CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, December 12, 2013

Minutes

Member Attendees: William Begg, M.D., David Cone, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: Raphael Barishansky, David Bailey

Guests: Glen Arremony, Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Ryan Carter, Raffaella Coler, R.N., Marielle Daniels, Douglas Gallo, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Aaron Lee, Ian Medoro, Fred Potter, Paul Rabeauf, Brooks Walsh

Chaired By: Richard Kamin, M.D., and Kyle McClaine, M.D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting	Called to order @ 10:05 a.m.	Dr. Kamin opened the meeting.	
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Minutes were approved as written.
DPH Report: by Raphael Barishansky	Update	The memo regarding the authorization for BLS CPAP has been sent out via Everbridge. Recommendations from the NHTSA Re-evaluation were discussed at the EMS Advisory Board. Action items will be parsed out to appropriate committees and	

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		workgroups for development. In regard to the updated equipment lists – there was a question raised regarding child restraint devices and being in compliance with DMV regulations. The Office of EMS has consulted with the DPH legal and will keep CEMSMAC advised. Questions Dr. McClaine asked about the MIC skills, if there was any relief for training? No. Sponsor hospitals must ensure that providers have been trained and remain competent in any authorized skills. Dr. Wolf asked if there was any discussion at the EMS Advisory Board about the NY Times article – "Medics Rush In". R. Barishansky spoke to the issue and stated that the article is not protocol or guidance, but to be looked at in totality.	
Cardiocerebral Resuscitation	Continued discussion	Several documents were circulated for review and discussion at the meeting. The group will start to review for adoption. Discussion ensued.	Please contact Dr. Kamin if there is anything to be circulated.
Vote for Co-Chair	Discussion	Dr. Kamin started - Dr. McClaine was nominated. Without other nominations,	Dr. Kamin called a vote: Yes – 5

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		nominations were closed	No – 0 Abs – 0 Vote passed.
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Update on progress of educational material	Mr. Henschke reported that the State Training Committee had some discussion and was expecting to add the list of citations in order to complete the training. Ms. Coler, chair of the State Training Committee reported that the training packet does not need to include the summary/citation list and will not be held up waiting for it to be finished.	The estimated implementation target date of January 2014.
Statewide Guidelines	Update	Review and adaptation of the New Hampshire guidelines will continue to move forward.	Next meeting will be the hour before the CEMSMAC in January.
Potential Re-Scheduling of CEMSMAC	Discussion	This was brought to the EMS Advisory Board Steering Committee and was greeted with strong opposition. There was discussion that CEMSMAC would like to move the EMS Advisory Board to have them meet later in the month, after CEMSMAC and other meetings.	Will discuss with Mr. Quinlavin regarding how to proceed.
Regional Involvement	Progress Report	Will send reminder to regional reps to submit agendas and minutes for each months CEMSMAC	
Open	Discussion	None.	There will be a reception in honor of Dr. Wolf at the West Hartford

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			Town Hall around the end of January. Details will be distributed when available.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2014 at CHA, Wallingford, CT	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary 2
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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CEMSMAC AGENDA

December 12, 2013

*******American Heart Association (AHA)*******
5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford

(Protocol review at 9am)

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 14, 2013

DPH REPORT (Barishansky)

CARDIOCEREBRAL Resuscitation – continued discussion - Wolf

Vote for CO-CHAIR

SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT (Henschke/Group)
Update on progress of educational material

STATEWIDE GUIDELINES – ONGOING (Kamin) Progress report

Potential Re-scheduling of CEMSMAC (Kamin)

REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT (Kamin) Progress Report

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CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION
DIAL IN NUMBER 866-421-2934
PASS CODE: 32437828
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Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for 11/14/2013

Attendance:

Richard Kamin, M.D., Peter Canning, Kevin Burns, Jenny Petrauskas, Alan Henschke, Kyle McClaine, M.D., Fred Potter, Gary Hebert, Glenn Arremony, William Begg, M.D., Paul Rabeuf, Jim Santacroce, Wendy Furniss, Steve Wolf, M.D., Ralf Coler, R.N., James Parker, M.D., Ian Medoro, Marielle Daniels, Brooks Walsh, Douglas Gallo, Fred Rosa, David Bailey

Meeting

Call to order 10:13

Review/ Approval of October minutes

Action: Minutes from October meeting approved.

DPH Report

NHTSA report has been divided into sections to be distributed to discrete workgroups. Office recognizes problems with the EMS data system and is prioritizing this. OEMS has recently received authorization to hire full-time data manager to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Teel.

The PSA Task force continues to meet with report to legislature due in February. In their discussions, the Task force has demonstrated considerable interest in using local EMS plans and more robust performance measures to address system issues.

The statewide EMS clinical care guidelines development group continues to meet and make progress. Regionally, momentum continues for the development of uniform New England EMS patient care guidelines.

Expanded scope of practice allowing CPAP for BLS providers has been approved by the Commissioner.

Cardiocerebral Resuscitation (CCR)

North Central CT region is actively developing a guideline but wishes to be consistent with statewide practice. Sponsor hospitals in other regions report already having implemented this care paradigm. Discussion ensued regarding current practices and evidence. There was consensus that this is probably not the best strategy for arrests of respiratory etiology. There appears to be no data to support the use of this resuscitation model in young pediatrics due to the prevalence of respiratory pathology preceding arrests in this population. The exact age threshold at when CCR would be the most appropriate strategy remains problematic. Seattle demonstrates excellent resuscitation rates without a dogmatic approach to compression-only resuscitation but instead an approach to well-coordinated, high performance CPR/resuscitation. They focus on compressions and AED use but not to the exclusion of ventilations when resources are available to do so.

Action: Motion made by Dr. McClaine for to "Develop a unified approach to cardiac resuscitation in the state following the cardiocerebral resuscitation model." Motion seconded. All members in attendance voted to approve the motion. Dr. Cone voted by proxy to support the motion. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion passed.

Vote for Co-Chair

Floor opened for nominations for Co-chair of CEMSMAC.

Action: Dr. Kamin nominated Dr. Kyle McClaine to be considered for Chair of CEMSMAC. Motion seconded. All members in attendance voted in favor of the motion with no oppositions or abstentions. Motion passed.

No further nominations made. Nominations closed. Vote on Co-chair position to be held at December meeting.

Selective Spinal Immobilization

Education and training continues to work on the educational pack and trim it down. OEMS is still waiting on a summary of the literature supporting this initiative in order to draft a summary document for submission to the Commissioner.

Dr. Begg reports that Region 5 has now also approved a guideline allowing reduced backboard use.

Other Business

Dr. Kamin proposed rescheduling CEMSMAC to a recurring date earlier in the month, prior to the EM S Advisory Board meeting to streamline work process flow. Dr. Wolf relates the scheduling of the meeting was originally made to precede the ED Directors' meeting but that now most ED Directors are not also the EMS medical director so this may no longer be a valid scheduling reason. It was noted that the EMS Coordinators' meeting is also scheduled following CEMSMAC. There was discussion regarding how this would impact FOIA requirements, specifically regarding the notice for agendas. Posting of agendas is required a minimum of 24 hours in advance of meetings so this requirement should not impact any scheduling change. The Committee was asked to consider rescheduling the meeting date for further discussion at December's meeting. Dr. Kamin will request the Advisory Board to place this on their agenda to consider moving the date of the EMS Advisory Board meeting to later in the month instead.

Meeting adjourned at 1050.

CEMSMAC AGENDA
November 14, 2013
CHA, 10AM
(Protocol review at 9am)

- **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 10, 2013**
- **DPH REPORT (Barishansky) –**To include discussion of NHTSA report and medication shortages.
- **CEMSMAC'S ENDORSEMENT OF CARDIOCEREBRAL RECUSSITATION-possible vote**
  (materials provided last month-multiple files due to size)
- **Vote for CO-CHAIR**
- **SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT (Henschke/Group)**
  - Update on progress of educational material
- **STATEWIDE GUIDELINES – ONGOING (Kamin)** **Progress report**
- **REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT (Kamin/Wolf)** **Progress Report**

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CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, October 10, 2013

Minutes

Member Attendees: William Begg, M.D., David Cone, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: Raphael Barishansky, Wendy Furniss, Kevin Brown, David Bailey

Guests: Glenn Arremony, Nancy Brunet, R.N., Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Ryan Carter, Douglas Gallo, Philip Heavin, Bary Hebert, Alan Henscke, William Mashlett, Fred Potter, Fred Rosa, Paul Rabeauf, Jim Santacroce, Brooks Walsh

Chaired By: Steven Wolf, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Minutes were approved as written.
DPH Report: by Raphael Barishansky/ Wendy Furniss	Update	The PSA Task Force had their second meeting. Discussion on various elements of the current PSA system, other states PSA/CON processes, and municipal involvement. In regards to Community Paramedicine or Mobile Integrated Healthcare, Mr. Barishansky and David Bailey met with the	

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		Home Health Representatives regarding the layout of Mobile Integrated Healthcare. There were other topics of discussion such as reimbursement and CT specific needs. There is potential to have commercial EMS providers invited to the next meeting. Documentation has been received from around the state in regards to Medication Shortage. The process of other states is being reviewed. There has been no further progress to report on the NHTSA assessment at this time. The assessment will be divided up with a focus on areas of improvement. Wendy Furniss mentioned that the Department of Mental Health and Addition has had some discussion with DPH on Intranasal Narcan in relation to the Opiate deaths. They are proposing that EMS personnel of all levels be allowed to carry and administer Naloxone. DEMHS is attempting to accumulate CT specific data – and there is the potential for a legislative proposal to be developed by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction. Alternate methods of Naloxone distribution were discussed.	Fred Rosa will forward data information to Wendy Furniss. If there is any other data available, please contact Wendy. Discussion to be continued.

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Cardiocerebral Resuscitation	Review of Articles	Several articles were distributed for review and discussion at the meeting. Alan Henschke and Dr. Cone will share their protocols as they have something in place in their regions.	The Protocols will be circulated. Any research that does not support this, please submit.
The American Heart Association	Mission Lifeline Preliminary Data	The North Central Region is involved in a Regional analysis and QI process in relation to STEMI care and working with AHA/Mission Lifeline. Data was collected from all primary PCI centers in the Region and the referring hospital that chose to participate. Data information and analysis from the first quarter collected was provided in a Power Point Presentation to the group. Early notification/cath lab activation by EMS has been identified as an important metric. The importance of EKG acquisition on pts. With suspected MI was stressed; AHA has committed to continued funding through 2014 and that all hospitals in the Region will be continuing with the Regional process. Mission Lifeline reviewed Windham and William Backus Hospital. The hope is to get this out for all to see.	Dr. Wolf and Dr. Kamin thanked all those involved. Any questions, please contact Dr. Wolf or Dr. Kamin.
Co-Chairman Term	Vote	Dr. Wolf's term ends in December.	There will be a call for nominations at the next month's

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			CEMSMAC meeting.
Other Business	Open	On October 9th, the CT EMS Advisory Board voted to approve the revised equipment list with the following clarifications requested from CEMSMAC: • Thermometer • Sterile Gloves • Non Luer-Lock Syringe There is some concern with the medications on the list due to possible shortages. There was a question raised about other medication in the same class and possible utilization. The MIC Approval Process – A memo was drafted to address the process change. The memo requests that authorization is to be obtained from Sponsor Hospitals for level of operation. Peter Canning asked about Certification Renewals, are electronic signatures accepted?	Dr. Kamin motioned that we not include the following – to remove them from the equipment list. Votes were unanimous. The CEMSMAC group is ok with the Advisory Board vote. Discussion regarding medication choices and how shortages will be dealt with. Any comments to Mr. Barishansky. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013 at CHA @ 10:00 am.	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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CEMSMAC AGENDA
October 10, 2013
AHA, 10AM

5 Brookside Dr.
Wallingford, CT 06492

REMINDER: PROTOCOLS MEETING @ 9AM

PLEASE EMAIL YOLANDA WILLIAMS IF YOU ARE GOING TO CALL IN

- Review/Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2013
- DPH Report (Barishansky)
- Medication Shortages (Barishansky)
- NHTSA Progress report (Barishansky)
- Selective Spinal Immobilization Education Progress Report (Henschke/Group)
    - Review of Educational Material
- Uniform Statewide Guidelines – Progress Report (Kamin)
- Regional Involvement (Kamin/Wolf)
- AHA Mission Lifeline Preliminary Data Kamin/Wolf
- Cardiocerebral Resuscitation Please review articles
- Co-Chairman Wolf's Term Ends in December ---- VOTE IN NOVEMBER
- REMINDER-Regional MC minutes to be sent to OEMS
- OTHER BUSINESS

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

DIAL IN NUMBER 866-421-2934; PASS CODE: 32437828

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, September 12, 2013

Minutes (Draft)

Member Attendees: David Cone, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: Wendy Furniss, Yolanda Williams

Guests: Glenn Arremony, Kevin Burns, Ryan Carter, M.D., Douglas Gallo, M.D., Phil Heavin, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Ian Medoro, M.D., Rahul Patel, Fred Potter, Paul Rabeauf, Brooks Walsh, M.D.

Chaired By: Dr. Wolf and Dr. Kamin

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the July 25, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Minutes were approved as written.
DPH Report: by Wendy Furniss/Dr. Kamin	Update	The NHTSA State EMS reassessment was completed on August 2, 2013. There was great support for the EMS Program. The PSA Task Force had its first meeting on September 9th. Review of the current draft regulations and the PSA process of eight (8) other states will be reviewed. The PSA	Presentation to be held at the next meeting.

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		process needs to be submitted by February 15, 2014. The Paramedicine program - Wendy Furniss and Ray Barishansky met with the Home Care Association to discuss community paramedicine. There is a push thought that if we can use existing provider resources and not have to develop new provider groups to solve the issues expected to become relevant with the implementation of ACA, etc.	
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Review of Educational Material	A power point presentation was distributed for review. There was feeling that the currently proposed education program was too in-depth. Feedback was provided to Mr. Henschke who will work with the Educational Committee to revise. The Commissioner still has to review the educational packet for approval. The packet will cover training for both the EMTs and Paramedics.	Dr. Wolf will work with DPH. The EMS Advisory Board is scheduled to vote on this at their next meeting.
Statewide Guidelines	Ongoing	Dr. Kamin would like to start meeting next month. Requests to have at least 2 individuals from each Region participate. The group will meet monthly at 9:00 am, before CEMSMAC.	The New Hampshire Guidelines will be distributed for review and discussion at the first meeting.

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Medication Shortages/Storage	Update	There have been National and Regional issues, but nothing from the local area.	
Regional Involvement	Information Flow Improvement Options	Dr. Wolf and Dr. Kamin are requesting that the MACs be willing to forward the minutes of the Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings to Yolanda Williams at OEMS for distribution. Other opportunities to participate remotely in the State MAC are available and can be explored if needed and would improve regional participation.	CEMSMAC will review, distribute and discuss the minutes. Contact Dr. Kamin if interest in remote access to meeting.
Fire Rehab/Standby	Update	Mr. Henschke reports that there is no additional information. However, there may be an opportunity for Statewide Guidelines to assist with this. Currently there is a fragmented State process.	Issue will go back to OEMS for further development.
Other Business	Open	The CEMSMAC Chair's Term ends in December. Mr. Henschke reported that Cardiocerebral Resuscitation is gaining ground. Dr. Wolf reported that the issue of Human Trafficking is being examined, which will be	This will be on the next meeting's agenda. The group will vote a new Co-Chair in November. Any comments, please contact Dr. Kamin.

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		vetted through the MACs. The American Heart Association will attend the next CEMSMAC meeting to discuss initial Regional STEMI data from Mission Lifeline. Dr. McClaine reported that Day Kimbal Hospital is looking at alternative airway for BLS providers. The concept of a pilot program to study this is being examined. The proposals should address language and legislative changes that may be warranted.	
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. @ the American Heart Association.	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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CEMSMAC AGENDA
September 12, 2013
CHA, 10AM

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION
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PASS CODE: 32437828
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- **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 25, 2013**
- **DPH REPORT (Barishansky) –**To include initial discussion of NHTSA report.
- **SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT (Henschke/Group)**
  - Review of Educational Material
- **STATEWIDE GUIDELINES – ONGOING (Kamin)**
  - Call for participants from each region
  - Make-up and process for guideline development
- **MEDICATION SHORTAGES/MEDICATION STORAGE (Barishansky)**
- **REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT (Kamin/Wolf)**
  - Information flow improvement options
- **FIRE REHAB/STANDBY– Henschke**
- **CHAIRMAN'S TERM ENDS IN DECEMBER. VOTE IN NOVEMBER**

OTHER BUSINESS

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, July 25, 2013

Minutes (Draft)

Member Attendees: David Cone, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: David Bailey, Raphael Barishansky, Kevin Brown, Wendy Furniss

Guests: Raffaella Coler, R.N., Marielle Daniels, Philip Heavin, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Ian Medoro, Greg Priest, Paul Rabeauf, John Quinlavin

Chaired By: Dr. Wolf and Dr. Kamin

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	A Motion made by Dr. Cone and seconded by Dr. McClaine to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
DPH Report	Update	A QA/QI Practices Survey was pushed out to the Clinical Coordinators and Hospitals by David Bailey via survey monkey. To date, 15 responses were received. The NHTSA State EMS reassessment will be held at the Marriott in Cromwell on July 30	

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		and 31, 2013. The final report will be shared with CEMSMAC. The PSA Task Force appointments are underway. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for some time the end of August. FYI – there were two recent articles in the Hartford Business Journal that speak to the EMS System in general and the PSA process specifically. The internal review at OEMS of the revised regulations is coming to a close - Ray thanked CHA for their recent comments. The website is updated daily. Information on Guidelines, Rates, etc. is available online.	
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Continued review	Revision 6/28/13 was discussed as well as different scenarios. The following changes to be made: ❖ Move #11 to #1 ❖ Move #4 to #5B ❖ Remove the word ONLY from 11a	A Motion was made by Dr. Cone to approve the Spinal Motion Restriction Guideline with the edits as discussed. Dr. McClaine second the motion. Vote: Yes – 5 No - 0 Abst. - 0 The Education and Training

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			Committee will be developing an educational program for the Spinal Motion Restriction Guideline before the next EMS Advisory Board meeting.
Statewide Guidelines	Continued	The prevailing thought by Dr. Kamin in regard to moving forward was to create a workgroup of 2 Representatives from each region (medical and clinical), and other OEMS staff to compare the New Hampshire guidelines.	Please contact Dr. Kamin if you are interested in assisting.
Medication Shortages/Storage	Update	There has been no feedback from EMS agencies or other groups regarding medication shortages. Therefore, the Communication statement is on hold. In regards to medication storage, communication to be created. Working on climate control for medications in regulations.	Please contact Ray Barishansky if there is any problem.
Regional Involvement	Discussion	The functioning of the Regional Medical Advisory Committees seems to vary. Looking at a way to get good information out and improve collaboration between CEMSMAC and the Regional MACs. Perhaps activity could be reported from the representative of each region, either in writing or verbal form. Issues can be discussed at CEMSMAC to improve Statewide decision making and more global solutions to locally-identified issues.	

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		CEMSMAC could benefit to have monthly reports. Information flow is hard to supplement. MACs need to get on board. The goal is to improve bi-directional flow, participation.	Dr. Kamin and Dr. Wolf will format a document and or plan to improve information sharing and participation. Any suggestions or comments, please contact Dr. Kamin.
MOLST	Update/Review of Issues	The Bill regarding a Pilot Project did not get out of session. A DPH working group is meeting to prepare for the next legislative session. A discussion was held about developing resources to provide an overview and answer questions about MOLST. Dr. Van Gelder is also available to groups to discuss MOLST.	
Other Business		Alan Henschke talked about future projects - Fire Rehab and EMS involvement. If this could be on the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Wolf thanked Alan for his work on C-Spine. Also thanked the Committee for getting this done on such a short timeframe. The next steps are: ❖ CT EMS Advisory Board ❖ Commissioner ❖ Timeline The Education and Training group will NOT meet in August.	Fire Rehab will be added on next meeting agenda.

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Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. @ CHA.	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

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CEMSMAC AGENDA
July 25, 2013
CHA, 10AM

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION
DIAL IN NUMBER 866-421-2934
PASS CODE: 32437828
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- **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 6, 2013**

- **DPH REPORT (Barishansky)**
  - OEMS communication statements progress
  - PSA Task Force
  - Updates/revisions to regulations
  - Website

- **SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT (Henschke/Group)**
  - Review and address questions/concerns listed in Spinal Motion Restriction Guideline (Rev 6/28/2013)

- **STATEWIDE GUIDELINES – ONGOING (Kamin)**
  - Consider current New Hampshire guidelines for adaptation
  - Process development for moving forward

- **MEDICATION SHORTAGES/MEDICATION STORAGE (Barishansky)**

- **REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT (Kamin)**

- **MOLST UPDATE/REVIEW OF ISSUES (VanGelder/Kamin)**

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

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Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, June 13, 2013

Minutes (draft)

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OEMS Staff: David Bailey, Raphael Barishansky, Kevin Brown, Wendy Furniss

Guests: Glenn Arremony, Barry Barkinsky, Sandy Bogucki, M.D., Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Raffaella Coler, R.N., Marielle Daniels, Al Gambino, Philip Heavin, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Robert Maynard, Marc Passo, G. Priest, Fred Rosa, Paul Rabeaf, Jim Santacroce, and Gary Wiemokly

Chaired By: Richard Kamin, M.D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Motion made by Dr. Cone and seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
DPH Report	Update	Legislative Initiative raised Bill #6518 saw major modification at the end of the legislative session with the end result being a legislatively created PSA task force to examine various issues surrounding the PSA process.	The Bill is currently waiting the Governor's signature. Any comments, please contact Ray Barishansky, OEMS Director.

		Once the Bill is signed, the Commissioner is to choose a Chair for the Task Force. The membership will comprise 15 members. The public act will be attached to these minutes for all to view. OEMS Communication Statement on Safety has been finalized and is now available on our website. Will continue to work on other communication such as medication shortage, etc. Update/revisions to the Regulations. Priority is being given to update the EMS regulation - Jonathan Lillpopp is the contact person. An internal review is underway. The Website is currently updated daily.	Please read Policy Statement 13-03 and contact OEMS with any comments. Please take a look and pass the information along. Contact OEMS if there is anything you would like to add or see on the website.
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Continued review	No further comments received. Continued development of the document strongly based on the Xenia and Alameda documents. The question to transport patient on a Board or not? Consensus is that both documents are good.	The guideline will be revised and sent via email for review and feedback.

		Review of the document will continue and edited electronically with hopes of final approval at the next CEMSMAC meeting. The group will reach out to other groups such as athletic trainers, school nurses, etc. – as information only.	
CEMSMAC By Laws	Change Proposal	Continued discussion on the proposal. Chair elected – the group agreed to have the elected chair with a 2 year Term. Permanent Co-Chair stands.	Motion made by Dr. Parker to approve as drafted, and seconded by Dr. Cone. Motion passed.
Equipment List	Continued discussion	After consultation with internal and external stakeholders, DPH OEMS is moving to modernizing the list. Ambulance inspections are done based on the list. The group discussed the list and changes were made. Discussion regarding AEMT level continues – with several possibilities being fleshed out. It was noted that this provider level is in both	CEMSMAC endorsed the list (with recommended changes) - OEMS will elicit comment from EMS agencies and then present the list to Advisory Board. Any additional comments, please contact David Bailey.

		the regulations and the statutes and will need to go through legislation to make a change.	
Statewide Guidelines	Update	The New Hampshire statewide guidelines were distributed for review. There was discussion and general support for basing a set of Connecticut unified guidelines on the New Hampshire guidelines.	The statewide EMS guidelines will continue to move forward.
Medication Shortages	Update	NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement regarding medication shortages was distributed prior to the meeting – further review of the issue will occur at DPH OEMS.	Discussion regarding the need for a similar statement from DPH OEMS.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. @ CHA.	Hold July and August meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

CEMSMAC AGENDA
June 13, 2013
CHA, 10AM

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION
DIAL IN NUMBER 866-421-2934
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PLEASE EMAIL YOLANDA WILLIAMS IF YOU ARE GOING TO CALL IN

- **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2013**

- **DPH REPORT (Barishansky)**
  - OEMS communication (Safety)
  - Legislative initiative 6518
  - Updates/revisions to regulations
  - Website

- **SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT (Henschke/Group)**
  - Review and address questions/concerns listed in Spinal Motion Restriction Guideline (Rev 5/21/2013)

- **CEMSMAC BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL (Kamin)**
  - See attached

- **EQUIPMENT LIST (Kamin/Barishansky)**
  - List for review
  - Next steps

- **STATEWIDE GUIDELINES (Kamin)**
  - Consider current New Hampshire guidelines for adaptation

- **MEDICATION SHORTAGES (Barishansky)**

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, May 9, 2013

Minutes (draft)

Member Attendees: Sandy Bogucki, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Alberto Perez, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: David Bailey, Raphael Barishansky, Kevin Brown

Guests: David Antman, Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Raffaella Coler, R.N., Marielle Daniels, Philip Heavin, Alan Henschke, Greg Herbert, Joe Larcheveque, Marc Passo, Fred Rosa, John Quinlavin, Jim Santacroce

Chair: Steven Wolf, M.D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting.	No discussion held.	Motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
DPH Report	Update	The previously discussed raised Bill #6518 was significantly changed. One of the only elements that remain an issue is the PSA designations and how that is determined. The process was explained. CEMSMAC was informed that a Speakers Task Force specific to the PSA process may be formed – more to follow. Changes to the regulations are in	

		progress and are on hold until the legislative session is finished (June) Old PSA studies were found and will be shared with DPH/OEMS. OEMS was thanked by the committee.	Any comments or information, please contact OEMS.
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	Update	Selective Spine draft was distributed. Mr. Henschke presented 4 examples for review: ➢ Yale New-Haven Hospital ➢ Xenia Fire Division ➢ Alameda County EMS ➢ Arlington County Fire Opened for discussion - Dr. Cone is being represented by Dr. Bogucki. As proposed, streamlining is needed. Additional concern raised regarding clarity of direction for EMT/MRT level providers. There was agreement that the Alameda County Protocol seems like a good starting point. The issue of degree of immobilization seems to be one of the central questions. Some discussion held to issue a statement for the time being. Suggestion by Dr. Bogucki to not	Dr. Parker made a motion for the group to approve the penetrating trauma effective immediately. That was subsequently withdrawn.

		have detailed guidance from CEMSMAC, but rather an outline-type memo that states the important of Sponsor Hospitals developing specific practice guidelines. Group consensus was to go with a more detailed approach, one that maintains uniformity. There was a question regarding the maintenance of safety when transporting more than one patient at a time. Discussion regarding pediatrics as well as penetrating trauma. Dr. Wolf thanked Mr. Henschke.	Dr. Wolf would like to get an initial draft with changes reflected and the guideline will continue to be drafted. Dr. Kamin to have this distributed to the Committee on Trauma (COT). Feedback expected by COT by June 3rd. Any comments, contact Dr. Wolf. Edits will be made and draft re-distributed.
CEMSMAC By Laws	Change Proposal	Dr. Wolf spoke to the by-laws and the proposed change that the OEMS Medical Director should have a permanent position as Co-Chair. This would require a change to the by-laws which was discussed. Region 4 has no objections. The EMS Advisory Board has no issue with the change. Discussion on the ability for the positions of Chair to be designated on a 2 year rotating basis, rotating consistently through all 5 Regions.	The change will be made throughout the document. Dr. Parker made a motion to accept the change of Vice Chair to Co-Chair. Dr. McClain seconded the motion. Dr. Parker moved to accept the EMS Medical Director to Co-Chair. The first motion was rescinded.

Mast Trousers	Discussion	Len Guercia asked CEMSMAC to remove Mast Trousers from the Medical Equipment list. A suggestion was made to amend the regulations to remove this item. This change can be published in the CT Law Journal, that the following is in force until regulation changes. Some feel this may cause confusion. This is done annually through the DPH Commissioner. That section of the regulations can be suspended. The inclusion of Combitubes on the equipment list was also discussed.	The entire list will be reviewed and a single change will be made.
Intra-nasal Narcan	Continued discussion	No discussion held.	This item has been tabled until more information is submitted.
Other Business	Update	CHA has not had an additional "Sponsor Hospital" meeting recently. Issue of Statewide guidelines was brought up – Dr. Kamin reported that the proposal of having Statewide guidelines received buy in from all of the Regional Medical Advisory Committees except for Region 1. The Guidelines are moving forward. The New Hampshire guidelines have been identified as	Will move forward.

		the model CT will follow. The New England States consortium appears close to consensus as well. It has been requested that the issues of Statewide Guidelines become a standing item on the agenda.	
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. @ CHA.	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

CEMSMAC AGENDA
MAY 9, 2013
CHA, 10AM

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION
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REVIEW OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2013

DPH REPORT (INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE)

SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION PROJECT

CEMSMAC BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

MAST TROUSERS

NARCAN (CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING)

OTHER BUSINESS

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)
Connecticut Hospital Association
Thursday, April 11, 2013

Minutes (draft)

Member Attendees: David Cone, M. D., Robert Grant, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D., Kyle McClain, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Carin Van Gelder, M.D., Steven Wolf, M.D.

OEMS Staff: Raphael Barishansky, David Bailey, Kevin Brown, Yolanda Williams

Guests: Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Marielle Daniels, Wendy Furniss, Philip Heavin, Alan Henske, Jeff Holland, Joe Larcheveque, Marc Passe, Fred Potter, John Quinlavin, Paul Rabeuf, Jim Santaciore, B. Walsh, Mark Zarrella

Chair: Steven Wolf, M. D.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	Reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting.	Page 2 – CPAP The committee would like to add the word "recent" instead of "remove recent" in front of pneumothorax.	Motion to approve the minutes with the change discussed. Motion passed.
Selective Spine Immobilization	Update	This was opened for discussion. Dr. Cone and Mr. Henske discussed the language in the draft protocol. The EMS Advisory Board may need to have a special meeting in the summer. Once the care guidelines are approved, and then will write the education	Dr. Wolf would like to table for further review.

		material.	
Legislative Bills	Update	• The content of House Bill 6518 has changed dramatically. The substitute language may be found in LCO version number 5511. The new language focuses solely on EMS provider discipline. The original language could be reinstated via a strike-through amendment or resurface as an amendment onto this or other legislation. The committee is advised to monitor this bill. Ray Barishansky and Wendy Furniss met with the legislators and discussed many of the concerns that may have been the impetus for the original HB 6518. The draft EMS regulations would address many of these concerns. • Bill 6522 did not make it out of committee, but could resurface as an amendment. • MOLST legislation is advancing. There was considerable positive testimony on its behalf. Any additional comments, please contact Dr. Van Gelder. Dr. Wolf also thanked Dr. Van Gelder for testifying on CEMSMAC's behalf.	

Tourniquets	Clarification regarding some EMR services without Med Control	OEMS requested CEMSMAC's opinion regarding the implementation of expansion of EMR scope of practice to include tourniquets. The committee agreed to the following two methods by which EMR personnel may be trained and subsequently authorized to utilize tourniquets: 1. Approved tourniquet training taught within an initial or refresher course 2. Approved tourniquet training taught as a stand –alone course with the following requirements: a) Taught by a current CT EMS-I b) Certificate of Completion Issued by the Instructor to the EMR c) Records of training and roster maintained by the EMS-I EMR services without MIC skill authorizations are not presently required to have a sponsor hospital. The committee agreed to modify the tourniquet education packet to remove medical direction mandates for EMR tourniquet selection and use, and instead make them recommendations. The committee agreed to remove the instruction to contact medical direction if tourniquet application exceeds 60 minutes. Direction is that EMS should not remove tourniquets once applied. In rare cases where a tourniquet may need to be removed in the	Changes will be made and redistributed without further review.

		field, the highest level EMS provider would still be able to contact online medical direction for permission and advice.	
Naloxone	Discussion	Proposal to authorize EMR and EMT level providers to administer intranasal naloxone to patients with respiratory depression as the result of opiate overdose. Proposal developed by OEMS and a working group to reduce statewide overdose deaths. The death rate is highest in rural communities than cities. Surrounding states have implemented similar programs. Concerns raised regarding adding to BLS scope of practice in a piecemeal or inconsistent fashion. Additional concerns raised regarding potential harm of administration, including inappropriate patient refusal and adverse reactions. The committee requested data that supports a clinical need to expand this treatment modality to BLS providers prior to further consideration.	Tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.
Behavioral Health Issues	Update	• Dr. Cone reported that they are having difficulty in the Emergency Department and having to divert out of area for behavioral health. There is a problem with boarding behavioral health patients. The numbers have increased. Currently there is no good	

AHA Mission Lifeline update		plan in place for patients. Hartford Hospital is now diverting. • Dr. Wolf and Dr. Kamin are working with American Heart Association and Duke University to improve STEMI care in the Region.	Information Only.
Other Business	Drug Shortages	• Working group to review shortage to bring to the committee. • DPH requested CEMSMAC to consider that the State EMS Medical Director become the CEMSMAC Vice Chair. CEMSMAC asked to consider a By-Law Change.	DPH will make some contacts and get back to the group. Please consider for further discussion.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.	The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. @ CHA.	

Respectfully submitted by,
Yolanda Williams, Secretary
DPH, Office of Emergency Medical Services

CEMSMAC AGENDA
APRIL 11, 2013
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REVIEW OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2013

DPH REPORT

SELECTIVE SPINE IMMOBILIZATION (awaiting draft which may not be done in time)

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

TOURNIQUETS, CLARIFICATION RE SOME EMR SERVICES WITHOUT MED CON	**DPH**
NALOXONE	**DPH**
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES	**DR. CONE**

AHA MISSION LIFELINE
HARTFORD COUNTY PROJECT

MAST TROUSERS. STILL ON EQUIPMENT LIST.
STAY OR REMOVE?

OTHER BUSINESS

Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee Draft Minutes

02/14/2013

Connecticut Hospital Association

Attendance

Raffaella Coler, Carin Van Gelder, M.D., Raphael Barishansky, Paul Rabeauf, David Cone, M.D., Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Robert Grant, M.D., David Bailey, Joe Larcheveque, Alan Hensche, Jim Santacore, David Antman, Jason Fischel, John Quinlavin, Terry DeVito, Ken Kenoe, Kevin Brown, Fred Potter, Barry Barkinsky, Art Romano, Nancy Brunt, Andrew Modic, Mariella Daniels, Alberto Perez, M.D., Kyle McClaine, Steven Wolf, M.D.

Meeting called to order at 10:30.

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

DPH Report

Both the BLS 12-lead Pilot Program and the Tourniquet for EMR-level personnel are nearing approval.

Selective Spinal Immobilization

Mrs. Coler briefly presented the Selective C-Spine immobilization materials. Guidelines, Glossary of Terms and Objectives are complete. Education packet is still being developed by the Education and Training Committee.

The Yale Sponsor Hospital SSI guideline and NAEMSP position statement regarding reducing the use of long backboards was distributed for discussion and consideration. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Dr. Cone for CEMSMAC to support the NAEMSP Standards and Clinical Practice Committee draft position statement dated 10/26/2012 regarding the use of backboards by EMS.

All voting members present voted to support the motion. No votes opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Consensus of the committee that development of the Education packet for SSI will be placed on hold until an updated guideline is approved.

Dr. Cone will report back to the committee next month regarding operationalizing the recommendations of the NAEMSP Standards and Clinical Practice Committee draft position statement dated 10/26/2012.

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) for EMTs

A revised CPAP guideline (dated 2/13/2013) and training competencies were presented for discussion.

Recommendations made to remove “recent” from in front of pneumothorax, eliminate three boxes that have categories of respiratory distress listed, add “yes” or “no” to the flow chart arrows where appropriate and to specify that the CPAP guideline applies only to adults.

Motion made by Dr. Wolf to approve the revised CPAP guideline with the recommended additional revisions.

All voting members present voted to support the motion. No votes opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Dr. Wolf raised the possibility of the State EMS Medical Director serving as an officer on CEMSMAC. Dr. Wolf reports that previous concerns regarding this appear to have diminished and asked the committee to consider the issue for a future discussion.

Dr. Van Gelder reported that the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) working group continues to actively pursue this initiative. It is anticipated that a bill regarding this implementation of MOLST will be introduced this session. She raised awareness that there are at least two other bills pending this legislative session regarding end of life measures and/or pertaining to physician-assisted suicide. Dr. Van Gelder emphasized that these bills are NOT related to the MOLST project.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49.

CEMSMAC AGENDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
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REVIEW OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2012

DPH REPORT

SELECTIVE SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION

CPAP EDUCATIONAL PACKET