



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board Mtg.
May 23, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Deavers at 1800hours.
Roll Call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: James Barr, James Blackburn, Doug Bohl, Storm Cilley, Dr. Coates, Mark Deavers, Aaron Johnson, Jay Moore, Donald Thompson, Chris Towler, Nicholas Wildey.

Members absent: Eric Alan, Tammy Sykes, Chris Velez, Kevin Wells.

Members excused: None.

Ex Officio Members present: Rita Curran, Jonathan Mitchell, Jolene Munger, Jessica Thompson representing Jonathan Cole

Ex Officio Members absent: None

Guests present: Brent Bishop representing St. Lawrence Health.

There was no correspondence.

The minutes of the May meeting were corrected to reflect that Chris Towler, not Doug Bohl called the meeting to order. And, to correct the spelling of sustainability. Motion by Doug Bohl, second by Jay Moore. Carried.

Mark Deavers and Brent Bishop of St. Lawrence Health made a presentation regarding developing an EMS consortium of area agencies to improve healthcare delivery. They presented a list (attached) of potential areas where agencies could work together to save money and improve patient care. Brent Bishop spoke briefly about the potential benefits. Don Thompson asked if there was a target date for implementation and suggested the sooner the better. Jay Moore stated that they needed to start by getting the stakeholders to the table. A meeting will be scheduled.

St. Lawrence Health is working on making patient outcome reports available to EMS providers.

A discussion was held regarding a county wide charting platform.
A discussion was held regarding narcotics and controlled substance plans.

St. Lawrence Health is working on becoming a stroke center.

Emergency Services - Jonathan Mitchell - The radio project is moving along. Monthly calls report was given. No copy provided. The new mobile command center has been deployed a couple of times. It is currently being kept at the highway department, will go to Parishville with a goal of eventually being housed in Canton.

Mark is planning to attend a First Responder Summit in Washington DC on July 22.

The mutual aid plan is being reworked because the CAD is not progressing. A draft form was reviewed and explained. Maps will be sent to each district with preferred mutual aid provider priority for sections of each district. The The 0-4-8 dispatch procedure is still in effect. The plan may be ready for approval at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Storm Cilley questioned whether dispatchers are asking patient for destination hospital with regard to dispatching ALS. Jonathan assured him that they were.

The MCI plan is in the process of being updated with and estimated completion time of one week. More discussion at the next meeting.

NCEMS - Jessica Thompson -

- The program agency wants to be more available to agencies and providers.
- There are changes in protocols due to shortages of drugs.
- CPAP, Glucagon, and other shortages.
- They will provide assistance with training.

SEMAC - Mark Deavers

- The new practical skills exam is DOA and will not be implemented. They are working on CON issues and guidance for trauma centers.
- There will be an increase in medicaid payment rates effective July 1st.
- There will be an update in MOLST policies.
- The Bureau of EMS is hiring 27 more employees.
- The I Gel pilot is progressing.
- The Community Paramedic Program may be approved.

A long discussion was held regarding how the recommendations of the EMS Advisory Board were being presented to the County Administrators and Legislators. Several members expressed frustration that the legislature was not being fully informed regarding recommendations for changes being made by the EMS Advisory Board, and the reasons for those changes. Storm Cilley pointed out that previously the EMS Director took the EMS Advisory Board's concerns and recommendations to the Administration and Legislator. He asked when that changed. Over the years our suggestions have not always been accepted, but they were presented and explained. A major area of this discussion was the recommendation to move EMS to the Health Department as Jefferson County and others have done. It was pointed out that more funding was available for EMS through Health than through Emergency Services. Don

Thompson asked if the Fire Advisory Board was having the same issue. A recommendation was made to send our recommendation to all legislators individually. Jim Barr asked if we were advising the legislature or the County Government. Storm Cilley asked if there was any sense in continuing with an EMS Advisory Board if we cannot get our recommendations in front of the county government. Jay Moore pointed out that the SLC EMS system is in crisis and we don't seem to be able to get our message to the legislature. A suggestion was made that each member of the EMS Advisory Board seek out their own County Legislature and discuss the issue with them individually.

Clarkson EMS Program - A summer program will be offered. Progress is being made on the implementation of the Paramedic Program.

Air Medical - No Report.

Committees - No Reports.

Old Business -

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

The next meeting will be July 25, 2023 at 1800 hours.

Table 1

	Priority	Comments
HR supports		
Policy & Procedure Unification		
Retirement/Benefit Packages		
Leadership/Management Education		
Staff Education		
Preventative Maintenance on Equipment		
Garage / Repairs for EMS Rigs		
CQI Process		
Billing Company – do we all use the same one?		
EMR for EMS		
Hospital Hub – EPIC		
Local Pharmacy Protocols / Purchasing		
Align Control Substance Policy and Procedure		
Workforce Development		
MCI Planning		
Shredding		
Bio Hazard Removal		
Expired Medication Disposal		
AVL installation in all county rigs		
Iam Responding		
County-wide Blood Policies		
Large group purchasing		
Small item purchasing		
Critical transport education		
Cost Data Collection support		
Offer grants		
Advocacy		
Management Support		

EMSA B ATTENDANCE 5/23/23

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James Blackburn

Day Bohl

Donald Thompson

James Barr

Nick Wildey

Jolene Minger

Jay Moore

Brent Bishop - STH

Mark Dean

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Ross Curran

Jonathan Mitchell

Christopher Tarter

Aaron Johnson

Jessica Thompson

Ryan Costes