

## **SLC EMS Advisory Board**

### **Minutes – May 28, 2024**

Attendance: R Coates, R Curran, A Johnson, J Moore, M Simpson, C Towler, M Denner, R Rusaw, C Gleeson

Approval of March meeting minutes: Held until next meeting as not received/distributed in time for review.

#### **Reports:**

- 1) Office of Emergency Services-M Denner
  - a) Introduction of Richard Rusaw, new Car 2 (as of today).
  - b) Will be tracking call numbers a bit differently into the future to better track use of cell phones to call 911.
- 2) REMSCO/REMAC and Program Agency – None given
- 3) SEMSCO/SEMAC Report – None given
- 4) Clarkson EMT Program – None given
- 5) Air Medical (C Gleeson – Lifenet)
  - a) Call numbers given (to be sent separately for reporting), had a successful training day last month.

#### **Trainings:**

- 1) Planned EMT class this fall at Clarkson University
- 2) Planned second cohort of paramedic program students to start in August

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) EMS System Task Force – R Curran
  - a) Met virtually with Fulton County and how they have established and run a county EMS program, several good ideas and cautionary statements
    - i) Highly recommended the county does NOT obtain a municipal CON until ready to start providing service as it starts a clock to demonstrate need and utilization
  - b) Will be meeting with several other counties over the next month or two to see what others have done.
  - c) Any system put in place will almost definitely require continued financial assistance from county government.

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Mutual Aid Plan – No report
- 2) Pulsara
  - a) CHMC live
  - b) Representatives from multiple facilities state providers not answering follow up questions when asked by the receiving hospital.
- 3) Governor's Budget: No report
- 4) County Legislative Committee – R Curran
  - a) See above task force report

- b) R Curran working on spurring workforce development and obtaining funding to do so. Possibly grant funding
- 5) EMS Advisory Board Reappointments
  - a) Several requested biodata sheets for reappointment not returned.
  - b) R Rusaw reports Alan Eric is no longer with Clifton Fine Hospital, does not live in the area.
    - i) Motion made by C Towler to remove Alan Eric from the rolls, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Moore. PASSED (Y:6 N:0 A:0)
    - ii) R Rusaw will make contact with Clifton Fine to seek replacement facility representative.

### **New Business**

- 1) James Blackburn resignation.
  - a) Motion to accept by J Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Coates. PASSED (Y: 6 N:0 A:0)
- 2) Letter from Mike Hebert (Heuvelton Fire) requesting county reexamine time between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> pages, extending the duration to allow more time to acknowledge.
  - a) After discussion, appears consensus is that this is NOT a good idea and would prolong response times, especially if mutual aid is needed. Motion by C Towler to recommend against changing current dispatch policies regarding times between first and second pages. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Moore. PASSED (Y:6 N:0 A:0).
  - b) Discussion raised issue of county providing a common call alert software to assist with ease of acknowledging calls and communicating with dispatch who is responding. Discussed previously, but not implemented. All in the meeting endorse this idea, will communicate with fire advisory board prior to formally recommending, likely at next meeting.
- 3) NYS EMS Grant
  - a) Due 06/26, unclear if county meets requirements to apply at this point. R Rusaw will review and seek assistance from members of the board as needed.
- 4) New appointments to fill open seats.
  - a) Reviewed bylaws, EMSAB should be making recommendations formally when new members are appointed by the legislature.
  - b) Several open seats, all need to come up with recommendations on who to fill.
  - c) Consensus that this should be done in a way that ensures equal representation across all areas of the county
- 5) EMS Advisory Board Chair Nominations
  - a) Group in attendance not fully comfortable picking a new chair with such limited attendance.
  - b) Acknowledge need to hold annual elections (late already) and importance of filling open seats. Decision made to hold a meeting in July (usually not held) with the goal of recommending people to fill open slots and to hold annual election of officers.