

**State Education and Training
December 18, 2012**

Present: Josh Beaulieu, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, Ralf Coler, Terry DeVito, Donna Lillis, Red McKeon, Rick Ortyl, Art Romano, Daniel Tauber, David Tauber, Michael Zacchera

Excused: Blair Balmforth, David Burich, Skip Gelati, Chet Sergey

Guests: David Bailey

Meeting called to order at 0940

A moment of silence was offered to remember the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings

November reviewed and approved with no corrections

OEMS Report

Working to revised tourniquet and BLS 12 Lead proposals based on input of Commissioner

Mr. Romano asking if patient care guideline ever included in tourniquet education program. Mr. Zacchera will look to see if NCCEMS has Guideline that can be used as template

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: Efforts continue on MOLST

CSEMS-I: annual meeting & elections at conference on March 23rd
Looking to regroup to improve attendance and participation at meetings

CEMSAB: legislative agenda for 2013
Pulled language for peer review concept.
Thought is possibly looking at appointed group to review targeted cases. Current process involves independent reviewer with concerns and findings returned to OEMS
Proposal written up to allow EMS personnel to purchase body armor through on-line sources
Dr. Kamin reported on CEMSMAC
Transition programs approved
Add-on modules for National Scope of Practice model approved.
Need to identify components specific to SCT program. Discussion on blood product transport – which level it belongs under
Discussion on Yale initiative and selective spinal immobilization packet (voted to approve).
CPAP not acted upon

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup:

Programs rolled out +/- 400 instructors complete; 100 or so instructors still need training
Process to get remaining instructors complete not yet determined

PTPC:

Focusing on concept of precepting trying to put together product that answers accreditation requirement for both hospital and field clinical settings
Accreditation "highly desirable"
Two paramedic programs already accredited; remaining state programs in process of seeking accreditation. Remaining program must have letter of intent in place prior to January 1, 2013. At present no avenue exists for any paramedic level testing other than NR
Still awaiting final response from Commissioner regarding future of AEMT in CT
Tiered instructor levels remain in proposal phase

Regulations Review: expectation of final package release for review and feedback

SCT Program:

Three programs held and Mr. Brown getting rosters on completion
70 – 80 people trained statewide in 2 year

Selective C-Spine Immobilization:

Ms. Coler will put in format and sent to Mr. Bailey to be sent for approval

CPAP Training:

Work session topic

Transition Materials:

Mr. Brown working on modifying T-1 to address transition materials and CT specific topics
Optional January and mandated for March implementation

End of Year Report:

Template sent to program development leads for year-end progress report.
Once feedback in to Ms. Coler compiled product will be distributed

New Business

2013 Goals:

Completion of existing programs
Establishment of standardized format in which educational programs to be developed. (Need approved proposal prior to initiating development of educational package)
Transition materials is primary goal for completion
Need to re-evaluate statewide BLS Guidelines. Southwest region expects good feedback if guideline limited to BLS content (achievable)

Nominations and Election of Officers:

Mr Zacchera nominates Ms. Coler for Chair;
seconded by Mr. McKeon
Calls for additional nominations – none
Unanimous acceptance
Ms. Coler nominates Ms. Brunet for Vice-
Chair / secretary; seconded by Mr. Ortyl
Calls for additional nominations – none
Unanimous acceptance
Recommendation will be forwarded to
CESMAB

Chairs Report

Dr. Kamin working on statewide initiating for BLS
Also involved in NE Regional initiative

Info Sharing

State conference one week later than usual this year 3/22 & 23
Vendors tables almost full at this time
Awards nominations will stay with CORC but discussion on whether awards to be given
at conference or during EMS week at LOB

Working Meeting Hour

Revisions to CPAP:

CPAP – Dec 2012 version distributed to group for review
and feedback
The following changes have been made to the previous
version:
Fick principle (page 12) and Krebs' cycle (page 14)
removed
slides 5 & 6 combined
addition of slide 19 – definition of respiratory failure
Slide 34 - relocated to end of program – specific CPAP
units and local concerns (new slide 43)
Slide 38 - remove on-board from oxygen powered device
Slide 44 – O2 utilization removed and will be melded into
individual unit discussions
The following changes / additions need to be made:
Pull out works cited as individual section
Need to develop competency standards in practical skills –
Mr. Brown working on competency content including skills
objectives
Mr. Zacchera will forward North-Central CPAP guideline
for inclusion in program

Meeting adjourned at 10:50
Next meeting January 17, 2013

**State Education and Training
November 20, 2012**

Present: Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, David Burich, Ralf Coler, Terry DeVito, Alan Henschke, Donna Lillis, Red McKeon, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, David Tauber, Carin Van Gelder, Michael Zacchera

Excused: Barry Barkinsky, Joshua Beaulieu, Skip Gelati, Rick Ortyl, Chet Sergey, Chris Stone, Daniel Tauber

Guests: David Bailey

Meeting called to order at 0940
September minutes reviewed and approved with identified amendments

OEMS Report

CORC working on EMS awards for 2013. Thought is presentation during EMS week. Application at CTEMSCouncils.org website

Old Business

DNR: POLST workgroup proceeding
Looking at potential obstacles with PMDs and Specialists and possibly long term care facilities
Will be extended process including legislative process before we get to education program development

CSEMS-I: unable to sustain quorum for meetings
Looking at new meeting format

CEMSAB: John Quinlavin nominated again as Chair. Charlie Tufts and Irene Smith recommended for appointment. Looking at transition of leadership process
Approved EMS agenda for upcoming year
Looking at Peer Review / Board of Examiners; looking at who is in charge of patient care at scenes; continue to look at representation and make up of Board

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup: three workshops scheduled – East Hartford; Norwich and Danbury
Seats still available for final sessions
Unsure what ramifications will be for Instructors who have not yet attended a session

PTPC: looking at new membership representing all programs in state
Now two nationally accredited programs in State (CCC and NHSHP)
Competency and precepting current trending issues

Regulations Review: no current updates that relate to training

SCT: currently two program running
Identified as needed review

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: tabled – awaiting protocol from CEMSMAC

CPAP Training: still being discussed at CEMSMAC and Education & Training
CEMSMAC feels current program still too involved
Ms. Coler has feedback related to CEMSMAC recommendations for revisions
Discussion regarding if clinical coordinators should be building protocols off of which Education & Training can develop educational models
Mr. Bailey suggests that courses need to focus on objectives and competencies rather than prescriptive teaching programs
Ms. DeVito identifies that a subset of Instructors are not at level of programmatic development and have not yet adapted to paradigm shift and transition of expectations
Mr. Tauber discusses need to work more on whole package with competencies and objectives and less on slide by slide presentations

Transition Materials: CEMSMAC needs to review materials (has not met x 2 months) to give authorization for State Office to go forward
Timeline growing short – final component for transition to new Educational Standards
Education & Training approved January 2012 goal for implementation of transition materials and models

New Business

End of Year Report: Ms. Coler working on developing this for CEMSAB
Key people need to send updates to Ms. Coler

2013 Goals: Transition
CPAP
SSI
Mr. Burich recommends looking at topic of Storm Shelters and EMS response and capabilities – to include Emergency Managers and ESF 6 group

Meeting Dates: confirmed through August 2013

Nominations: group needs to think about nominations of officers for recommendation to Advisory Board

Chairs Report

Will discuss during working hour

Info Sharing

John Fratus – a paramedic at Lawrence & Memorial passed away 11/19/2012 following a long illness. Specifics for services are not yet available

12/01/2012	OEMS EMSI Educational Roll-out Danbury Hospital
12/05/2012	PHTLS Instructor Program - NHSHP
12/08/2012	PHTLS Instructor Program – NHSHP
12/06 & 07/2012	PHTLS Provider Program – NHSHP
12/12/2012	EMS Advisory Board
12/13/2012	CEMSMAC Meeting
12/18/2012	Education & Training Meeting
01/12/2013	STABLE pediatric program sponsored by Life-Star

Working Meeting Hour

Selective Spinal Immobilization:

process developed by Mr. Henschke
Ms. Coler has informally brought program materials to
CEMSMAC for input and feedback to continue propagation of
this process

Changes as recommended will be made by Ms. Coler and
forwarded back to CEMSMAC
Yale New Haven Hospital in stage one of two stage process to
eliminate backboards for a majority of patients
Position paper set for release in January

State of Connecticut BLS guideline for spinal immobilization
exists from 2000 but has not yet been updated

Need to evaluate competencies on correct methods for spinal
immobilization and collar application

Meeting adjourned at 1055
Next meeting December 18th at CHA

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**State Education and Training
September 18, 2012**

Present: Blair Balmforth, Joshua Beaulieu, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, Ralf Coler, Terry DeVito, Alan Henschke, Red McKeon, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, Daniel Tauber, David Tauber, Michael Zacchera

Excused: David Burich, Donna Lillis, Rick Ortyl, Chet Sergey, Chris Stone

Guests: David Bailey

Meeting called to order at 938
August minutes reviewed and approved without changes

OEMS Report

Reorganization within department: OEMS now under Healthcare and Safety Branch. Ray Barishansky – filled Gary’s position. Lenny’s position eliminated, Wendy Furness Branch Chief Public Health preparedness and Response – reports directly to Commissioner. Section Chief posted to be re-filled. Jon Best is currently functioning in Triage role.

Deputy Commissioner – Katherine Lewis whose role does not impact EMS.

Dr. Teel has left Department to pursue other career opportunities. His position being filled by Jean Speck (region V coordinator)

Mr. Henschke identifies delays in development of State of CT data dictionary to guide data collection

Bonnie Ruffino – administrative support (replacing Tia)

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: internal work group thru DPH looking at MOLST (medical orders for life sustaining treatment) – Drs Kamin and Van Gelder involved
Will involve regulatory / statutory changes
Product will come to committees when ready for review
Will remove from Education & Training agenda until training component required

CSEMS-I: November 17th symposium – trying to define / refine offerings

CEMSAB: still have SSI and CPAP stuck in Education & Training
Topics discussed further at CEMSMAC
Jay Paretsky resigned as Chair of Volunteer Committee
Problems surfacing with narrow-banding

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup: still working towards completion / implementation
Roll-out dates set to target remaining 50% of Instructors during October, November and December

PTPC: meeting today – no report

Regulations Review: first meeting of CHA subcommittee on September 25th at 9:30

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: see Chair’s report for CEMSMAC discussion

CPAP Training: see Chair's report for CEMSMAC discussion

SCT Program: program is out for distribution
Issue regarding transport of Blood products has surfaced – beyond SCT training but within new Scope of Practice for Paramedics
Previous statute prohibiting transport of blood products repealed +/- 10 years ago and viewed as decision of individual medical control

Transition Materials: discussed at August meeting - sent to CEMSMAC for support of implementation dates – did not make agenda for October (optional) implementation

New Business

Take-over of Hospital of St Raphael by Yale New Haven has been completed. As a result, the structure of the New Haven Sponsor Hospital programs has also changed.

Chairs Report

CPAP and SSI programs discussed at CEMSMAC – feeling is that PPT is too involved
Questions exist regarding support of CPAP at BLS level – group overall in support of implementation of this level of care (one significant minority opinion not in favor of CPAP at any pre-hospital level)
Discussion on SE&T now developing objectives and allowing individual organizations to develop their own training programs

CPAP – approved in 2009 by CEMSMAC but implementation was lost. Approved in 2011 for 2012 scope of practice

Education and Training expanded on original program introduced by Mr. Canning and have modified based on recommendation and resubmitted final product which CEMSMAC still feel is too involved at EMT level, rather than viewing as enrichment material to support learning
Program will be redistributed to Education & Training Committee for reaffirmation. Ms. Coler will send resend to CEMSMAC with letter of approval for training from this committee

SSI – three regions / sponsor hospitals have developed ALS level selective spinal immobilization programs. One region has expanded to include EMT level providers. State training asked to review existing programs and develop a best practice educational model. CEMSMAC agreed conceptually and asked that Education & Training develop training program. They were asked to come to consensus on age ceiling (discrepancies between three existing programs).

Ms. Coler has documents from 2010 – Mr. Henschke will resend updated version for evaluation by committee

Goals are to complete both programs by end of 2012

Info Sharing

10/11 & 12/12 Central CT EMS Conference – NBEMS Academy
10/13/12 Pediatric focused conference – Fairfield University
10/17/12 St. Francis Trauma conference
10/19/12 NAAHE Conference at Foxwoods
10/26 & 27/12 EMSC Conference – Rocky Hill Sheraton (formerly Marriott)
PEARS conference will be offered Thursday & Friday
11/17/12 CSEMSI Fall Symposium – Mid-State Pomeroy Ave campus

Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Next meeting September 18th at CHA Mid-State Medical Center Pomeroy Avenue Campus

State Education and Training
August 21, 2012

Present: Josh Beaulieu, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, Ralf Coler, Skip Gelati, Red McKeon, Rick Ortyl, Art Romano, Chris Stone, Daniel Tauber, David Tauber, Mike Zacchera

Excused: Blair Balmforth , David Burich, Terry DeVito, Alan Henschke, Donna Lillis, Chet Sergey

Guests: Barry Barkinski, Lenny Guercia

Meeting called to order at 0945
June minutes reviewed and approved without changes

Mr. Gurercia has requested to address committee (both present and not) to express thanks for support from members of committee for seeing state office through difficult times and transitions
Ms. Coler expressed thanks for service to state and committees over past nine years

OEMS Report

New manager has been hired – scheduled to start during first week of September
Judy Reynolds new Region 2 state coordinator
Bonnie Ruffino has taken over Tia Dawley's role at office
Examiner training programs – complete until additional data captured from completed programs
Transition modules now completed by Mr. Brown
AEMT still being reviewed by Commissioner and Deputy Commission

Old Business

Transition Materials: Mr. Brown has taken Gap Analysis and NAEMSO recommendations to create graph reflecting changes to reflect expectations of new ED Standards
Transition template models closely reflect minimum hours required by State for refresher training.
At Paramedic level this **only** impacts National Registry recertification, not State of CT licensure
Concerns voiced by Mr. Stone regarding only requiring Hazwoper Awareness instead of Operations levels training
Mr. Brown states Hazwoper level was confirmed as requirement in June 2012
Transition T-1 will have drop dead date (October 1 being considered) that all recertification courses will have to address transition materials
Regardless of methods to meet transition content students will still be required to pass both written and practical testing components
Motion: David Tauber makes motion to begin requiring transition program requirements for all recertification courses effective September 1st.
Discussion: Ms. Coler concerned that programs have already been approved and instructors may not be prepared to address this content
Mr. Brown looks to wait for input from new OEMS Director prior to globally releasing these requirements

Motion Revised: Mr. Tauber recommends that OEMS begin accepting these T-1 Transition documents once input of new Director has been received and make mandatory for all levels as of January 1, 2013
Second: by Mr. Stone
Motion passes unanimously

DNR Guidelines: *tabled*

CSEMS-I: membership lagging – looking at initiatives to increase attendance at meetings and interest in Board of Directors positions
Fall symposium November 17 at Mid-State Pomeroy Avenue campus

CEMSAB: no meetings for summer

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup: work group still looking at best method to reach remaining instructors

PTPC: has not met

Regulations Review: no additional discussion at this time

SCT Program: no report

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: no report

CPAP Training: CEMSMAC concerns voiced at last meeting regarding the appropriateness of this level of care by EMT providers
Discussion will continue

Tourniquet Training: approved by CEMSMAC and Advisory Board
Awaiting Commissioner approval

New Business

No new business

Info Sharing

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10/19/12 NAAHE Conference at Foxwoods
10/27/12 EMSC Conference – Rocky Hill Sheraton (formerly Marriott)
11/17/12 CSEMSI Fall Symposium – Mid-State Pomeroy Ave campus

Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Next meeting September 18th (tentatively scheduled) at CHA

**State Education and Training
June 19, 2012**

Present: Blair Balmforth, Josh Beaulieu, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, Terry DeVito, Skip Gelati, Red McKeon, Richard Sanders, Chet Sergey, Chris Stone, David Tauber

Excused: David Burich, Ralf Coler, Daniel Tauber

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 0945
April Minutes reviewed and approved without changes

OEMS Report

Manager process evolving
Op-sail planning – estimates of more than 1,000,000 participants over 3 days of festival
Tom Lenart moving to DEMHAS
A-EMT program inquiries
Examiner programs – 18 completed
Transition modules being completed by Mr. Brown

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: *tabled*

CSEMS-I: no meeting May or June
Fall symposium Sept 29 MidState

CEMSAB: Jon Lillipp – Op-sail planning presentation
Volunteer committee met with Deputy Commissioner – re AEMT
Ad-hoc working to adjust membership of CEMSAB
July meeting schedules

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup: 250 instructors through training
Working on restructuring format but not content
Live sessions planned July, August & September
Will have prerequisite (on-line) training component

PTPC: phone and email communications
Looking to develop precepting model for paramedic students

Regulations Review: CHA / CEMSMAC discussions on med control and paramedic providers
Issues continue to be un-resolved and meetings scheduled to complete process by mid-July

SCT Program: one provider has prepared all eligible providers
Two other services in discussion phase
Discussion at CEMSMAC regarding SCT curriculum
Topic of training has been raised but tabled until other issues resolved

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: conceptually approved by CEMSMAC
Educational modules viewed as too complex
Need to simplify training / curriculum

CPAP Training: feedback from Dr. Cone who expressed concerns regarding EMT utilizing CPAP
Additional concerns from at least one physician regarding BLS CPAP
Peter Canning addressed updated literature since 2007 educational standards release
Discussions regarding how many ALS systems not utilizing CPAP
No hard data but there are / may be ALS systems not providing level of care
Concept yet to be resolved
Learning modules felt to possibly be more complex than necessary
Discussion will continue

Tourniquet Training: approved by CEMSMAC and Advisory Board
Awaiting Commissioner approval

New Business
Transition Materials: roll-out strategies for implementation
How to assure that current practitioners up to speed with information and process
Mr. Brown distributed spreadsheet of changes at each level earlier this year
Has refined based on NAEMSO recommendations of activities to meet Educational Standards based on Instructional Guidelines
Focus needs to be on covering content over timeframe suggested by NASEMSO
Mr. Brown will electronically distribute breakdown to committee
Summary sheet summarizes essential and non-essential time associated with transition content

Hours assigned to ICS training can be waived if participants able to prove pre-course completion of required (IS 700 and ICS100) training
National Registry will require completion of transition modules prior to 3/31/2015
T-1 now structured to reflect transition materials for recertification content
Transition materials will be required effective October 1, 2012 instead of July 1.
New exam anticipated for October 1 instead of July 1

Evaluator Training Rollout: objective is to train evaluators to be assessing ability of candidates to perform to new Educational Standards and National Registry expectations
all exams since May 5 evaluated by people who have completed process
Expectation is to spend next several weeks to assess where training and process stand
Will look at where training needs to be altered based on outcomes
Early data showing the implementation of change but little other hard / fast data regarding outcomes
Exams process longer at this time
Mr. Brown will be performing quantitative assessment of candidates who have tested in old process and re-tested required stations under new process

Chairs Report

AEMT Scope of Practice: At commissioner's desk for sign off

EMS Funding Update: Bill dead at this moment
Original bill addressed EMS Institute / Funding

EMS Awards Recipients: CORC took over awards
Awards still be provided by Conference Committee
Presented at LOB – several members of SE&T received awards for work on educational initiatives
Hoping to present awards to coincide with opening of legislative session in October
Feeling among some recipients – prefer to have awards presented in front of peers at March conference instead of legislators

Info Sharing

9/29/12

CSEMSI Fall Symposium – Mid-State Pomeroy Ave campus

Mr. Brown wishes to recognize countless hours put in by volunteers to bring all programs to fruition. Much of work has been behind the scenes and quality of work has been outstanding.

Working Meeting Hour

CPAP Educational Package:

physician input concerning inclusion of concepts felt to be “beyond the EMT level” (Fick’s Principle, Krebs’s cycle, etc.)

New textbooks include these concepts as part of EMT initial training

Questions from Mr. Sergey on whether or not EMT’s need expanded content or just “how to use device”

Mr. Stone addressed that wide variety of provider previous preparation cannot be clearly identified as having this content. Recommends the development of module based program which individual instructor can tailor to audience previous preparation level

Mr. Brown identifies the expectation of ED Standards expectation of deeper levels of preparation of providers and the expectation that by end of transition cycle (3 years) all EMTs will eventually have this content preparation

Target audience should be viewed as having less preparation at this point in time.

Mr. Sanders expressed need to target all audience with same training standard

Mr. Stone recommends referencing Educational Guidelines to support content in relation to national push

Mr. Stone and Ms. Brunet will review currently used texts and Ms. DeVito will reference instructional guidelines and ED Standards for additional references

Mr. Brown has located a document on JEMS Connect posted on December 3rd 2008 regarding BLS use of CPAP

Summer Meetings:

motion made and seconded to suspend meetings for July and August with understanding of need for feedback to Mr. Brown regarding transition materials

Email feedback must be to Mr. Brown before July 17th

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

Next meeting September 18th at CHA

State Education and Training
April 17, 2012

Present: David Bailey, Josh Beaulieu, David Burich, Nancy Brunet, Ralf Coler, Terry Devito, Alan Henschke, Donna Lillis, Rick Ortyl, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, Daniel Tauber

Excused: Kevin Brown, Skip Gelati, Chet Sergey

Guests: Blair Balmforth – WCHN EMS Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 0935
March Minutes reviewed and approved without changes

OEMS Report

Region 1 coordinator position filled – Michelle Connelly
Manager position – waiting for DAS to submit resumes (OEMS section chief)
Lenny Guercia – Operations Branch Chief oversees IT w/I DPH, Pre-hospital preparedness and OEMS

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: HB 5435 (pending legislation)
Language issues – EMS providers not affiliated with hospitals
Looking at end-of-life choices (POLST paradigm)

CSEMS-I: focus is on annual Fall symposium – 9/29/12
objective will be to assist instructors in applying Ed Standards in their classrooms

CEMSAB: approved pre-hospital trauma triage guidelines GCS 13 & less
AEMT – mimicked minutes from CEMSMAC to eliminate AEMT throughout CT and to initiate moratorium on future training
Will next go to Commissioner
Politics – proposed legislation (HB 5526) to try to create policy board (institute)
Bill as written amended multiple times
Written to take CEMSAB to smaller group to serve the Board – 13 members (looking at Maryland and Texas formats)
Work to still be done by committees to support Board
Should be draft counter-proposal to board make-up released shortly

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards:

EMSI Workgroup: focus is to get content on-line to deliver bulk of material on attendee time

State of NH holding workshop on implantation of ED standards (4/26, 27 & 28 in Concord)
Will count in lieu of CT roll-out if attended

Daniel T looking at required transition content for Paramedic. State has not yet determined what they will require for transition content

PTPC: no report (committee has not met)

Regulations Review: final draft released (2/10/12 edition) for review
In legislative affairs office for judicial review
Section 12 A (page 20) – seems to open door for unilateral promulgation of differing standards of care without capability for advancement
Mr. Bailey says intent to establish statewide guidelines for services looking to adopt add-on modules
CEMSMAC looking to comment of Sections 12 and 12A
Ability will exist for additional input at public hearing

SCT Program: no update

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: waiting for CEMSMAC input on documents before proceeding
Motion: Mr. Romano to approve Goals and Objectives Draft (4/2012)
Second: Ms. Lillis
Discussion: Mr. Tauber questions if need to include risks of spinal immobilization
Appears to be covered in Objective 6
May need some wordsmithing but overall context acceptable
In favor: 12
Opposed: 0

CPAP Training: working hour discussion

Tourniquet Training: working hour discussion

New Business

ECHN: EMS Coordinator position open effective May 4th
Director looking to fill as quickly as possible

AEMT Recommendation: see CEMSAB section notes

EMS Funding: see CEMSAB notes

EMS Awards Ceremony: CORC looking for recommendations
Presentations during EMS week

Info Sharing

4/26 – 28 National Instructor rollout in Concord NH
5/5/2012 Seminar at Fairfield University – Rehab at extended operations – Region I
** approved for EMSI credits
5/20 - 5/26 EMS Week
9/29/12 CSEMSI Fall Symposium

Working Meeting Hour

Tourniquet Education:

presented at CEMSMAC last week

Requested these changes:

Take out all references to specific commercial types of devices but leaving in as conglomerate and need to include med control for approval and training (p 16)

(pg 17) change wording to note must have medical control and follow manufacturers' guideline

(pg 13-14) Improvised tourniquet needs some clarification for application – Terry will add appropriate references

CEMSMAC approval with these changes

Motion: Mr. Burich to approve Tourniquet program with CEMSMAC requested changes

Second: Mr. Beaulieu

Discussions – questions regarding wording on improvised tourniquets and use of B/P cuff and Kelly clamp

In favor: 12

Opposed: 0

CPAP Education:

send out late by Ms. Brunet with apologies.

Membership needs sufficient time to review changes

Final feedback to Ms. Brunet no later than 5/1/12 for movement to CEMSMAC by May meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next meeting May 15, 2012 at CHA

**State Education and Training
March 20, 2012**

Present: David Bailey, Kevin Brown, Nancy Brunet, David Burrich, Ralf Coler, Terry DeVito, Donna Lillis, Rick Ortyl, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, Chris Stone, David Tauber,

Excused: Josh Beaulieu, Skip Gelati, Chet Sergey, Daniel Tauber

Guests: Sean Fitch

Meeting called to order at 0930

February reviewed and approved with recommended changes – need to add Kevin Brown to attendees list

OEMS Report

Manager position closed – waiting for job posting from DAS
Suzanne Karrenberg, RN – EMCS 20 hour position

Data Collection - presentation at state Conference
dictionary being developed
QA / QI process being developed through Rural Health
funding

OP Sail pre-planning - targeting over 100,000 attendees at event

will start posting agendas and draft minutes for all committees once
received by office

Question regarding when EMT-R and EMR exams will be undated to
meet current educational standards

Target is July 1

National Registry skill sheets - May 1 for initial courses, July 1 for
recertification

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: tabled

CSEMS-I: working on how to respond to needs of statewide instructor group and
increase membership / participation

CEMSAB: proposed legislation pertinent to EMS
Proposed bill to mandate CPR and AED education in school
POLST discussion – modification of DNR language
Debate on AEMT level – SE&T position from February meeting
presented in relation to education process

Physician opinions shared with group
Emotional aspect versus outcomes based aspect discussed
Will be on agenda for voting in April meeting
8 of 32 hospitals voicing support on continuing AEMT
level; 4 interested / willing to serve as training centers

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards: EMSI workgroup – delivery being reformatted content will remain the same

PTPC: no report (committee has not met)

Regulations Review: CHA working with Mr. Guercia to develop language for Sponsor Hospitals
Regulations approved by CEMSAB – undergoing legal review, then to AG office, then public hearing, then regulations review committee of legislature, then final approval

SCT Program: gathering feedback from groups inclined to or planning to run programs
Working with John Quinlavin on next step in process

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: awaiting update from Mr. Henschke
Mr. Romano will seek input on topic
Topic presented in depth by SF Physician at State EMS Conference
On CEMSMAC schedule for input / approval

CPAP Training: working hour discussion
need to check with Dr. Wolf regarding consensus opinion from CEMSMAC if approval for EMS providers indicates basic skill set or elective skill set. Decision will impact minimum equipment requirements

Tourniquet Training: working hour discussion
very minor revisions / additions will complete project for CEMSAB and CEMSMAC April meetings then to Commissioner for final approval

Stroke Education: *tabled - can remove from agenda until further notice*

Action Plan 2012: being finalized by Ms. Coler.
will be distributed for review

New Business

AEMT Recommendation: see CEMSAB section notes

EMS Funding:

EMS Awards Ceremony: taken over by CORC
will be presented during EMS week
nominations can be made (as quickly as possible) on website

Info Sharing

3/23 & 24 Trauma Conference at Foxwood's
5/5/2012 Seminar at Fairfield University – Rehab at extended operations – Region I
** approved for EMSI credits
5/20 - 5/26 EMS Week

Congratulations to New Haven Sponsor Hospital Paramedic Program which received five year accreditation from CoAEMSP this week

Working Meeting Hour

Tourniquet Education:

need to add Goal of Program Slide
? if need to express limits of program to EMS providers and requirement of additional training for Police who function in expanded role
Slide 5 - eliminate reminder about not using on neck
Slide 6 - bold face type extremity (sub-bullet 1)
Slide 8 - improvised tourniquet covered in slide 10
include effectiveness of improvised tourniquet statement
Slide 10 - add both recommendations as proposed
Slide 11 - add "check with medical direction prior to purchase"
Slide 13 - need to add hyperlink or remove slide if unable to get it to play as intended
Slide 15 - Mr. Stone asked to find validation of statement regarding military use / elimination from use
Slide 18 - delete slide
Slide 21 - need to determine if standard location where to write on patient if tourniquet applied
*** PHTLS 7th ed. recommends that time of application is written on piece of tape which is the secured directly to the tourniquet (page 201)
need to clarify final statement that wound gets bandaged but tourniquet does not
Slide 23 - eliminate reminder note

CPAP Education:

- Slide 2 - change to Goal
need to change photo to one with signed release for use or cite source
- Slides 11 - 14 - discussion if content goes above what is needed for EMT provider to functionally use CPAP
Majority appear to favor inclusion of topics with ownness on instructor to determine prior depth of preparation of this topic for those in attendance
- Slide 23 - need to describe in notes section mechanism of "filling of lungs" to better explain condition
- Slide 30 - what is slide representing?
- Slide 32 - write out CPAP as in previous header slides
Is CPAP a proprietary term? EMT programs reference as Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilator. Will need to investigate / determine
- Slide 34 - identify which units are depicted
change photo as in Slide 2
highlight specific devices statement
- Slide 35 - cite photo source
- Slides 40 & 41 - eliminate pressure requirements and replace with statement regarding device, service, and medical control specifications
Also, need to describe physiologic PEEP and maximum PEEP parameters and FIO₂ ranges
- Slide 43 - add allow patient to self-seal mask statement
- Slide 44 - stress that pressure dynamics not O₂ create improvement

Meeting adjourned at 1150am
Next meeting April 17, 2012 at CHA

**State Education and Training
February 21, 2012**

Present: Barry Barkinski, Josh Beaulieu, Nancy Brunet, David Burich, Ralf Coler, Terry DeVito, Alan Henschke, Donna Lillis, Art Romano, Richard Sanders, Chris Stone, David Tauber

Excused: David Bailey, Skip Gelati, Rick Ortyl, Chet Sergey, Daniel Tauber

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 0935

January minutes reviewed and approved with recommended changes
Page 2 Change to Selective C-spine (Capone)

OEMS Report

Manager position posted for testing. Actual job will be posted once testing is complete.

Forms review process – Kevin traveling statewide to present programs to transition to new forms for course application and program completion
Forms not yet posted for general access – 2/13/12 version is most recent update

NR Skill Sheets – targeting May for roll-out; will be planning on training sessions for evaluators.

Old Business

DNR Guidelines: no additional progress

CSEMS-I: annual meeting postponed until Fall symposium

CEMSAB: Funding for EMS – discussion without full input of Advisory Board. Ad-hoc committee now in place
Concept of additional funding through minimal increase to moving violation fines

Education Agenda for the Future:

Educational Standards: EMSI Workgroup – reformatting delivery method but not content

PTPC: no report (committee has not met)

Regulations Review: no training relevant items on schedule
Education components approved in January
Rate funding is next topic

SCT Program: looking for input / feedback on courses that have been run

Selective C-Spine Immobilization: patient care guideline finished (requested by CEMSMAC). Incorporates best practices from several other state programs
Will forward to Ms. Coler for distribution

CPAP Training: input from committee needs to be incorporated into program

Tourniquet Training: working meeting hour

Stroke Education: *tabled*

Action Plan 2012: target of July 1, 2012
Tourniquet, CPAP, Selective C-Spine, DNR, EMSI Workgroup, Need for Transition Programs – state specific modules

Emergency Preparedness: looking at state guidelines for conditions requiring closing of EMS response in state based on national disasters and emergency situations

New Business

AEMT Recommendation: CEMSMAC discussed Scope of Practice for AEMT level
All avenues of role, including benefits to patient care assessed
AEMT, as currently defined, is not supported **at this time** by CEMSMAC
Recommend looking at Paramedic level resource availability / allocation of resources
Education components will taxes clinical resources and create impossible situations for recertification practices

AEMT level has also not been supported in several other states at this point in time

EMSI, as currently defined in State, also examined in reference to benefits to patient care (I-85 curriculum)

Recommend moratorium on any further training at this level
Recertification programs will not be impacted by this initial training moratorium

Recommend dissolution of level by July 1, 2013

Clinical Coordinators looking at all data to determine if concurrence with recommendation or ability to offer alternative recommendations

Looking at paramedic level assistant as role of
EMT-I

Education & Training should review CEMSMAC data and
dialogue on educational / training components

Currently 800 EMT-I providers in CT. Unknown how
many actually function at this Intermediate level
Intermediate level services are few in portions of this state

NR Testing at I-85 level will be suspended as of 4/1/2013

AEMT – based on new educational standards
How will this impact over-burdened clinical site?
How will providers maintain their skills competency
without constant and frequent exposure to skills?

MOTION: Mr. Beaulieu
The State Education & Training Committee does not support
adopting the 2009 Education Standards that support the 2007
AEMT National Scope of Practice level
Mr. Henschke –second

Discussion – none

Favor – 11
Opposed - 1
Abstain – 0

Info Sharing

3/16 & 17 State EMS Conference – Cromwell Radisson
3/23 & 24 Trauma Conference at Foxwood's
5/5/2012 Seminar at Fairfield University – Rehab at extended operations – Region I
3/1 & 3/13 EMSI Workshop – review of applications to conduct training and course
completion forms
3/7 Waterbury – St. Mary's Hospital - review of applications to conduct
training and course completion forms

Working Meeting Hour

Tourniquet Education:

Slide 3 – need to change from Current Techniques to former Techniques and add
additional slide

Slide 5 – better define indications; define as life threatening bleeding

Slide 7 – add additional slides to demonstrate appropriate situations for tourniquet
application

Slide 8 – do we need to better reflect how to create improvised tourniquet or put
disclaimer that training program is intended for commercial devices only

Slide 10 – need to change several context / syntax errors
Slide 11 – need to change context / syntax error
Slide 12 – does not play when clicked

Ms. Coler asks for additional input on program within this week. She will make corrections and send back out for review.

Meeting adjourned at 1115am
Next meeting March 20, 2012 at CHA

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CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Education and Training Committee

January 17, 2012
Minutes

Call the meeting to order @ 9:30a.m.

Location: CHA

The minutes of December 20, 2011 were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:

CSMEMI needs Brown capitalized
"oversight" spelling correction

Skip Gelati approved.. Rich Sanders seconded

OEMS Update:

- David Bailey reported on the following items:
- Looking at community paramedic model, developing a position paper
 - There is no update on OEMS manager position at this time
 - Data collection is still a focus, although there is no time frame set. Department looking at the data collection details presently in respect to missing info that prevents data from being useful
 - Concern voiced over confidentiality of data being sent. David will look into this and report back.

Old Business:

- **DNR Guidelines/ *Tabled***

- **CT EMS-I Society - no report**
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- **EMS Advisory Board** A. Romano
- The Sponsor hospital section of the proposed regulations was the major focus of the meeting regarding Medical direction oversight and responsibilities
- Concern over the EMS coordinator position not being mandated, but there is language for the use of such a person in this position.
- The board is looking at the issues involving the withholding of medical oversight and reporting of such to OEMS
- Section 12 was approved
- Section 15 was not completed and will look at in Feb. revocation of med control and due process section
- Rate setting approved 12/20 version
- Ed & training section was passed 12/20 version
- **Educational Standards Document (*Gap-Analysis Document*) - no report**

- **PTPC**
- No report have not been meeting.
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- **Regulations Review Update** A. Romano
- Advisory board has forwarded our recommendations

- Kevin spoke of changes to EMS provider titles and the transition that will need to occur as a result of the statutory 2010 changes.
- Recertification time lines changed
- T1 forms changed and distributed. Some issues with formats and compatibility Kevin working on... I.e. word 93 - versions
- The EMT to EMR alternate plan certification accepted
- On-line CME language now acceptable. This acceptance must come from medical direction institution NOT OEMS.
- David Bailey reported that some EMS coordinators are having difficulty regarding CME on-line approval.
- Discussion ensued regarding medical direction oversight and approval of educational programs
- New form use may be troublesome and Kevin asks that the message gets out for instructors to call him with issues. Kevin willing to go out to regions to provide in-service regarding their use.

- **Specialty Care Transport Program** K. Brown
 - Program distributed July 1st. 2 programs have been done. Kevin needs follow up information regarding attendance etc and he is following up
- **Educational Component for Selective C-Spine Immobilization** A. Henscke
 - No report
- **CPAP Training** N. Brunet

- **Tourniquet Education** Coler/DeVito
 - Still needs to be completed, will be on Feb meeting agenda
- **Stroke Educational Material Review** K. Brown
 - Tabled
- **2011 End of Year Report** R. Coler
 - Needs final notes of committee chairs and Ralf will forward to Advisory board

New Business:

- 2012 Action Plan Committee
- Tourniquet
- CPAP
- Selective Capone
- EMSI work group
- Need for transition program for all levels, Kevin working on this now. July 1st deadline to have this complete. Kevin, Dave and Terry will start working on this
- The question was raised regarding levels of EMS instructors. Discussion ensued, the question was asked if this should be focus of EMSI workgroup?
- **Election of Officers**
 - Rich Sanders recommended current slate remain
 - Chet seconded and nominations were closed . . . Vote unanimous

Info Sharing:

- Jan 23, 2012 ,Tolland Fire Dept., *Substance Abuse in the Trauma Patient*
- *CrOG . March 15 DEMHS region 3 citizen preparedness & Managemtb seminar*
- *Region 4, sat jan 28 th legislative breakfast need to call*
- *Winsted march q10th. Saturday hotchkiss school. Kelly graceson is keynote speaker. Region 5*
- *Chet.. Wanted to voice thanks to Kevin regarding packet sent out to EMSI.. Kudos to statte office andkevins works!*
- *Red noted Ryan white act in place*
- *And issues regarding safety guidelines for ambulances*

Working Meeting Hour:

- Review/Discuss and final recommendations for CPAP Training Program

Adjournment @ 11:30am