



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
May 23rd , 2017

Meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chairperson Carol Muench, roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Phyllis McDougall, Richard McDougall, Kevin Wells, Donald Thompson, R. Storm Cilley, Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, Joyce Dalton, David Sherman, Tammy Sykes, Ann Smith

Members excused-Christopher Adams, Brenton LaGrow, James Barr, Jay Moore

Guests: - Jim Chestnut

Correspondence: Received letter from Mallory Buckley from Tritown Rescue, she also works at Canton Potsdam Hospital. Will approve under new business.

Minutes from March

Motion to approve March Minutes with the correction that David Sherman was excused

Motion made by Kevin Wells to approve, seconded by Phyllis McDougall, all in favor, motion carried

Office of Emergency Services –

Jim Chestnut gave report for the office

State Police have left the communications center, few bumps with non-emergency calls that are local and were being handled with local law enforcement. It has worked well.

In the last 2 months, they are down another dispatcher, working on getting the FTE filled. Another part time dispatcher will be leaving in June. So, when all is done, they will have 2 part-time positions and another full-time position open. Test to be offered in January.

Canton wondered if they get a breakdown of no responses by time of day, Jim will look into it to see if he can pull that data.

Will see if Mike or Jim can send out call numbers. (April/May 2017 call numbers attached)

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

HAPPY EMS WEEK EVERYONE

We were approved for the Coverdell Stroke Grant which includes a regional data bridge being built for our “Super Region” consisting of Susquehanna, Midstate, Central New York, and North Country Program Agencies. The goal is improved data for stroke patients, provides funding for agencies who

are not ePCR to buy equipment. An email offer was sent out 3 times to all non-ePCR agencies and I have only received one full application back and a partial one. They must be in this week. Spring Fling was successful

Last Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) meeting was April 3rd Dr. Coates from Canton-Potsdam Hospital (CPH) was appointed to the REMAC, in place of Dr. Lorenc. Ann asked his status for this board, at this point it is believed that he will be joining us.

April 3rd new protocols went live, continue to work through challenges as they arise.

STEMI Program update, Gouverneur rescue has theirs, spoke with Jim at CPH and I am working with someone at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center (CHMC) to get the hospitals set up with Healthconnections emails in the emergency department. The grant ends this year, so you should see a flurry of activity regarding this.

Changes to the minimum equipment list- biggest change is that pediatric tubes will need to be cuffed instead of uncuffed. Paramedic agencies have until the end of the year to get them changed out. This change was a recommendation from our pediatric receiving centers in Syracuse and Burlington. The minimum equipment list is posted on our website.

St. Lawrence University First Responders changed medical director to Dr. Maynard
Morristown Fire Department was approved for BLS Blood Glucometry
Hermon Fire Department is now BLS

Multiple new policy statements came out along with the new protocols, one of the policy statements indicated that we will be sending out survey monkeys for CQI and trying to get better data, the questions will be presented at the June REMAC meeting for approval.

State EMS Meetings happened and at Spring Fling Lee burns presentation. There is an alarming rate of agency closure, agencies should be considering mergers and involving their municipalities. At the regional level, we will start meeting with each county to try and identify those agencies that may need help now or in the near future. Just this year there has been 17 agencies that have closed or merged already, last year there were 22 in total. Bureau of EMS funding has been cut 25%, fear that our already fragmented system continues to crumble. One of the cuts will include instructor expiration notices will not be mailed out. Instructors must pay attention to their expiration date and go to the website to print off needed forms. Discussion of educational and transport reimbursements not meeting costs.

Discussion on the approval of the expanded scope of practice of EMT to administer syringe epinephrine. There is concern over the fact that it was approved to be drawn with a standard 1ml syringe and the providers are not trained on standard 1 ml syringe, it was also put in the educators update to administer in the deltoid instead of the thigh (current providers not trained on deltoid administration). These issues will be addressed at the next REMAC meeting.

It was asked if Russel had the paperwork done for BLS Narcan, none received by our office

There was a question if the State Police issue regarding dosing of Narcan had been address, Ann has not had an opportunity to do this yet.

Discussion on Narcan administration stats, have seen an increase in administrations in St. Lawrence County and it appears that many patient may be signing off after having been given Narcan. Are we

missing an opportunity to get information out to these patients on resources to assist them with their addiction?

The printed protocol pages that were previously reported as being printed, just arrived in our office, they should be coming out soon with physician on scene cards.

Life Net/Air Methods – No report

- **Upcoming Trainings**

- Madrid Fire Department Narcan Training Thursday 25th @ 7 pm
- ACLS course in Norfolk June 10th
- Trauma teaching day in Utica is the beginning of June
- Dr. Coates will be doing a lecture at Canton Fire Department on May 30th @ 7 pm

Executive Committee-

Received bylaw change approved by legislature that was previously submitted. Ann needs to add into bylaws and send out

Communications Committee- No report

Legislative Committee- Several Bills that are EMS related are being watched.

- Community paramedicine still on the agenda and moving forward
- Medicaid reimbursement bill introduced to try and increase Medicaid reimbursement to agencies
- Bill to recognize the month of September as a Firefighter, EMS, Police month
- Legislation that will define how many hours a provider can be behind the wheel of an ambulance
- Bill to authorize RN and LPN's to volunteer in the back of an ambulance in an emergency under the direction of an EMT. Unsure of why this bill was presented
- Municipal CON bill to allow commissioner of health to approve a municipal CON if there are no issues after 2 years.

Personnel-

Have not received approval letter back from legislature for Tammy Mitchell approval to the board Status of Dr. Coates, Tammy will encourage him to get bio sheet done

Committee appointments completed

Communication committee – Jim Barr, Joyce Dalton, Kevin Wells- Chair- Jim Barr

Executive committee – Carol Muench, Mark Deavers, Ann Smith – Chair Carol Muench

Legislative committee - Dave Sherman, Mark Deavers, Ron Hance- Chair- Dave Sherman

Personnel committee - Ann Smith, Dick McDougall, Don Thompson- Chair- Dick McDougall

Old Business –

Leadership meeting was April 25th. There was a presentation from Life Source, this is an “app” that is connected to healthconnections that will allow providers to access medical information in an emergency. Have been working with CHMC to get a proposal for agencies who may need employee health services. Next meeting is the last Tuesday in June.

Fire Fighter Rehab- Hoping to meet with the members of the fire advisory board and move forward. Can we look back and find out who was on the committee from Fire Advisory Board. Carol will look back and see if she can find it.

Old Business- Ann will be sending out the letters noted in last month's meeting for those who were identified at the last meeting.

New Business:

Gouverneur Fire Department request for endorsement of becoming a BLSFR

Motion by Ann Smith to endorse Gouverneur Fire Department to become a BLSFR, seconded by Mark Deavers if they chose to become a BLSFR, all in favor, motion carried

Mallory Buckley request for membership in rescue position on advisory board

Motion made by Don Thompson, seconded by Phyllis McDougall, all in favor, motion carried

Change in Ogdensburg Airport procedure to open gate, Ogdensburg Rescue does not have a key. You need to call the following numbers.

8a-8p 315-393-4721

8p-8a 315-335-3449, Ogdensburg Police if all else fails 315-393-1551

Discussion on the upcoming airport disaster drill in Ogdensburg and the challenges that many agencies will have trying to get volunteers during the week to participate. The drill is the first Thursday in June.

Concerns were expressed about committees not completing assignments, we all need to be conscious of our committee assignments and complete tasks as assigned so we can move EMS forward

Claxton Hepburn Medical Center is doing Bike helmet safety day on Tuesday from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Deavers, seconded by Don Thompson, all in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
 FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
 DATE: May 3, 2017

The following is a report of CAD calls for April 2017:

	APR 17	YEAR 2017
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	394	1363
EMS DISPATCHED	1,494	6,030
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	228	708
NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM**	1,204	5,312
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES***	279	279
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	960	2,618
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>963</u>	<u>2,816</u>
 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED	 5,522	 19,126

**Locally dispatched by NYSP 4/1-6/2017

***St Lawrence County ES dispatched 4/6-30/2017

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2345
EMS	3035
TEXT_2_911	2
NYSP	250
SHERIFF	<u>2815</u>
TOTAL	8,451

NYSP Dispatchers Handled: April 1 to April 6 only

911	0
EMS	61
NYSP	462
SHERIFF	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	523

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR APRIL: 8,974

YTD: 43,358

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

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

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

The following is a report of CAD calls for May 2017:

	MAY 17	YEAR 2017
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	327	1,690
EMS DISPATCHED	1,490	7,520
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	190	898
NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM**	1,143	6,455
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES***	256	536
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	1,000	4,578
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>1,085</u>	<u>4,864</u>
 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	 5,491	 26,541

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

**Dispatched by NYSP at B-Comm from Lewis

***St Lawrence County ES dispatched

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

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2498
EMS	3305
TEXT_2_911	2
NYSP	219
SHERIFF	<u>3263</u>
TOTAL	9,287

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR MAY: 9,287
 YTD: 51,643

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