

MEETING NOTICE

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE

A Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 9:30 am

Bridgeport Hospital
School of Nursing Conference Room
200 Mill Hill Ave, Bridgeport, CT

Conference Call: 1-5595461000, Participant # 396492

AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of last meeting- October 8, 2014

Report of the Chair

- 1) CEMSAB report

Old Business

- 1) Goals

- a. Community Paramedicine/MIH Summit
CEMSAB forming a committee
- b. Communications- Facebook, Web page
Scott Worcester

- 2) Trauma Committee (Jim)

- 3) Legislative Committee (Doug)

- 4) Other Old Business

New Business

- 1) Update meeting calendar with locations
- 2) Other new business

Next Meeting

Adjourn

MEETING NOTICE

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, October 8, 2014 9:30 am

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
540 Litchfield Street, Torrington, CT
CHH Memorial Building, Library Conference Room

Conference Call: 1-866-210-1669, Participant # 2474828

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New Business

- 1) update meeting calendar with locations

- 2) Scope of Practice

Next Meeting

Adjourn

Minutes of the Paramedic Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Torrington, CT

Attendance: Doug Dole, Tiffany Cattey, Paul Rabeuf

1. Minutes from September 10, 2014 were discussed. Vote for approval at November meeting.

2 Chair's report

a)CEMSAB- September

Highlights: BLS 12 lead EKG now a statewide guideline which is optional for services;

CCR

expected to be approved; SMR expected to be signed by DPH commissioner; equipment lists up for review; action Item: AEMT to go to current National scope of practice- to be voted in November; Statewide Guidelines: first draft possible in November; MIH: DPH wants data to show

need; training committee working on paramedic education for intubation; CORC: CT EMS Expo:

May 24-27, 2015.

3. Committee Reports

a) Trauma Committee (Jim S)- no report

b) Legislative Committee (Doug D)- September

Discussed legislative initiatives for 2015: Continuity of patient care; body armor restrictions;

background checks; develop rate for treat and release; advisory board membership; tax-free fuel; hospital diversion; response in hazardous conditions; QA process discovery.

4) Old Business

a)Goals

-Community Paramedicine/MIH: much discussion

-CEMSAB forming task force: Tiffany, Paul, and Doug interested.

5) New Business

a) Equipment Lists- annual evaluation of lists and Dave Bailey is soliciting input for changes.

b) Put together list of meeting dates and locations for 2015.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 0930.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dole
Chair

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MEETING NOTICE

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE

A Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:30 am

Middlesex Shoreline Medical Center
250 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook, CT
Conference Room

Conference Call: 866-327-5544, Participant # 5240910

AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of last meeting- May 20, 2014

Report of the Chair

Old Business

1) Goals

- a. Community Paramedicine/MIH Summit
- b. Communications- Facebook, Web page

2) Trauma Committee

3) Other Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

Adjourn

The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the Paramedic Committee Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:30 a.m. Middlesex Shoreline Medical Center Westbrook, CT

Attendance: Jim Santacroce, Scott Worcester, Doug Dole, Dave Bailey, Kevin Brown, Mark Hennequin, Guy Henry, Barry Barkinsky

1. Minutes from May 20, 2014 were approved.
June meeting: Only Jim Santacroce and Doug Dole , so no meeting took place.
We did not meet in July and August.
- 2 Chair's report
 - a)CEMSAB- did not meet in July and August.
Doug was not able to attend the June meeting, but summarized the minutes.
3. Committee Reports
 - a) Trauma Committee (Jim S)- last meeting included discussion about BLS Narcan. The committee was supportive. Next meeting: September 18.
Discussion about LifeStar data for patient outcomes. Is it available? Can it be used to update training and deployment guidelines?
 - b) Legislative Committee (Doug D)- NTR, the committee did not meet over the summer.
- 4) Old Business
 - a)Goals
 - Community Paramedicine/MIH: much discussion
 - need legislation changes to allow for billing,
 - no proposal from DPH since legislation must be initiated locally,
 - reducing hospital readmission rates and frequent visits are not within the scope of

- the EMS system,
- scheduled, non-transport work is not within the scope of practice of paramedics,
- Community Paramedicine, continued

What can we do?

- A strong coalition will be needed to move this forward. We should seek them out and work with them (YNHH, Hartford Healthcare, etc),
- work on alternative destinations,
- work on referrals to other services,
- another MIH conference with some focus on the work that needs to be done (contact Dave Bailey very soon with recommendation for speakers/topics).

-Communications

- Facebook- Maybe we just have John Q put it to a vote at CEMSAB and establish rules.
- we are having trouble finding anyone from the State who can give us guidelines for use,
- Kevin and Dave will see what they can find and forward to Doug.

5) New Business

- a) Equipment Lists- annual evaluation of lists and Dave Bailey is soliciting input for changes.
- b) Narcan- a number of services have implemented BLS Narcan. Dr. Kaman gave a Train-the-Trainer lecture.
- c) Active Shooter- Middletown drill: went well, lessons learned,
 - upcoming Newington drill,
 - group in North Central developing a guideline,
- d) NRP Transition- North Central Region requiring all medics to attend,
 - FISDAP would require State approval, requested by an instructor,
 - Kevin Brown is approving 48 hour Medic refreshers which can include onlone FISDAP.
- e) Sepsis Screening Tools- Who has implemented Sepsis Alerts? Any data collection?

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Doug Dole
Chair

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MEETING NOTICE

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE

A Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 9:30 am

Middlesex Memorial Hospital
28 Crescent Street, Middletown, CT
ED Conference Room

Conference Call: 866-327-5544, Participant # 5240910

AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of last meeting- May 20, 2014

Report of the Chair

Old Business

1) Goals

- a. Community Paramedicine/MIH Summit
- b. Communications- Facebook, Web page

2) Trauma Committee

3) Other Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

Adjourn



The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the Paramedic Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2014
9:30 a.m.
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Torrington, CT

Attendance: Paul Rabeuf, Doug Dole

1. Minutes from April 9, 2014 were approved.
- 2 Chair's report
 - a) Narcan by BLS was discussed approved to send to DPH at April CEMSAB.
 - b) CEMSAC proposed the 12 Lead EKG by EMT pilot end and move to state-wide guideline.
 - c) MOLST passed legislation. There will likely be a pilot program to start.
 - d) Spine Motion Restriction- Training and education component completed.
 - e) Rehab at Scene- a letter from OEMS went out discussing limitations of EMS during rehab.
 - f) I attended a recent Active Shooter training in Groton. Attendees included EMS, Police, and Fire. The class included didactic and group scenarios.
3. Committee Reports
 - a) Trauma Committee- no report.
- 4) Old Business
 - a)Goals
 - Community Paramedicine/MIH: we discussed the upcoming summit on June 10, 2014.
- 5) New Business
 - a) None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 @ 0930.

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A Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:30 am

Middlesex Memorial Hospital, 28 Crescent St, Middletown, CT

Conference Call: 1-866-327-5544, Pin: 5240910#

AGENDA

Minutes of January 29, 2014

Chair's Report- Doug

Committee Reports:

- 1) Legislative- Doug
- 2) Trauma- Jim
- 3) Other Committees

Old Business

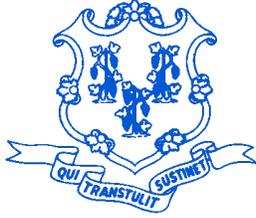
- 1) Facebook- Scott W
- 2) CT EMS Expo
- 3) MOLST

New Business

- 1) Moving forward with Community Paramedicine/MIH
- 2) Other new business

Doug Dole
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John Quinlavin, Chairman

Minutes of the Paramedic Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Middlesex Memorial Hospital
Middletown, CT

Attendance: Jim Santacroce, Scott Worcester, Doug Dole

1. Minutes from January 29, 2014 were approved.

2 Chair's report

- a) We discussed the CEMSAB review of the PSA Task Force report and CEMSAB's concern with recommendation number 5.
- b) CEMSAB meeting date will likely be changing to the last or fourth Wednesday of the month. We will need to change our meeting date when that happens.
- c) CORC is offering us the opportunity to have a page on their web site.

3. Committee Reports

- a) Doug met with the Legislative committee to discuss our questions about background checks. The following is quoted directly from their minutes and accurately describes our conversation:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) Position: The Paramedic Committee is not in favor of providers paying.

b) Jim discussed the last Trauma Committee Meeting. The topic was Active Shooter and the work the committee is doing on that.

- stressing WHEN, not IF a big event happens
- soft targets- malls, hospitals
- call to action- to increase survival from events
- training would include tourniquets and hemostatic agents

c) Others: CEMSMAC is working the following:

- Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation (CCR)
- Dopamine vs Levophed
- Epinephrine discussions

4) Old Business

- a) Facebook- Scott W is working on it. Will contact Bill Gerrish at DPH.
- b) CT EMS Expo- They have many of their speakers lined up. We don't know if they will have space for various state committees to present info.
- c)MOLST- plan a meeting or conference call with Dr Van Gelder.

5) New Business

- a) Doug will contact Dave Bailey or Ray Barishansky about getting paramedic committee involved in the Community Paramedicine (MIH) discussions.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Call to Order

Minutes of last meeting- December 4, 2013

Report of the Chair

Old Business

1) Goals

- a. Facebook- Scott Worcester
- b. EMS Expo
- c. MOLST

2) Trauma Committee

4) Other Old Business

New Business

1) Paramedic membership on other CEMSAB committees

- a. Can we have brief reports?

2) CEMSAB meeting date and Paramedic meeting date

3) Other New Business

Next Meeting

Adjourn

PARAMEDIC COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:30 am

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, 540 Litchfield St, Torrington, CT

Called to Order: 0930

Present: Paul Rabeuf, Tim George

Via Conference Call: Dave Bailey, Doug Dole, Jim Santacroce, Scott Worcester

Minutes- December 4, 2013: Accepted unanimously

Chair's report:

1) CEMSAB 01/08/2014: The big topic was the PSA Task Force and their preliminary report. CEMSAB Chair John Quinlavin wants input from the CEMSAB members to provide feedback to the task force on the plan so far. I will send the most recent update to the committee so you can forward your comments.

At that meeting I provided comment about Performance Criteria mentioned in the document. It left it up to each municipality to determine performance criteria without guidance as to which criteria have been validated and demonstrate any impact in patient outcomes.

2) Can we get brief reports from paramedic committee members who serve on other committees? Yes, we can.

3) I discussed our points about background checks with Charlee Tufts. I will forward them to the Legislative Committee.

Old Business:

- 1) Facebook- Doug and Scott will meet and report back at the next meeting.
- 2) We should have goals and accomplishments to present.
- 3) MOLST- Doug will get info from Dr. Van Gelder.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion about EMS-C and possible merge with CT EMS Expo:
Not likely.

Adjourn: 1015

Respectfully submitted,

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