



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

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
March 26, 2019

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

Members present: Mark Deavers, Ann Smith, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Mark Dalton, Storm Cilley, James Barr, James Blackburn, Carol Muench, Kevin Wells, Julianne Sciorra,

Members excused: Aaron Johnson, Tammy Sykes, Jay Moore, David Sherman

Members absent: Chelsea Snyder-Dennis, Tammy Mitchell, Joyce Dalton, Don Thompson, Dr. Coates, Mallory Buckley

Guests: Jonathan Mitchell, Rita Curran, Nate Corden, Carrie Conger

Correspondence:

- Received bio data sheets from Christopher Valez and Nicholas Wildey for membership, will discuss further under personnel report

Minutes from December 2018 Joint Fire and EMS advisory Board were passed out our last meeting

- ❖ **Motion to approve the December 2018 Joint Fire and EMS Advisory Board Minutes by Kevin Wells, seconded by Phyllis McDougall, motion passes**

Minutes from January 2019 were sent out via email

- ❖ **Motion to approve with the following changes Childs lab changed to “lap” and James Barr was excused was made by Phyllis McDougall, seconded by Dick McDougall, motion passes.**

Office of Emergency Services – See attached report (Jonathan will send out tomorrow via email)

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

- Next REMAC Meeting is April 1st, 2019
- Next State EMS Meeting is May 7th and 8th, 2019
- Strategic Joint REMAC/REMSCO meeting was held March 20th, 2019
 - Multiple system concerns discussed, and the membership will vote on the top three issues and committee’s will be assigned to work on them
- Leadership Conference held in February had around 60 attendees and was very successful, will be doing one next year.
- EMResource- all agency/hospital administrators should have received a password to get system set up and users entered, if there are questions please contact our office.
- BLS CME’s were rolled out, slight changes to minimum equipment list, and an update to the regional quality assurance policy 08-02.

- There is still time to appoint a PECC if you haven't already, here are some applications. Currently Lisbon, Gouverneur, Parishville, and Tritown have appointed a PECC.

Carrie Conger was present and provided information on the Whale Program. They are trying to reintroduce the program in the county. (See attached flyer)

Upcoming Trainings

- Spring Fling last weekend in April, this is the last week to register for early bird savings.

Executive Committee-

- Mark will be reaching out to the executive committee to do a conference call in the very near future

Communications Committee-

- No Report

Legislative Committee

- Discussion on the potential loss of funding in the Governor's budget and the devastating effects on the system. Discussion on presenting to Hospital Boards.

Personnel

- Christopher Velez applied for an open position
 - ❖ **Motion to approve Christopher Velez for membership by Storm Cilley, seconded by Jim Barr, discussion followed, vote was 5 yes, 3 no and 1 abstained, motion passes.**
- Nicholas Wildey applied for an open position
 - ❖ **Motion made by Phyllis McDougall to approve Nicholas Wildey for membership, seconded by Mark Dalton, motion passes**
- 1 remaining position open

Ad-Hoc EMS Task Force Committee – working on setting up meeting, Rita Curran will be our new legislative representative

Dispatch Committee

Couple of virtual and in-face meetings have occurred, discussion on multiple issues including dispatch, response of agencies. Looking at priority dispatch, getting agencies out as quick as possible and looking at what other counties do.

Old Business

- Leadership Meeting- Dana McGuire, St. Lawrence County Public Health Director and Randy Thayer, HIDTA were there and discussed changes to Overdose reporting. They are still working on details.
- Fire Advisory Board/Joint OSHA best practices initiative- No report
- Mutual aid plan – Move to dispatch committee
- Known status – Move to dispatch committee

New Business:

- RTAC- 25% of patients airlifted to SUNY Upstate are discharged out of the ED. Discussion followed on continuous quality improvement. SUNY Upstate will be sending reports to follow up on patients to an agencies CQI coordinator if they were involved in the care of the patient. It is important to keep your CQI contact up to date at the Program Agency because this is where they get the contacts from to complete follow up.

Elections

- Secretary- Nomination from the floor requested 3 times, Phyllis McDougall nominated Ann Smith, seconded by Jim Barr, all in favor, motion passed.
- Vice Chair nominations from the floor requested 3 times, Kevin Wells was nominated from the floor, Secretary cast 1 vote for Kevin Wells, all in favor, motion passed.
- Chair- Nomination from the floor requested 3 times, Mark Deavers was nominated from the floor, all in favor, motion passes.

Try to remember PPE with patients who are presenting with fever, chills, and body aches should receive masks

Discussion that it may be good to present to the County legislatures again since there has been change.

May 28th, 2019
September 24th, 2019
November 26th, 2019

❖ **Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Wells, seconded by James Blackburn, all in favor, motion carried, Adjourned at 8:50 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Smith

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Secretary