

October 5th 2022

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours by co-chair prentice, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Attendance done.

Guest speaker David Grass from remSCO, he is the president of remSCO and a member of the orange county EMS council. He spoke on staffing issues and how NYS has 60,000 providers and only 35,000 are showing up on the EPCR's. What will EMS look like in 2025. There is a lot of grant money available. Possibly regional money to be tapped by all agencies. What does it look like for the next generation, goal is to work collectively. Multiple solutions were presented but mostly came down to how the younger generation is into electronics. Maybe have some kind of lounge and electronics so that the members can hang out at the building to peak their interests. Dave said that if anyone has any questions or would just like to reach out to him in general to contact him.

Asked if everyone had received the previous minutes or if they needed to be read, they were read but a shortened version. Motion by Sue to accept seconded by Tony all in favor. It was mentioned that all agencies please start to consider who their delegates will be for next year as the names need to be submitted to the legislators by the end of the year.

By Laws – none

Old Business – Sue spoke on the mutual aid presentation and how she is basically a one man committee. Ann Bivins spoke on “all” of the delays. Wanted to know how more ambulances are going to make a difference with distances and timing. Sue mentioned maybe specific staging areas of the ambulances would be a better option. Ann cannot see any ambulances staging in our area. Ann also mentioned that this could also affect the moral of the home agencies. Ruth mentioned the cost that it would take just to have 2 BLS ambulances in the area. 41 cents per thousand a year ago was the highest. The mention of calling the 911 center if you do or do not have a crew available, so not to wipe out mutual aid. There was a discussion that they paid mutual aid would likely be staged in Liberty for access in both directions. There was a discussion on how this can be difficult because there are times that you may not have someone available and miss a call but two hours later people are available to respond. Alex mentioned that there was one call where they went through 10 agencies just to cover one call for mobile medic. Nancy spoke on how it is getting to be an issue of being called to mutual aid mobile medic and we get really close to the scene and get cancelled because all of a sudden mobile medic has a unit coming from the hospital. This gets expensive both personally and agency wise with the cost of fuel. Norm spoke that we as volunteers should not be allowed to be cancelled if already enroute and are closer. We all agreed that we are about patient care. Discussion followed on the cancellation and who can make that determination etc. Discussion

on paid services and billing. Sue mentioned that specific responses can be put into the rfp. Jeff ashdown spoke about his employment for mobil medic and the cancelling of the volleys. Ruth mentioned that the rfp is to help us and that patient care needs to be a priority. Ruth would like some prices to be sent to nancy so that she can forward them to the members. We have surpassed the time fram to get the rfp for 2022 possibly 2023. Alex mentioned that the county has general funds for priorities. Bids can be out the door by the end of turn of the new year. Alex advised be very cautious as we the advisory board work under the county. Bid documents cannot be shared as it might affect the bidding agency. Sue mentioned she can do the work but cannot write the rfp as she works for a paid agency that might consider bidding on this service. Alex asked for budgeting numbers. Ruth stated lets start small and get in the door. Review the documents, have them sent to one person and go from there.

Alex Rau thanked all agencies for covering calls. There were 300 mutual aid dispatches for july and august alone. The ems bbq went well, thanks to the committee and the donations for making the bbq a success. Congratulations to the award winners. Nominations for next year January and February for notable person. Sullivan County finally had a regional winner. The new rep that replaced Kevin gage is guy carpeako (might be spelled wrong) we will still be doing alternating months between captains meetings and our meetings. Mentioned that maybe in the beginning of the year the secretary with the February minutes could send out a list of dates for next years meetings. Nancy said if she remains secretary that is possible to be done. Alex has reached out with information on recruitment and retention. Mentioned the possibility of each agency maybe forming a welcoming committee to new members to explain what policy and procedures there are. Ems memorial upgrades, discussed the ems memorial ceremony that was held in Albany. The sale of mobile medic to empress is moving forward, totally not known yet how many ambulances or if current services will remain the same.

Ann steimel stepped down as a ems coordinator. Currently nothing in the works to replace her. Karri Jara to reach out to all agencies to meet squads and their members .

Rehab bus is up and running must be a county employee who drives it.

Lack of qa/qi program, jeff crutcher wants to meet with some agencies

Mci unit of equipment resources , also available for training, talk of advanced cpr in the county.

Possibility of an explorer program ages 14 to 18 bring in for training in first aid, cpr stop the bleed, hope to be off the ground by the summer.

EMT classes are underway, cme's emails for lists of trainings for people. Cism programs with boces.

Sullivan life lines is a 6 to 8 hour cme program going to be held march 18th 2023 in Neversink, this will be sent to the regional offices for publication.

Motion to adjourn, all in favor