



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
January 31st, 2017
(reschedule from January 24th, due to weather)

Meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chairperson Carol Muench, roll call taken and duly recorded. New Legislative Member Daniel Faye introduced, around the table introductions completed Jay Moore is new representative for Gouverneur Hospital
Members present: Ann Smith, Richard McDougall, Carol Muench, Donald Thompson, Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, David Sherman, Storm Cilley Phyllis McDougall, Kevin Wells Joyce Dalton, Ron Hance, Jay Moore

Members excused- Wayne Love, Tammy Sykes, James Barr, Christopher Adams, Brenton LaGrow, Ken Gardner

Guests: - Michael LeCuyer- St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, Daniel Fay- St. Lawrence County Legislature

Correspondence:

Minutes from December

Motion to approve September 2016 minutes and December 2016 minutes for joint Fire Advisory Board and EMS Advisory Board

Motion made by Joyce Dalton to approve, seconded by Dave Sherman, all in favor, motion carried

Office of Emergency Services –

Mr. LeCuyer presented the Office of Emergency Services Report
See attached report

Discussion regarding the additional workload that will be created for dispatch center once the state police relocate, this may happen around April 1st. Will need to have 3 dispatchers sitting at all times and will be looking to identify the busiest time when a 4th dispatcher will be needed.

Meeting with Potsdam PD to discuss potential of picking up their PD dispatch due to challenges they are having

Microwave down again, hopefully will have solution within the next couple of months

Discussion on complications with bidding out contractors due to state requirements surrounding Women and Minority owned businesses

Response times- received some complaints when doing a county wide all call when unable to get an ambulance out. Fire Departments upset because they do not have EMS, this has only happened like three times.

Dispatcher unable to get anyone to answer up call, they are on phone with person having emergency and no one has responded. We need to continue to work on solution and involve municipalities

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

REMSCO/REMAC Meetings will be February 6th

Gouverneur Ambulance was approved as an Ambulance Transfusion service

Richville- is AEMT level ALSFR

Edwards Fire Department Surrendered CON- working on BLSFR

- Any agency can run as a BLSFR through their municipality or other governing entity, but if they complete the paperwork they can obtain an administrative agency code that allows them to send students to NYS sponsored EMT classes and the course sponsor can be reimbursed

Reminder to agencies- please pay attention to CON, limited lab licenses, and narcotic expiration dates and get paperwork submitted in a timely manner

NYS just sent out list of agencies who do not have narcotics, that are required to. North Country Agencies were not on the list as the REMAC/REMSCO was proactive to make sure agencies complied or changed their level of care prior to January 1st. There were 4 or 5 agencies in the region that changed their level of care to AEMT or lower.

BLSFR Updates

- Hannawa Falls code deactivated
- Fine FD- granted extension to finish paperwork until 2/15
- West Stockholm FD paperwork submitted
- Clarkson University requested extension awaiting doctor signature
- St. Lawrence University paper work submitted
- Morley FD- no response to email or phone call

Mike LeCuyer volunteered to reach out to them

State EMS Meetings were held in January

- Changes to public health law 3000 C regarding epinephrine auto injector NOI- eliminates notice of intent, expands eligible entities, collaborative agreement gone, better defines and opens who can prescribe and will allow them to prescribe to non-patient entities. BEMS supports that EMS agencies continue to report to REMSCO/REMAC. If you teach to the state objectives in training it will meet national standards
- NYS EMS Award nominations due to region by March 1st
- 2200 EMS agencies down to 1046 across the state

- Discussion on how to best present to legislature and municipalities- Get presentation together, Mike will get us on operations committee and will look toward presenting to Town Supervisors.

- Discussion on Critical Care level of care, committee looking at all the data, no decision made as to what is going to happen with it.

Life Net/Air Methods – No report

- **Upcoming Trainings**

- BLS CPAP- Norfolk February 6th, 10-2 or 3
- Spring Fling- April 27 to 30th, Steve Berry will be Key Note Speaker
- EMS memorial service is on May 23rd
- Vital signs October 25-29th in Rochester
- Basic Refresher class starts

Executive Committee-

Proposed bylaw change for the executive committee- Eliminate other board member and it would be all exclusive of the officers.

Motion

Article XIII This committee will consist of all officers of the board.

Motion to accept the by-law change by Dick McDougall second by Phyllis McDougall, all in favor, motion carried.

Communications Committee- No report

Legislative Committee- State council announced the following legislation that they are looking at (none are approved)

- Senator Richie has put in a bill that would make agencies eligible for state aide. This would hopefully help private entities to get aid- limited information
- Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as hate crime
- Another to allow colleges to have EMS

Personnel-

Jim Chestnut- Interest in replacing Craig Ballard on REMSCO-

Motion to endorse Jim Chestnut to replace Craig Ballard on the REMSCO by Ann Smith, seconded by Mark Deavers, motion carried

Michael Abrunzo- Resignation from Advisory board

Motion by Ann Smith to accept Mr. Abrunzo's resignation, seconded by Dave Sherman, motion carried

Received endorsements for Brenton Lagrow, Wayne Love, Joyce Dalton term expiring 12/31/19
Mike will send out request to fill the now open consumer representative

Tammy Mitchell- has sent in bio sheet for Massena

Ron Hance checking on Clifton Fine, Mr. Koster no longer working there.

We have a Consumer and at large position

Old Business –

May have potential interest out of Canton Potsdam Hospital for physician

Leadership meeting in December cancelled, next meeting will be

Discussion on hospital diversion, the region is working on this and it will hopefully result in education to EMS and Hospital staff.

All sides must work together, education needed for hospital staff and ems; Critical patients need to go to the nearest hospital regardless of diversion status. If the patient absolutely requests to go to that hospital despite being informed of diversion then you should contact the hospital and discuss with them, but the patient has the right to go there.

Firefighter Rehab- discussion on educating fire leadership revealed that this would probably be received positively by some, and not so positive by others. The plan needs to be paired down a bit to address smaller incidents. Would like a presentation ready to do at Fire Chiefs Summit. Mike to provide dates to the committee

Agencies are being better about calling out level of care

New Business: Nominating Committee Volunteers requested- Kevin Wells, Ron Hance, and Joyce Dalton

Next meeting March 28th, 2017- Annual Meeting

Julie Sciorria- Meeting with law enforcement and ems- Sim man was there, we demonstrated the manikins. Discussion that the hospital used to do hospital trainings for EMS people. Tentatively scheduled one for March 4th – Chad Niles- active shooter in EMS, scene safety, program PMCS, possibly common drug overdoses, 10-2.
February 15th next EMS meeting @ 630
Need to look at list of invitees for this meeting
Question on Norepinephrine Drips- will be in the new protocols, error in the old interfacility protocol has caused issues.

Gouverneur Hospital is up and running as Telestroke, Medical Control up and running, Hospital expanding to 7 treatment rooms. Construction starting in two weeks, New CEO David Bender.

Motion by Kevin wells, seconded by Dave Sherman, Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
DATE: January 1, 2017

The following is a report of CAD calls for December 2016:

	DEC 16	YEAR 2016
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	334	4,115
EMS DISPATCHED	1,625	18,860
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	129	1,989
NYSP DISPATCHED	1,230	7,391
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	976	13,302
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>811</u>	<u>9,877</u>
 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED	 5,105	 55,534

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2462
EMS	2841
TEXT_2_911	3
NYSP	400
SHERIFF	<u>2838</u>
TOTAL	8,544

NYSP Dispatchers Handled:

911	12
EMS	760
NYSP	2529
SHERIFF	<u>46</u>
TOTAL	3,347

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR DECEMBER: 11,891
YTD: 153,393

*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, and test calls

** NYSP started to enter all their dispatched units within St Lawrence County

*Michael LeCuyer, Director
James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations*