

Meeting was already in progress upon my arrival with a guest speaker from sc mental health. There was talk of a crisis stabilization center for Sullivan County through the one currently operating in Dutchess County. There is currently a 988 number. Possibly a two fold rfp and looking at rfps from entities for help with the mental health situation. Meeting s with urgent cares about evaluating these patients, It is a matter of expanding their skills to make proper evaluations with what resources are available. Peter Goodman mentioned Sullivan county is already to open one what happened? There is supposedly no space available for this facility. Discussion followed on pd is called, ems is called, ems gets on scene after the pd and the pd are saying they want nothing to do with it turn the patient over to ems. SC mental health and alex are working closely with dutchess county. Alex mentioned that Broome and dutchess county receive a 911 call instead of sending an ambulance they refer the call to a 988# to make a referral to an agency. Albee mentioned mobil mental health team we are thinking transport, touched on who would be doing the transport and does it actually require an ambulance. Aileen Gunther has a 500,000 grant didn't know what to do with this money albee told her to put it towards mental health services. Maybe some of this money can be used for transport of these patients. The current mobil crisis team is currently through rockland psych.

Second guest speaker from E5 Support Services. Discussed on how we can remain a volunteer agency but have paid members to help with staffing issues. They assist our organizations they don't come in and take over. They get approval for you to work with other agencies, provide training, do qa/qi, they are a professionally paid company, have workmans comp and other insurance. You must agree to a minimum of a 6 month contract if you sign up to work with them. How many hours and how much pay is up to each individual agency. Discussion followed information was handed out and agencies told to call steve to set up an appointment if interested in their services.,

Regular meeting was called to order.

Nancy apologized for being late was on a call, asked if everyone had received the minutes, alex said he did not and asked for them to be sent to him. Motion to accept both sets of minutes by robin 2<sup>nd</sup> by susan.

Alex Rau: please get the letters for your agency delegate to ann marie by the end of the year.

Hopefully we will be getting back to a more normal state from all the covid.

Member appreciation from the Benjamin study and ems awards are being successful.

Appreciation banners are posted at the hospitals

Ems coordinators are going to be going out to all the agencies to introduce themselves and see how they can be of service.

Aed's were serviced throughout the county for agencies.

Continued training in the county, boces will be doing a firefighter and or emt program for grades 9 thru 12 by the time you graduate you will be certified. This should be starting next year. Bob Defore would like to try to ensure that students who take this program work with their local fire and or ems agencies. Emt program at the college continuing.

Cpr & aed training to all county employees

Cpr for fire fighter down training for all agencies

Recruitment and retention program

Ann Steimle is not going to be replaced at this time.

Ruth thanked alex for backing her up when she needed to be there for her husband.

BY-Laws nothing

Susan: spoke briefly on the paid mutual aid/rfp but jeff has all of her numbers, they did do some calculating. End result 2bls, 2als and fly cars. Possible cost 1.5 to 2 million a year. Rigs would be posted in the liberty Monticello areas so they could go in either direction. Ruth thought that whatever units we decided on would be contingent on the 911 center and who has crews available for the determination of location. What about having a home location, somewhere for restocking, bathroom use etc. We don't want this to step on other agencies either. Was going to suggest tonight that we move forward with 2 & 2. Robin mentioned E5 services vs rfp. 2 agencies that cannot currently bid on the rfp but can assist with training, paid by which ever agency wins the bid. Ruth asked about the availability of mobile medic medics and do we really need to add two als fly cars. Albee wont present anything tonight regarding volunteer mutual aid tonight. Maybe we are a little premature as to what we are trying to do, there are changes going on but he is not at liberty to elaborate right now maybe by the next advisory board meeting. There is supposed to be more availability with what changes are coming. He feels that there are very positive things coming. Ruth feels that we are just continually tableing things and not being progressive/productive. we should continue to move forward with this.

Old business: albee mutual aid committee albee has been very ill the last few months and they have not met in the last month and a half. They will continue to meet before the next meeting and have a report. 2 page system it has been working for the positive, peter goodman is very much in favor of continuing motion by ruth 2<sup>nd</sup> by susan to continue.

New business: email the new emt schedule to everyone, nancy will do that. Peter mentioned the mci at the casino and a job well done by everyone. Alex mentioned two other major incidents the structure fire in fallsburg and a center for discovery house fire where there were 18 people at the resident, 14 of whom were in wheel chairs. Hats off to all agencies. Again reminder to get all delegate letters for your agency done. Norman thanked everyone for their accomplishments and their support of him stepping up to fill in for matt.

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Motion to adjourn peter 2<sup>nd</sup> susan all in favor

p.s. we are going to have some new delegates does anyone have a copy of the bylaws for the organization that they can provide me with,