

Sullivan County EMS Advisory Board Meeting

June 2, 2021

Attending:

M. Goldsmith – Chair C. Duffy – Vice Chair R Ackermann – Secretary

A. Rau – SCBEMS R Sauer – SC Public Safety Commissioner

American Legion – A LaRuffa

Neversink – n/a

Bethel – M Goldsmith

Rock Hill – N Meddaugh

Cochecton – P Grosser

Roscoe – (K Jara unable to attend)

Grahamsville – R Mahnken

Tusten – n/a

Jeffersonville – R Ackermann

Upper Delaware – C Duffy

Livingston Manor – n/a

Woodbourne – n/a

Lumberland – A Steimle

Mobile Medic – (A Bockman unable to attend)

Mamakating – P Goodman

Hatzolah – n/a

Mountindale – n/a

Guests- I Cooperstein for Mobile Medic

Meeting called to order at 19:05

Motion to accept minutes as presented without reading by A Steimle, 2nd by A LaRuffa so carried.

Pledge to the Flag

A Rau – SCBEMS report:

Reminder must be on line with ePCR's by June 29th

ImageTrend- State is changing all location codes for ALL ePCR systems.

If you are already online with the ePCR's double check your reports are getting to the State. Due to changes they may not be. Your vendor should be able to check and verify for you.

Location codes for pick up also will be changing along with destinations.

Query by location code NOT address.

New CVA guidance scales coming out. The changes were suppose to be out June 1st but are not out yet. SLAM scale ties in with ePCR- you will be required to update every 10 minutes to reflect any changes.

A GCS of 4 or less – transport to thrombectomy stroke center – our closest would be Vassar in Poughkeepsie. A GCS greater than 4 then transport to a primary CVA center – which Garnet Harris is.

New App for State Protocols- MURU is the new app check the app store – will include the Collaborative Protocols.

Reviewed EMS week happenings. Reached out to most agencies.

~banners at both ER's

~Ann B, Rebecca G & A Rau did a podcast with the Democrat.

~Promo's on the radio for Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

~BVAC, CVAC & LMVAC had open houses and got a few applications

~Legislators issued proclamation for EMS week

Bureau of EMS- Neversink FD did narcan training and did a tour of their new ambulance. Congrats on the new rig!

NYS Leadership call – anyone can participate

Responded to some falls, an MCI MVC, disseminated training info, issued 2 dozen ID cards

Education – EMT class at the college this September @ SCCC

-Ellenville Rescue will be doing a Saturdays and occasional Thursday class this fall

CME's available on line – varied topics from varied locations

Garnet Orange has restarted in person CME's with offsite @ Garnet Harris Board Room

Operations – New Captains- Neversink – Mike Ryan, Grahamsville – Sean Lewis

Good & Welfare- Desiree is still recovering

Rehab team – about 20 members now. training ongoing with Fire etc. Possible late summer, early fall launch

R Sauer – nothing to report

Old Business- See attached notes from smaller group meetings held since last meeting.

Discussion/explanation of notes from smaller group meetings. Ian Cooperstein suggested in order for AMA to work squads must notify 911 when they need AMA so they can mover trucks to areas of need.

Mamakating asked for clarification of cost of BLS truck at \$135.00/hour is for the county based system. Yes it was an average of several amounts received by JV FAC for the smaller group meeting held there.

Alex again explained the Chenango County system of hiring 4 EMT's as county employees and leasing a rig from a service that had more than one. This would be the least expensive of the ideas.

Ian Cooperstein attended to speak for Mobile Medic. He stated that Albee said no one contacted via email about meeting. Per Matt he was invited to attend any or all meetings in an email.

Discussion and decision to meet again before the next meeting and to compile all ideas and Chair will appoint a small committee to put them together before the meeting in August. All those who have notes from their smaller meetings are to get them to Ruth to go out with the minutes from this meeting.

Alex – brief discussion on “us v. them”. We need to try to get rid of the fence and word together.

Matt G spoke – this body has decided the county system is the way we want to go. Now we need to decide how we want to accomplish that.

Robin M asked when we would get an opportunity to hear the other group's ideas. Notes submitted from those group meetings will be forwarded to Ruth and attached to minutes.

Questions-

Will county CON effect current CON holders CON's? No it will not.

Questions about county leasing agencies ambulances. Agencies will be responsible for maintenance of vehicles and insurance (Ruth will speak with their insurance carrier at Mike Preis before next meeting and ask about this).

All agreed there will be a discussion on the details once we narrow down the choices at next meeting.

Robin M. – Mutual aid group they were doing with the 3 squads they aren't doing right now but are still helping each other out.

Ann S. – Send out notes from smaller groups to all, have a second smaller groups meeting and take a look at all ideas brought forth and decide on what seems best to each group and bring that back to the July meeting. Matt – possibly appoint a small committee to bring top 2-3 ideas at next meeting to start to come to a decision.

Ruth A- Please listen before keying up the mic to call EMS. Then please keep it short and to the point in case others are trying to call in for something.

Ann S- meet again with the smaller groups and speak with your Supervisors so they know we are aware there is a problem and that we are working on solutions. Get our community involved (like Dana Jonas suggested last meeting).

Rick S suggested we be as fiscally conservative as we can but still achieve the goal. The Legislators are aware we need to fix our EMS system and present it as a unified group.

Ian C – because of the Benjamin Study they are aware. EMS is very different than 40 years ago when stay at home Mom's staffed most of the agencies.

Pete G- handouts for Mental Health and flyer from Sullivan County. Includes a list of resources available in the county for the public. Please hand out and there is also a pdf available. You can contact Pete or call 845/292-2680 for more information or handouts. There is suicide prevention training available. Webinar for EMS Professionals. There is a link on Mamakating's page. June 21 18:00 – 20:00 hours.

Narcan – Grahamsville hasn't gotten a call back from Public Health about getting nasal narcan from them. Alex will get them a contact to help with that.

Alex- Sullivan County is the first "Leave Behind" program.

Next meeting – August 4th

Motion to Adjourn – Ann S, 2nd Tony L – so carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:30

Ruth Ackermann, Secretary