



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
October 1, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs by Chair Mark Deavers, 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, Julie Sciorra, Mark Dalton, Jay Moore, Rita Curran

Members Excused: Ann Smith

Members Absent: Aaron Johnson, Storm Cilley, Dr. Coates, James Barr, Joyce Dalton, Tammy Sykes, Chelsea Snyder-Dennis

Guests:

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed.

- Motion to approve by Kevin Wells, seconded by Dick McDougall, motion passes.

Correspondence: None

Office of Emergency Services: No report

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC: Meeting is 10/7/19

State EMS meeting:

- There new CME program was on the website then off when errors were found. Will be back on in October and going live 1/1/20
- CME hours needed are decreasing – optional hours for all levels will be 20 and significant decrease in core hours
- Wadsworth is accepting applications for ambulance transfusion services – updates are not out yet
- Discussion-collaborative protocols – a motion was made to not give children under 60 days of age Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen and also don't give pregnant women Ibuprofen. If the means to cool a patient on the scene is available, do so, otherwise do not delay transport
- The State Learning Management Site for BLS protocol update is up and running. Updates need to be done by the end of the year – **ALL levels** even though it is a BLS update
- Computer based testing will be an option starting in October for CIC/CLI and all others in the first quarter of 2020 – cost of \$28.00. Paper testing will continue. Onsite testing will be going away at the beginning of next year.

- CME program – Starting in 2022 if you want to be able to do CME recertification you must be using ePCRs to participate – also includes CFRs
- Effective September 2020 AEMT courses in NYS will follow the national standard curriculum
- Proposed that within the next year the following will be removed from the AEMT curriculum and protocols: intubations, end tidal CO2, venous blood sampling and direct laryngoscopy for foreign body airway obstruction
- If you have any questions regarding what a 17 year old can do such as sign-offs, bring your questions forward to Mark Devers or Ann Smith
- A survey tool was developed to try and get data on educational costs to help see if there is opportunity to increase reimbursement. In 2008 it was determined that the State paid only 71% of the cost to run an EMT course and using the consumer price index and inflation today it is only 59%
- There are proposed reg changes regarding testing attempts allowed before remedial training is required, requirements for those coming into NYS that are certified in other states, and extending the certification period for all levels from 3 years to 4 years.

Upcoming Training:

- CFR class in Parishville
- CC and Paramedic Transport Review class in Gouverneur 10/31-11/1/19 – cost is \$350.00. There is also 30 hours of online training in addition to the classroom hours. Recommended for those doing intrafacility transports

Committee Reports:

- Executive: No report
- Communications: No report
- Legislative: Mark will email out bills that were sent to him from Senator Blakenbush's office that have to do with payer and dual signature checks
- Personnel: No report
- PEIR – no report

Old Business:

- Leadership Conference 1/31-2/1/20 at the Gran View in Ogdensburg
- OSHA/Best Practices – no meeting yet with Fire Board people
- Joint meeting with Fire Advisory Board 11/26/19? Mark will check with FAB tomorrow and maybe change to 11/19/19 due to the Thanksgiving holiday
- Mutual Aid Plan – continue to work on – nearly done. New Director should be hired soon and then Jonathan will have more time to work on the plan

New Business:

- Discussion regarding dates for **EMS Board meetings for 2020**. Jay motioned the meetings be held on the following dates: January 28th, March 24th (election of officers), May 19th (Committee appointments), September 29th and November 17th. Second by Don, voted and carried

Next meeting November 19th or 26th . Mark checking with Fire Advisory Board

Motion to adjourn by Jay Moore, second by Dick McDougall – all in favor. Adjourned at 1925