

SULLIVAN COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MAY 1ST 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman N. Meddaugh.

Moment of silence for the passing of Retired EMS1 and member of Woodbourne EMS Greg Tavormina.

Minutes: Motion Tony 2nd Ruth

By-Laws: Ric mentioned that the county attorneys are not ready to say yes. This body is supposed to be advisory to the legislators, what do they want from us? We are a work in progress there is no specific time frame. Ruth asked if we are not kinda based on the same lines as the fire advisory board and Ric said it is a law that is followed. Too specific when it comes to training. Robin thinks this is a boiler plate to follow. Ruth feels like it is to stall tactics. Basically in review do we stay as the advisory board or do we revert back to the ems council until a decision is made. Louis Alvarez said we can continue as advisory board. Per Mr Alvarez most of the legislators have no idea of what ems is and what we do. There was a question of terms being one year or three year. Louie is here to support us and get things done. He has a lot on his plate so he appointed Dan Buschman to be the representative for him.

EMS study is not finalized there is a contract issue. Albee feels maybe we should get some members of the board to go speak to the legislators. Albee mentioned 223.B which says we can have a member of the legislators on the board. Louie will mention this and ask any of the legislators if they are interested or willing to sit on the advisory board. Maybe a letter from us to the legislators requesting someone sit on our board.

EMS 1 appointment: there is a lot of things being posted publically where is this going? Louie asked for a job description and if it is done. Ric said yes it is done waiting for approval. There will be another vote on Thursday but there was a question is ems 1 and 911 a conflict. There was also a discussion on the term of this position. Albee feels it should be a term of three (3) years but with a review. Ric said as a board we can make a recommendation but the position is a county appointed position and is under Ric. Would it be the internal affairs committee and the board that would do the review. Ruth – there was a discussion at the als meeting on the position of ems 1, Robin asked who gets to choose. The Deputy county manager recommended we put out applications and maybe have someone from out of county. It is technically a civil service position. Louie said went ahead and appointed without a job description. Albee asked for the advisory board to have a copy of the job description and qualifications for our records, do they have to be a valid emt and if so they have one year to get their certification. Albee feels we should review the qualifications, Ann Neversink feels some can be added. Albee asked if the board has any input on the deputy coordinators. Albee

made a motion that we do have a say 2nd by Ann. Would like to know what the guidelines are for the asst. coordinators, how many we would like to have and why. We had 4 Coordinators EMS1 and three asst. Maybe a coordinator for the town of Thompson and the town of Neversink. Dan showed us a map of the current fire coordinators and how we can break up the county and possibly add coordinators. Albee feels we should review before we spend tax dollars and determine how many we need. Neal feels the internal affairs committee should meet and come back to the board with ideas. Discussion for us to support Alex Rau for Sullivan County EMS1, all in favor. Chairman Meddaugh signed a letter of support given to Louie, unanimous vote of yes. Louie stated to let him know as soon as possible what we want we cannot keep running the way we have been. Louie suggested we meet every month for now so we can continue to move forward and get some things done. We are going to remain to meet the first Wednesday of the month and the next meeting will be June 5th. Motion by Norman 2nd by Nancy to meet every month, Ric will look into if the room is available for us. Delegates and captains can ask squads for ideas and suggestions to bring back to the advisory board. Motion to consolidate but to meet with Louis and EMS 1.

Alex : Thanked the organization for their support. He thinks he has a pretty good grasp on how to help EMS. His belief of system is should be 90 % administrative and that the asst. Coordinators should be the ones to assist the individual corps. We have three now we should leave it that way and they should help Alex and should be liaisons between the squads. Alex feels captains meetings are functional and beneficial. Possibly look into how we can blend the two groups. Coordinators should be a part of large events. We need to make district lines reasonable. Would the coordinator have the authority to apply for grants? The county has a grants department and Ric and Alex work together on grants. The county has an office and assets regarding grants. Bernie asked about incentives to get kids in schools involved. Alex mentioned the possibility of one central email list and we have a facebook page. There is an elementary training calendar on the web page and a link if we want to add anything. There is an administrative asst to Alex her name is Erin.

Education: The awards were just done through the region. For the first time in a long time there were two nominations from Sullivan county. There are 5 categories for the awards, Albee feels we need to participate in these awards but they need to be special dedication not just throw names in. Neal thanked Ann for her education day. 70 people attended and there were 6.5 hours of CME credit. Next years date set for March 21st 2020. Neal touched on the measles situation and what to look for and had a handout. The patient does not come into the hospital there is a separate location, ambulance decon for 2 hours after transport. Bernie mentioned how the camps are trying to do the proper paperwork, and how they are going to deal with and contain the situation of someone should have measles. Neversink to hold a Narcan training on 5/13

Twiaige: started today. Robin questioned about an email from Twiaige. Alex said yes an email went out from John McKay.

Summer is coming be ready, try to get your crews out. Hospital has been very busy. Bernie stated June 10th and 11th is another holiday. Karrie asked if Mobil Medic has a rig at the casino and water park. Bernie asked about Woodstock in Watkins Glen and if it is gonna be here, Ric stated we are starting to plan but we don't know how many people are expected.

HVREMSCO: Greg's term ends today. Ric asked about Greg's term and wasn't he the delegate due to his position as EMS1? It would be the coordinator so Alex will assume the position. Albee and Neal also sit.

Norman mentioned first responding to calls and how is 911 recognizing this on the stats. Can we get first responders counted or is it just the ambulance. If first responder treats and Mobil Medic transports can it count. Ruth mentioned things like that should be kept in house and should be submitted for the survey. Ann says it is dispatches. Bottom number is the number of pages for your agency. Connor spoke about how he keeps records and each agency should develop a way to keep reports and how they want to break it down. The last time response times and stats were last done at the first round table. Alex mentioned that in the CAD system 63 EMT unit on scene does calculate as EMT on scene. It would make patient contact stats look better but right now they only put out dispatch stats. It shows dispatches for total number of calls and mutual aid there is currently no column for that. Tiny mentioned how he sends a break down to the town.

911 report: Tower security projects in progress. Continuing the coding mapping for over doses. Ambulances talking directly to the ALS units, there is no need to go through the 911 center. Email went out working on EMS week contact if you want to add anything to the calendar. Wants to see county participate and get on the map. There will be a full legislative meeting on 5/16 at 10 am where the crew from the Manor, Mobil Medic crew and the patient for a presentation. Try to maybe get CPR classes in your buildings from May to June.

Albee spoke on the region and state level for those agencies who bill on how the governor proposes to cut the budget for EMS agencies. Crossover of someone who has Medicare that Medicaid would be secondary. 70% on dollar for Medicare call. There is a lack of volunteers on all levels. Talk about lowering the EMT age requirement to 17. EMS is in a critical stage. Mountain Fest is coming to Bethel Woods. 4 day event open to EMS if anyone wants to work contact Ian. Ian is now deputy director of operations at Mobil Medic. Holiday Mountain EDM concert Memorial Day weekend.

Motion to adjourn Norman 2nd Tony all in favor meeting adjourned 8:55 PM

Respectively submitted
Nancy McLain, Secretary