



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Meeting Notice
of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
at the
Emergency Resource Management
1116 Portland-Cobalt Rd. (Rte. 66)
Portland, CT

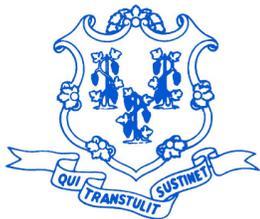
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2. Minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting
3. Chairman's Report: Charlee Tufts
- Report on CEMSAB for those present at the previous meeting
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The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

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Meeting Notice
of the
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Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Immediately following CEMSAB (1130 hrs)
at the
Hunter's Ambulance
450-478 West Main Street
Meriden, CT

Agenda

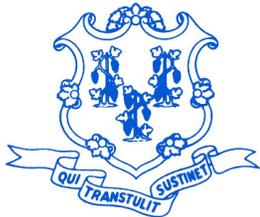
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Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
1:00 p.m.
at the
Emergency Resource Management
1116 Portland-Cobalt Rd. (Rte. 66), Portland, CT

POC: Charlee Tufts, Chairperson
CTufts@GreenwichEMS.org

Present: Charlee Tufts, Bob Ziegler, Doug Dole, Judi Reynolds, David Bailey, Jonathan Lillpopp.
Guest: Chief Stephen Pendl.

Called to order at 1310 hours.

Minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting: Verbal report provide by Jonathan Lillpopp.

Chairperson report: Charlee Tufts Nothing to report since last meeting.

Committee discussion:

The regional EMS coordinator positions have been a priority for the Ct EMS Advisory Board. Charlee requested that it be added to the list of initiatives. The Connecticut EMS Chiefs Association has it as one of their legislative agenda items.

- Continuity of patient care: Chief Pendl was asked to come discuss the issues that the fire service had concerning the proposed legislation. Discussion included having a reference to the incident command structure, the highest ranking officer in the command structure, the conformity with the unified command structure, and NIMS. Other topics included the medical-legal issues of liability, completion of ePCRs, and documentation for the patient care provided. The committee consensus was to draft new language taking the above suggestions into consideration. Chief Pendl will be copied on any new drafts.
- Background checks (language continuing to be developed): The details of how the ABCMS system in use at DPH functions was researched. The branch chief indicated that EMS could not plug into that system due to specific funding criteria. Discussed other states' systems, including Michigan, South Carolina, and New York. Consensus was to borrow language from multiple states for Connecticut. The exclusionary criteria needs to be developed, with a goal of assuring some very specific infractions are not allowed EMS certification. Discussed the range of providers to be included, who has access to vulnerable populations, and the cost-benefit of all providers having checks. Also discussed "point-of-hire" checks instead of initial application checks.
- Advisory board membership: Still good to go.
- Easing of body armor restrictions (language already drafted): No more work is needed on the language. The previously proposed language should be submitted to the legislative public health committee. Would like to add firefighters to the language, maybe see which legislator opposed this and why.

- Regional coordinator positions being made permanent: Need to continue to develop the language and work on this. It would be helpful to know how many personnel there were in the OEMS after 09/11/2001 and how many there are now.

Meeting schedule: A meeting will be held after the Advisory Board on November 19, 2014. The schedule for during the legislative session will be developed. Chief Pendl needs to be added to the email distribution list.

Adjourned: 1500 hours.

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Wednesday, October 8, 2014 1300 ERM
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 ERM
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 ERM

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Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1130 CHA
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The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
11:30 a.m.
at the
Connecticut Hospital Association
110 Barnes Rd., Wallingford, CT

POC: Charlee Tufts, Chairperson
CTufts@GreenwichEMS.org

Present: Bob Ziegler, Doug Dole, David Bailey, Jonathan Lillpopp

Chairperson's report: Charlee is ill and asked Jonathan to chair the meeting. She reported in writing that the PSA issue took a lot of the committee's time last year, and proposes this year the committee continue with the initiatives that were identified and prepared for 2013-2014:

- ✚ Continuity of patient care (language already drafted)
- ✚ Easing of body armor restrictions (language already drafted)
- ✚ Background checks (language to be developed)
- ✚ Develop rate for treat and release/RMAs

✚ In progress initiatives:

- ✚ Advisory board membership
- ✚ Tax-free fuel
- ✚ Hospital diversion
- ✚ Response in hazardous conditions

✚ Monitored items:

- ✚ Community paramedicine

Charlee requested that the committee consider other initiatives.

Committee discussion:

Dr. Zanker (michael.zanker@midhosp.org) is the legislative contact for CCEP and requested to be on the committee distribution list.

- Continuity of patient care (language already drafted): need to do the groundwork for this initiative.
- Easing of body armor restrictions (language already drafted): continue to promote this initiative.
- Background checks (language to be developed): need to do groundwork and further define the specific details.
- Develop rate for treat and release/RMAs: further discussion needed.
- Advisory board membership: further discussion needed. Flesh out details.
- Tax-free fuel: Monitor ACAP efforts.
- Hospital diversion: monitor.
- Response in hazardous conditions: monitor, Emergency prep document to be released shortly.

- Community paramedicine: change to “mobile integrated health care”, interface with the to-be-developed ad-hoc committee. Discussion about expanding the paramedic scope of practice.

The committee should address protection of the Q.A. process from discovery. It is a NHTSA recommendation.

Meeting schedule: Workgroups on the second Wednesday of the month through December, 1:00 pm at ERM. A meeting will be held after the Advisory Board each month until December. The schedule for during the legislative session will be developed.

Adjourned: 1240 hours.

Meeting Schedule as outlined above:

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 1300 ERM
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 ERM
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 ERM

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1130 TBA
Wednesday, November 26, 2014 1130 TBA
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 1130 TBA
(Dates are per the published CEMSAB schedule)



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Meeting Notice
of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, April 09, 2014
11:30 a.m.
at the
Connecticut Hospital Association
110 Barnes Rd.
Wallingford, CT

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of the February 2014 Meeting (March meeting was cancelled)
3. Chairman's Report: Charlee Tufts
- Report on bills:
4. Legislative Initiatives:
- Committee initiative tracking
5. Other Business:
6. Adjournment



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Meeting Notice
of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
11:30 a.m.
at the
Connecticut Hospital Association
110 Barnes Rd.
Wallingford, CT

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Minutes
 3. Chairman's Report: Charlee Tufts
 - CGA posting of introduced bills:
 4. Legislative Initiatives:
 - Committee initiatives (January 2014)
 - Proposed bill feedback (see appended information)
 5. Other Business:
 6. Adjournment
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The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

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Meeting Notice
of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
11:30 a.m.
at the
Hunter's Ambulance
450-478 West Main St.
Meriden, CT

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
3. Chairman's Report: Charlee Tufts
 - CGA posting of introduced bills:
4. Legislative Initiatives:
 - Committee report review (January 2014)
 - Discussion of DPH initiatives document
5. Other Business:
6. Adjournment



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

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Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
11:30 a.m.
at the
Hunter's Ambulance
450 West Main St., Meriden, CT

Present: Charlee Tufts, Janice Carbonneau, David Bailey, Doug Dole and Jonathan Lillpop.

Called to order at 1140.

Minutes from the January 2014 meeting approved by consensus.

Chairpersons Report: Charlee Tufts

- Charlee was unable to arrange a meeting with the Public Health Committee chairpersons. Beverly Henry is back as staff for PH this year and may be able to assist. Charlee asked that anyone with legislative contacts should ask for help in getting the meeting scheduled.

Legislative initiatives:

- ❖ Discussion of Committee's legislative initiatives:
 - ✚ The PSA issue is the most important concern. It should be the committee's top priority this session.
 - ✚ David looked online at the CGA website and there not any EMS related bills posted for the Public Health committee at that time.
 - ✚ Doug brought some questions up for discussion that the paramedic committee had concerning background check the initiative.
 - a) What would be the threshold for withholding certification or licensure?
Language exists for other healthcare professions. The language for EMS personnel would be borrowed from that existing language. Each case is unique and would be individually evaluated. Some thought was expressed about firearm exclusion language also being helpful.
 - b) Would background checks be repeated? How often?
The proposal is for initial certification/licensure only. We may look at expanding it at some point in the future, but getting initial checks is the priority.
 - c) Would the results be shared with other EMS agencies?
No. A certification or license would not be issued based on acceptable history. It probably would not be legally possible to share info. DPH will take action against the certification or license which would ultimately be posted online through e-license.
 - d) Why isn't DPH or OEMS taking the lead on this?
As we understand it, DPH will back the initiative. Further information about DPH initiatives must be directed to the management at DPH.

- e) Why EMS providers and not other healthcare providers? Have there been issues that would have been identified by these checks? Do other states do this?
There are other healthcare providers that have checks and restrictions. CMS has some exclusionary criteria (through attestation of the service). Daycare providers have mandatory checks. The intent is to keep inappropriate people from being certified/licensed. There have been multiple high-profile cases in the media that would have been averted by checks. We don't have data on what other states are doing.
- f) Who should pay for background checks- individual providers or EMS agencies?
Ultimately the student/candidate will be responsible for the expense. EMS organizations may cover the cost for their members. It is possible to request the legislature to include funding to cover the expense.
- g) Position: The Paramedic Committee is not in favor of providers paying.

✚ The committee discussed costs and methods of reimbursement for background checks.

Adjourned: 1245.



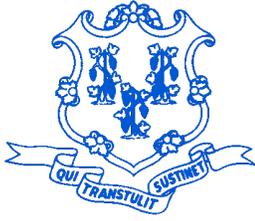
The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

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Meeting Notice
of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
1:00 p.m.
at the
Wallingford Fire Department
72 Masonic Ave.
Wallingford, CT

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
3. Chairman's Report: Charlee Tufts
 - CGA posting of introduced bills: none to date
4. Legislative Initiatives:
 - Committee document (September 2013)
 - DPH initiatives review
5. Other Business:
6. Adjournment



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
Wednesday, January 08, 2014
1:00 p.m.
at the
Wallingford Fire Department
72 Masonic Ave., Wallingford, CT

Present: Janice Carbonneau, David Bailey, Jonathan Lillpopp, and Red McKeon.

Called to order at 1310.

No minutes from the November meeting. December meeting was cancelled.

Chairpersons Report: Charlee Tufts

- Charlee was unable to attend and asked that Jonathan Lillpopp conduct the meeting.

Legislative initiatives:

- ❖ Committee's legislative initiative document:
 - ✚ The committee continues to support the strategy as outlined at the 9/11/13 meeting. See that meeting's minutes for detail.
 - ✚ The background check language still needs to be developed.
- ❖ DPH legislative initiatives review: Identified EMS-related sections were reviewed.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 19: Definitions.
No recommended changes, however it is noted that the definitions should be consistent with section 43 of the proposal.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 20: Rates.
No recommended changes.
 - ✚ #1, Sec 21: Adds paramedic intercept, removes management service organizations: No recommended changes.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 22: Transfer of certified personnel to Title 20.
No recommended changes.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 23: Updates terminology for training and scope
Recommend adding EMT and paramedic to (g)(1) for recognition of out-of-state certification/licensure. Add AEMT for consistency.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 24: Update of changed statute references.
No recommended changes.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 26 through 29: transfer from Title 19a to Title 20 (personnel).
Recommend consistent ordering of personnel titles and inclusion of AEMT for consistency.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 30: Addresses use of ambulance for interfacility transfers.
Discussed "right of first refusal" for appropriately staffed and equipped PSAR.
 - ✚ #1, Sec. 31: Strike contingency plan requirement.
No comment.

- #1, Sec. 32: Forward movement of patients plan/reimbursement.
Noted that it is also a CEMSAB initiative. No recommended changes.
- #1, Sec. 43: Adds “state agency” to definitions of providers.
Recommend non-profit be added, recommend the use of “for profit” rather than commercial.
- #1, Sec. 44: Adds “state agency” providers to organization certification/licensure section.
Recommend non-profit be added, recommend the use of “for profit” rather than commercial.
- #6: Change in vehicle inspection requirements.
Recommend a prohibition on the inspector having a financial or corporate relationship with the organization’s vehicle that is being inspected. Question of what happens if a vehicle fails.
- #7: removal of AEMT from statutes.
Noted that this supported by CEMSAB. No recommended changes.
- #9: Medical orders for life sustaining treatment.
Noted that this supported by CEMSAB. No recommended changes.

Adjourned: 1510.