	
Committee	CEMSMAC	EMS Protocols. Lengthy discussion including the	A motion was made by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup>

reports	Minutes submitted	initial roll out process, process for changes to the protocols, liability issues, specialty transports are not included in the document and multiple comments from Board Committees supporting the protocols.	by F. Potter that the CT EMS Advisory Board fully support the “Connecticut Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols” subtitled ‘Initial Roll Out 2016’ as developed and presented by Connecticut Emergency Services Medical Advisory Committee and approved by Commissioner Pino with targeted rollout by October 1, 2016 and completed by December 31, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
		2017 Equipment lists are nearly complete.  Compliance with the new equipment lists must be done within one year of issuance.	The equipment lists will be sent out to the Board for review and vote at the August Board meeting.
Change in agenda	EMSC	Recognition that EMSC was not on the agenda.	Motion was made by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by F. Rosa to modify the agenda to include EMSC. Motion passed unanimously.
	EMSC update from Program Director.	Concern was expressed on the role and responsibilities of EMSC to CEMSAB. Discussion. Expectation for monthly representation at CEMSAB was validated.  EMSC grant was transferred to Yale on 3.1.16. A comprehensive report was presented regarding EMSC activities achieved to date.	Monthly written reports is requested.  EMSC contact is Pina Violano, PhD, RN-BC, CCRN, CPS-T pina.violano@ynhh.org
	Clinical Coordinators	Agenda includes the testing process for the Protocols rollout.	
	Communications	Meeting to be held today.	

		The Interoperability Committee is in discussion of a draft plan for CT.	
	CORC	Discussion included consideration for continued funding through identifying a grant writer, possible alliance with lobbyist and active involvement with OEMS on furthering EMS issues.	Meetings have been scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.
	Data Written reports submitted.	Work continues on a data dictionary.  Ann Kloter gave a comprehensive update of actions and challenges to data collection.	
	Emergency Preparedness	Active Assailant guideline has been is in the process of being submitted to other agencies following Board endorsement.  Mass Gatherings Guidelines are on the agenda.	Planning is underway for a conference regarding Emergency Preparedness with guests from Paris and Belgium for about October 24 to 28, 2016. More information to follow.
	Legislative	No report.	
	MIH	Have not met. Discussion.	
	Nominating	Inactive.	
	Paramedic	The committee is updating goals, in discussions regarding lobbying for Paramedics, concerns about billing for non-transport calls and regionalizing paramedical services.	
	PI&E	Work continues on a Public Service Announcement regarding EMS in CT.	
	Training Minutes submitted	It is anticipated that a bank of CT EMS Protocols test questions will be completed at the September 20, 2016 committee meeting and will be presented to the CEMSMAC and the Board at the October meetings.	
	Trauma	Agenda includes data collection, legislative issues of 1. trauma triage protocol and 2. the status of	

		the Trauma Committee becoming a standing committee of the board like CEMSMAC and interest in communications.	
	Volunteer	Work in progress on rejuvenating the meetings.	
Public comment		None	
Miscellaneous discussions	OEMS staff openings status	Two vacant Regional Coordinator positions are frozen. Three existing positions are approved for another year.  Education coordinator position is moving forward.	Reminder that Susan Keene pushed for tobacco funds for OEMS positions.
	Roberts Rules Symposium	A Roberts Rules of Order Symposium will be presented in November. Location TBD.	
	OEMS website	J. Speck described some changes.	
Adjournment	At 1120 hours		Motion to adjourn by F. Rosa and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by L. Bolton. Motion passed unanimously.
Next meeting	at CHA at 0900 hours	August 24, 2016.	

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EMSC secretary's addendum to EMS Advisory Board minutes of July 27, 2016

Pediatric readiness. A 2013 survey placed CT at 47 of 50 states in pediatric readiness. As of this date CT is the #1 state in the nation for pediatric readiness.

Every center will get information on their readiness.

EMSC is reaching out to targeted areas for those with weaknesses in all levels of pediatric care.

There is a wide variation in surge capacity in EMS Systems.

CT now has a disaster protocol for kids.

EMSC Advisory Committee. A kick off meeting will be held on September 20, 2016.

Facility designation and recognition

How ready are you to receive kids?

Do you want to receive kids?

EMSC will have a greater connection to OEMS.

Tips of the month have been sent out and will continue. These represent best practices for pediatric care.

Pediatric conference discussions.

Sponsor hospital education, train the trainer programs.

Seeking Chime data.

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