



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

**Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
May 26, 2020**

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

Members Present: Phyllis McDougall, Richard McDougall, Nicholas Wildey, Carol Muench, James Blackburn, Christopher Velez, Aaron Johnson, Kevin Wells, Donald Thompson, Storm Cilley, Mark Deavers, Tammy Sykes, Jay Moore, Ann Smith

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rita Curran, Jonathan Mitchell, Matt Denner

Members Excused: James Barr

Members Absent: Chelsea Snyder-Dennis, Ryan Coates

Guests: Colleen Gleeson, Christopher Towler

Correspondence: Resignation received from Julianne Sciorra as she is retiring the end of June. Thank you, Julie, for your commitment to EMS and for serving on the advisory board, best wishes for your retirement

Motion to approve the January Minutes with stated changes made by Jay Moore, seconded by Kevin Wells, all in favor, motion passed

Change- James Barr was listed under attendance in two spots, he was excused.

Office of Emergency Management

- **Stats brought up on screen**
- Discussed protocol 36 and asked if there were any issues, none heard
- Looking for a medical director for our EMD program
- Towers are still a work in progress
- New dispatcher being trained
- Continue to push for more PPE

REMAC/REMSCO:

- No meetings since our last one due to COVID 19
- No state EMS meetings since our last one due to COVID 19

Air Medical

- LifeNet initially saw a decrease in calls with the onset of COVID 19, but the volume is starting to pick up, they are seeing more trauma with people starting to get out.

- Limited outreach due to COVID 19 but they are starting to do some virtual outreach

Upcoming Training:

- The only trainings discussed at the last meeting that were not canceled or rescheduled due to COVID were the leadership conference and the Guilfoyle EMS Day, which was a great day of training.
- Vital Signs Conference is still planned for the end of October
- Spring Fling has been rescheduled to October 8-11
- LifeNet will be doing an airway management conference at the Del Largo Resort on September 9-11, it is posted on the program agency website.

Committee Reports:

- Executive- no report
- Communications- no report
- Legislative: No report
- Personnel – Will discuss later
- Dispatch Committee- Almost complete with the mutual aid plan, then COVID 19 hit, should be finishing up soon.
- Agencies/Hospitals were asked to report anything they had
 - CPH may decrease the hours on the EDRU due to dropping volumes. Will advise EMS if this happens.

Old Business:

- No leadership meetings have been held
- No new developments surrounding the Fire Rehab Plan due to COVID

New Business:

- Discussion surrounding EMS course sponsors- A transition was in the works, but due to COVID the process will take longer than anticipated. SUNY Canton has agreed to do Fall classes
- County is working on new Website, if agencies have a generic email address or any social media that they would like listed, please send to Jonathan. It is a recommendation that all agencies have a generic email so that when officers change information does not get lost in the shuffle. This is a state and regional recommendation. Jonathan offered to help any agency who needed help in creating one.
- Rita requested that if there were going to be any requests for money from the legislature that it should be done as soon as possible.
- Jay Moore asked if there was any benefit in getting a county wide CON, discussions were underway, but as with everything else COVID 19 delayed them.
- Discussion was held on membership as it was discovered that county law stated no less than 5 members and no more than 21 members and in 1995 a resolution was established for new member categories. A generic resolution was presented - See attached

Motion made by Jay Moore to present the resolution to the legislature, seconded by Carol Muench, all in favor

Additional discussion surrounding the categories of membership with a proposed breakdown presented. Committee of Rita Curran, James Blackburn, Jonathan Mitchell, Colleen Gleeson and Carol Muench formed to review the bylaws and membership categories.

Ann Smith brought forth that she should be ex-officio due to her position with the Program Agency

- Nomination committee presented the following slate of officers
 - Chair- Mark Deavers
 - Vice-Chair- Aaron Johnson
 - Secretary – none
- The secretary position was discussed at length, including the potential to not fill the position and have meetings transcribed, but there is an expense to that
- Storm Cilley generously offered to fill the positions.
- Nominations for each position requested from the floor three times. No additional nominations heard
- Secretary cast 1 vote for the following slate of officers
 - Chair- Mark Deavers
 - Vice-Chair- Aaron Johnson
 - Secretary- Storm Cilley

Motion to approve slate of officers as listed by Kevin Wells, Seconded by Carol Muench, all in favor, motion passed

Other new business – Ann Smith did a quick review of items from the Program Agency/State

-Reminder that ALS CME requirements were suspended for the first semester

-All EMS providers received a 1-year extension on their cards, anyone expiring after June 30th must use new CME forms- Spring Fling education will be targeted at getting provider those additional non-core classes

-All agencies need to complete education that was sent out prior to COVID 19 on FAST-ED and notify the program agency when done

-If your agency has not gotten into the Health Commerce System please contact Ann

-EMResource is being updated routinely by hospitals, agencies should start to use to see hospital capabilities and status

-Moving forward we will see an upgrade to Paramedic Level by Tritown and Parishville

-Currently all paramedic and CIC/CLI tests are computer based (CBT), Due to COVID 19 all levels of NYS certification tests are being done by CBT

- The region is concerned with the financial well being of agencies due to decreased call volumes related to COVID 19, please reach out if you need assistance

-Mark briefly discussed EMS 2.0 and we may see many changes moving forward as a result of the pandemic.

Next meeting September 29th

**Motion to adjourn by Jay Moore, Seconded by Donald Thompson, All in favor
Meeting adjourned at 2010**



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- Air Medical

COVID-19

- County EM
- Hospitals
 - CPH
 - MMH
 - GH
 - CHMC
 - CFH
- Agency Needs/ Updates

Upcoming Trainings

- EMT class, virtual in Gouverneur

Committee Reports:

- Executive Communications
- Legislative
- Personnel
- Legislative "Ad Hoc" Committee –
- Dispatch Committee-

Old Business

- Leadership Meeting
- Fire Rehab Policy
- County Mutual Aid Policy
- By-Laws/ Membership
- Other old business

New Business

- Committee Assignments
- Other new business

Next meeting:

Thursday November 24, 2020

Motion to adjourn.



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- > Executive (Mark Deavers, Kevin Wells, Ann Smith)
- > Communications (Jim Barr, Tammy Mitchell)
- > Legislative (Joyce Dalton, Kevin Wells)
- > Personnel (Ann Smith, Aaron Johnson, Mark Dalton)
- > Legislative "Ad Hoc" Committee – No report
- > Dispatch Committee- (Mark, Phyllis, Rita, Jonathan)

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