



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 25, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1902 with Chris Adams in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded. Corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were made.

Members present: Tom Tomlins, Ken Gardner, Don Thompson, Curtis Newtown, Ann Smith, Chris Adams, Craig Ballard, Cindy Rockhill, Carol Muench

Members excused: Storm Cilley, Jeannie McClear, Julie Sciorria, Phyllis and Richard McDougall, Wayne Love, Brenton LaGrow, Kevin Wells

Members absent: Dr. Greg Healey, Ron Hance, Dan Parker

Guests: Terri Bump, Tina Garrow, Jackie Brown

**Correspondence:** Letter via email was discussed which stated there will be a mandatory meeting Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Canton College being presented by Mike Taylor of the BEMS regarding date transfer from ePCRs. Meeting begins at 6pm and need to bring a laptop.

**REMSCO** – 1. Ann reported a letter was received from Jefferson County EMS Cooperative which is able to work a deal with Ft. Drum Regional Planning Organization for Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties regarding version 6 paper PCRs. There is a cost comparison of copying a paper PCRx3 vs. ePCR. Cost would be \$2.25/PCR (\$1.95 + \$.30 administrative costs).

2. Conferences coin up:

- a. May 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital – CNY EMS Conference.
- b. June 6<sup>th</sup> – Utica Annual Trauma Conference at the Holiday Inn sponsored by St. Elisabeth's Hospital
- c. April 26<sup>th</sup> – in Binghamton – UHS Trauma Seminar
- d. Sept. 4-7 – Mountain Lakes Initial Assessment Conference in Lake Placid
- e. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Ft. Drum Battle Field Emergency Day

3. Re: state EMS testing dates. Tests are now available for all classes testing out through May. The October date has been changed to 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Vital Signs the weekend prior.

4. The new AEMT protocols have been reviewed and approved by REMAC and should be ready June 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

5. BLS nasal narkan has been approved. Dept will need to fill out paperwork to get on line. Go to the NCEMS Policy and Procedure link. CNYEMS already has a power point, and training template.

6. With no Program Agency Director, a request from an agency for RST was put on hold.
7. There were 15 suspensions in the Tri County region and the office number, 379-3977, for the Program Agency has been forwarded to Deb Singleton's phone.
8. Ann reported that cheating by use of cell phone on state written exams is still continuing.
9. Interviews for the NCEMS PA secretary position but nothing so far for the director's position.
10. April 7<sup>th</sup> – REMSCO & REMAC meeting beginning at 4:30

**Office of Emergency Services** – Jackie reported just 6 days left before switching to the new CAD system. The maps are not quite ready as they were taken from the county tax map. The Sheriff's and 911 computers will be linked together to share information including pictures.

**Air Methods** – 1. Ann reported there were 615 calls for helicopter use through the Clearing House. County use was as follows:

Jefferson – 40%; St. Lawrence – 10%; Lewis – 7%

2. Life Net of New York – 80% interfacility

18 scene calls for 2013

Most scene calls that were denied were due to poor weather conditions. It was decided a fixed wing aircraft will replace the helicopter at Potsdam. Watertown will continue to use the helicopter which is just 30 minutes away. It was felt a fixed wing could handle a significant number of calls the helicopter could not.

Cindy commented the hospitals will need to be educated/trained when this switch takes place.

**Unfinished Business** – 1. Thank you to Cindy for having the training session at MMH.

2. Re: the new EMS dispatching policy. Mr. Chestnut approached Chris with questions regarding this issue. Much discussion followed with the following motion being made: the changes proposed by Mr. Chestnut not be accepted and leave the original document as is with the exception being line 8. Motion seconded and carried.

**New Business** – 1. Ambulances transporting to the airport, ask dispatch to make contact to have the gate on the Hatch Road entrance opened.

2. Re: elections. Curtis made a motion to keep all officers the same. Seconded by Ken and carried.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on May 27, 2014.

Upon a motion made by Jackie Brown and seconded by Curtis Newtown, meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thompson  
Secretary