



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

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board  
May 22, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chair Mark Deavers, roll call taken and duly recorded.

**Members present:** Julianne Sciorra, Mark Deavers, Joyce Dalton, Tammy Sykes, Ann Smith, Kevin Wells, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Carol Muench, David Sherman, Jay Moore

**Members excused:** Mallory Buckley, R. Storm Cilley, Don Thompson, Dr. Coates, James Barr,

**Members absent:** Ron Hance, Tammy Mitchell

**Guests:** Michael LeCuyer, Aaron Johnson, James Blackburn, Mark Dalton, Katherine Dalton, Nate Corden

**Correspondence:**

- Resignation from Ron Hance
- Communication from Ron Hance regarding new nursing director at Clifton-Fine who is interested in joining and he gave her our contact, we have not heard from her

**Minutes from March 2018**

Motion to approve the minutes for March 2018

**Motion to approve March 2018 by Joyce Dalton, seconded by Dick McDougall, all in favor, motion passed.**

Round table introductions completed

**Office of Emergency Services – See attached report**

- Mike LeCuyer and Ann Smith discussed meeting held with DeGrasse, Clare, South Russell Fire Department and a couple of County Legislatures and assembly representatives
  - Moving forward with BLSFR
  - Discussed consolidation
  - Wanted assembly representatives to waive fees for CON to REMSCO
- Discussed issues with the EMS channel- Microwave to dispatch on EMS is old and the connection is now a cellphone connection resulting in the inability for dispatch to hear on EMS frequency. Working to resolve the issue.

**NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together – see attached**

**Air Medical** – Nate Corden in attendance and introduced self as representative of Life Net

- **Upcoming Trainings**

- PHTLS June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Potsdam Rescue

**Executive Committee-**

- No report

**Communications Committee-**

- No Report

**Legislative Committee-**

- Federal bill regarding air medical quality versus quantity has been introduced and would require air medical to submit cost data annually to Medicaid, if this passes there is a probability it will eventually be introduced for ground ambulances as well. Hospitals are currently trying to focus on outpatient programs to reduce costs and repeat patient visits.
- Bill introduced to put together regulations to limit hours someone driving an ambulance can work, it has not gained support as it is covered elsewhere

**Personnel-**

- Waiting on legislative approval for James, Mark, and Aaron
- We now have the opening from Ron Hance's Resignation and 2 open at large positions.

**Ad-Hoc EMS Task Force Committee** – working on setting up meeting

**Old Business**

- Leadership meeting in April
  - Agencies discussed challenges with staffing during the day and getting ALS interfaces from other agencies when they are not staffed.
  - SUNY Canton attended and addressed the group on classes moving forward and some of the challenges, Chelsea Kroeger is there in the Mornings and Art Garno is there 8-4
  - Discussion about a Paramedic Program being developed to the east of us, I have had no official correspondence regarding this. JCC Paramedic Program is on hold for a year
  - Jim Chestnut overviewed the issues with the power outage and generators not working that resulted in a page for agencies to man to their station
- K. Dalton presented pamphlet that she created as part of her master's degree after observing at St. Lawrence County 911 center. The pamphlet is targeted to educate the public on the use of an ambulance. Discussion was held that it should go to social services, hospitals, schools, websites, and BOCES- please post and share.

**New Business:**

- Committee appointments
  - Legislative- Joyce Dalton, Kevin Wells, David Sherman
  - Personnel- Ann Smith, Aaron Johnson, Mark Dalton
  - Communications Mallory Buckley, Jim Barr, Tammy Mitchell

- St. Lawrence County will be creating a Deputy Director Position in the office of Emergency Services to assume EMS coordinator role in County. It will be a Civil Service competitive position, they may hire prior to exam but if they do not hit top 3 after exam they would not keep position. This has potential to cause more work for the office
- Fire Advisory board discussed county holds workers compensation for all municipalities, if someone gets hurt the cost will come back to the municipalities and they are looking at OSHA best practices (would like to add EMS) and include officer training for this (may take a few years to get them trained).
- Ann asked for letters of support for FDRHPO mental health grant and was asked who they were sent to.

**Motion to support DeGrasse, Clare, South Russell BLSFR made by Ann Smith, seconded by Dick McDougall, all in favor, motion carried**

**Motion to adjourn made by Jay Moore, seconded by Carol Muench, all in favor, motion carried**

**Adjourned at 8:35 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann Smith*

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Secretary