

Draft for approval on October 18, 2016
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 0900 hours
At Ambulance Service of Manchester

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, R. Coler, M. Daniels, S. Gelati, R. Guthrie, R. Kamin, N. Mayeda-Brescia, R. McKeon, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, J. Quinlavin, J. Reynolds, A. Romano, R. Rosa, I. Smith, C. VanGelder and R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, J. Reynolds, M. Rivers, R. Kamin.

Regional Coordinators: J. Reynolds.

Regional Presidents: S. Gelati

Committee Chairs: R. Kamin, (CEMSMAC), J. Soto (Communications), B. Ackley (Emergency Preparedness), D. Dole (Paramedic), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), P. Violano (EMSC) S. Gregg (Trauma), D. Bailey (MIH), and M. Zacchera (Training).

Public: B. Morris, J. Oates, Marcie Gawel, and G. Wiemokly.

Board Chair: G. Allard

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

Call to order at 0918 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	August 24, 2016.	No changes.	A motion was made by F. Potter and 2 nd by J. Paretzky to accept the minutes of August 24, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
Moment of silence		Remembering Mrs. Bernier.	
Chair's report.	Committees	Reminder to submit meeting dates and times, and member names. Board members are asked to serve on at least one committee.	A meeting calendar is under development.
	PI&E	Discussion of PI&E ideas and goals.	A draft of a Public Service Announcement video was shown.
	Legislative	The Legislative Committee Chair has resigned. The Chair will serve as Chair of the committee until a replacement is appointed.	
DPH-OEMS	Written report submitted.	Discussion of report submitted including detailed experiences from the NASEMSO Fall Meeting. Human trafficking/Signs for EMS Providers discussed.	Resources for Human Trafficking: Rebecca Bender.org www.roadmaptoredemption.com
	EMSC	Discussion included update of activities, hospital survey and care of manikins. Weekly pediatric "Tip of the Week" newsletters are widely distributed including Board members.	Written report submitted following the meeting. See attachment below. Pediatric BP cuffs were distributed to the regions for distribution to services.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC Minutes submitted	Discussion.	
	Clinical Coordinators	No report.	

	Communications	Diversion planning is on their agenda.	
	CORC Minutes submitted		
	Data	No report.	
	Training	Protocol exams were sent out for review. Discussion.	
	Emergency Preparedness	Mass gatherings are on their agenda.	'Community Planning and Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents' submitted.
	Legislative		Next meeting is October 7, 2016 at 1000 hours at American Ambulance.
	MIH		Next meeting October 12, 2016.
	Paramedic Minutes submitted	Discussion regarding patient follow up QA/QI. The National Registry, Paramedic requirements for maintenance, should be reviewed by the Committee.	
	Nominating Committee	Inactive.	
	PI&E	Comments on the PSA shown as above should go to R. Ziegler.	
	Volunteer Minutes submitted	Agenda issues include recruitment, retention and mental health issues for EMS.	
Health Systems Integration	G. Allard reports	The Chair attended a conference on Health Systems Integration that brings EMS into the health care system.	
Action Item	Equipment lists		A motion was made by J. Paretzky and 2 nd by F. Rosa to accept the Minimum Equipment Lists as published on 9.28.16. Motion passed unanimously.

Info sharing	Catholic Mass	St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich for 24 years has an annual mass honoring Fire and EMS. There is a ceremonial processional from NFA to the church line up at 4 PM and proceed at 5 PM.	
New Business	EMS personnel assaults.	R. Ziegler discussed three incidents of assault on EMS personnel.	
Adjournment	At 1125 hours		Motion to adjourn was made by F. Potter and 2 nd by I. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
Next meeting	At 0900 hours	October 26, 2016 at Hunter's Ambulance.	

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EMSC Report for EMS Advisory Board- September 2016
Prepared by EMSC Committee Chair: Pina Violano, PhD, MSPH, RN-BC, CCRN, CPS-T

We held our first EMSC Advisory Board Meeting on September 20th at the New Haven Fire Training Academy. We had roughly 70 individuals attend. National Pediatric Readiness Data was shared as well as CT's Pedi's readiness survey results. CT is a mean of 73. Not sure how we compare to national results since not all the national data is in. Thanks to Marcie Gawel, our EMSC Outreach Coordinator, 100% of all CT hospitals have completed the surveys. As a result of our Advisory Board Meeting, 4 subgroups have been formed. 1. Hospital based emergency care; 2. Community based emergency care; 3. Pre-hospital/EMS; and 4 Disaster preparedness. Please let our EMSC team know if you are interested in joining any of these committees. Another meeting following the September 20th Advisory Board meeting was held to explore the feasibility of establishing a Facility Designation Program in CT EDs. About 35 individuals attended. Examples from Illinois and California were shared. The consensus from the group was to proceed forward with a volunteer designation program consisting of 3 tiers. Will need to have more formal discussions with DPH, ED Medical Directors and ED Nursing Directors to ensure feasibility and agreement in proceeding with this program. Dr. Auerbach and Pina Violano are planning to attend the October 21 meeting and present to the group the idea of facility recognition and gather everyone's thoughts.

EMSC received 5 birthing manikins as well as 1 child manikin and 2 infant manikins. The child and infant manikins are currently non-functional and EMSC exploring funding options to be able to fix them. Two of the 5 birthing manikins have broken/missing pieces. EMSC is exploring funding options to be able to fix those as well. Marcie will be developing an equipment loan/use agreement. Agreements for responsibility for any damage to equipment will also be developed. The use of manikins will be determined by the EMS Regional Coordinators. Pina and Marcie to reach out to the EMS Regional Coordinators to determine process.

Future EMSC Advisory Board meetings: Tentatively to be held at CT Department of Transportation

December 14, 2016	9:00am-10:30am
March 15, 2017	9:00am-10:30am
June 14, 2017	9:00am-10:30am