



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

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board  
May 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs by Chair Mark Devers, roll call taken and duly recorded

**Members Present:** Mark Deavers, Phyllis McDougall, Dick McDougall, Nick Wildey, Carol Muench, James Blackburn, Chris Velez, Kevin Wells, Don Thompson, Storm Cilley, Dr. Coates, James Barr

**Members Excused:** Ann Smith, Aaron Johnson, Julie Sciorra, Joyce Dalton, Jay Moore, Chelsea Snyder-Dennis

**Members Absent:** Mallory Buckley, Mark Dalton, David Sherman, Tammy Mitchell, Tammy Sykes

**Guests:** Jonathan Mitchell

Minutes of the March meeting were sent out via e-mail.

- Motion to approve by Carol Muench, seconded by James Barr, motion passes.

**Correspondence:**

- Letters of appointment from the Board of Legislators for Christopher Velez and Nicholas Wildey. Both appointments will expire 12/31/21

**Office of Emergency Services:** Summary of calls dispatched presented by Jonathan

**NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together:**

- CME's for AEMT, CC and Paramedics are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> – please have them entered in the system
- Fort Drum Training Day – need to register by June 3<sup>rd</sup> – FREE. Go to the FDRHPO website for more information
- Difficult Airway class at CPH June 22 and 23. \$200.00 – register by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Email Jonathan Cole at FDRHPO or Ann to register
- Still looking for agencies interested in naming a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
- Still working on EMResource. Please get your agency set up. Call Jonathan Cole (Ann's office) to set up a meeting if you need help. Hospitals please set up also. Ann's office will assist with training. This will save the nurses time and increase communications once it is up and running
- When calling out of service you can only call out to the level of the ambulance you are on. Example – CC on AEMT or BLS ambulance should call out as AEMT or BLS – NOT CC
- Sign up for Newsletter and weekly updates on the Program Agency website

#### State EMS meeting:

- Mutual aid plans need to be signed off on by the REMSCO and County Coordinators – all agencies must have one (EMS Board Dispatch Committee will be having a meeting involving every agency regarding the mutual aid plan later this summer)
- CME program manual – nearly complete – should be out this summer
- State working on being able to email stuff to DOH like CME re-certifications specifically. Will get a return receipt on their end so they know you received the email.
- The Critical Care Bridge program to Paramedic is in process. 102 registered, 98 still in the course. Very challenging. The enrollment for another CC-Paramedic course is open.
- BLS protocols are approved – will be posted soon – take affect 8/1/19
- State will be looking for the following:
  - Percentage of stroke patients taken to a stroke center
  - Stroke patients receiving blood glucose
  - Intubated patients with CO2 monitoring
  - Trauma patients meeting CDC trauma triage guidelines taken to a trauma center
  - Cardiac arrest patients with ROSC
  - Opioid OD who refused transport after treatment
  - Chest pain patients receiving 12-lead
- Vital Signs will be in Buffalo in October
- Closed Facebook group NYSDOH – New York State Health Department - EMS Community DOH would like everybody to join. You will need to be approved once you go to this link. There will be a lot of information posted here. Instead of doing a newsletter following the State EMS meetings info will be posted here. You can ask questions on this page and you will be answered usually within 24 hours (except over the weekend)
- Discussion at State meeting regarding AEMTs doing advanced airway management such as intubation and other skills that are done infrequently. May lose ability to do skills such as capnography, venous blood sampling, intubations, direct laryngoscopy
- Billing services – gap funding not cut this year but there will be attempts to cut it out of the budget next year
- An ambulance was in an accident and received a ticket for not having a DOT inspection. DOH is looking into this

Next REMSCO/REMAC meeting is 6/3/19 at FDRHPO

#### Air Medical:

There had been some concern regarding overuse of air transport as it had been reported that 25% of patients flown by LifeNet (Statewide) to SUNY ERs are discharged from the ER – not admitted to hospital. It is actually only 1%. The national average is 10%.

#### Upcoming Training:

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### **Committee Reports:**

- Executive: No report
- Communications: No report
- Legislative: From State meeting a motion was made to support the following bills - A00230 – selling patient health information, A01208/S1808 authorizes collaborative community paramedicine, A06211 – direct bill pay
- Personnel: Legislature approved Christopher Velez and Nicholas Wildey  
Discussion regarding absences of Board members. Article X of the bylaws states “Two unexcused absences or a total of four missed meetings in a calendar year will be grounds for recommendation by the Personnel Committee to the Board for replacement on the Board”. Mallory Buckley, Dave Sherman and Tammy Mitchell have not attended the last 4 meetings and it is recommended that they are replaced on the Board. Motion by Carol Muench that the above-Board members be removed, seconded by James Barr – voted and carried. Letters will be sent to these personnel informing them of same.
- Dispatch Committee: Working on updating the dispatch policy. Working on the Mutual Aid Plan. Leadership from every EMS agency will be invited to a meeting to review a draft mutual aid plan for their department and give input. Each agency needs to send a representative – if there is no rep at the meeting, the decisions for the absent agency will be made by the committee. Maps will be made and available to the agency

### **Old Business:**

Leadership Meeting: Bring policies to share to next meeting. Next meeting is 6/25/19 at 6:30pm at Canton Fire Station

Fire Advisory Board/EMS joint OSHA best practices initiative: Nothing at this time

Recommended we ensure all Board members have a copy of the by-laws. Mark will ensure a copy gets to all Board members

### **New Business:**

Committee Appointments:

- Communications: Nicholas Wildey, Mark Dalton, Aaron Johnson, James Barr, Tammy Sykes
- Legislative: Chelsea Dennis, James Blackburn, Kevin Wells, Storm Cilley
- Personnel: Ann Smith, Jay Moore, Carol Muench, Don Thompson
- PEIR (Public Education Information and Relationships) Joyce Dalton, Dick McDougall, Julie Sciorra, Phyllis McDougall, Christopher Velez

Mark has a list of committee members he will send out with the minutes

Mark would like committees to meet between meetings

Kevin Wells is retiring at the end of the year but is interested in remaining on the Board. He would need to be moved to a Consumer or At-large opening.

Jonathan Mitchell and Mark are working on a Facebook page (closed group) for the County

Next meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Don Thompson, second by Jim Barr – all in favor. Adjourned at 1935