



*ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY*  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
*ADVISORY BOARD*

January 28, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1903 with Chris Adams in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded. One correction to the minutes of the previous meeting were made which was the letter of interest from Neil Cartin was tabled. Motion was then made by McDougall, seconded by Ann Smith and carried

Members present: Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Carol Muench, Ken Gardner, Don Thompson, Curtis Newtown, Ann Smith, Chris Adams, Craig Ballard, Cindy Rockhill, Kevin Wells, Wayne Love and Brenton LaGrow

Members excused: Jean McLear, Craig Ballard

Members absent: Dr. Greg Healey, Julie Sciori, Storm Cilley

Guests: James Stockman – NCEMS Program Agency, Jackie Brown and Keith Zimmerman

**Correspondences:** 1. The Pinsky law Group will be sponsoring a Fire and EMS Law & Management Conference at the Turning Stone Resort March 27-30, 2014.

**NCEMS Program Agency** – 1. Report was given by Ann. Jim Stockman is now employed as a paramedic at Ft. Drum and Mysti will be moving to a new job with Canton-Potsdam Hospital. Debbie Singleton, REMAC Chairperson, will be running the agency until a new director is appointed.

2. Ann reported the new version 6 PCR's will be 6-8 pages which will require 3 copies, one for the hospital, a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Program Agency, and a copy for the department. The new PCR's will not be printed by the state but only found online. AS for the current PCR's, there is a limited supply available at the Program Agency office. Non-transporting agencies are to use only the 2-page PCR.

3. REMSCO meeting has been rescheduled for 2/24.

4. Any QA/QI issues can still be faxed to the PA office or inquire through Ann to get the chairperson's fax number.

Spring Fling conference will still be held the last weekend in April at the same location, the Edgewood Resort.

**Office of Emergency Services** – Keith Zimmerman reported that a new director has been hired by the name of Mike Lekyer. He is to begin the day-to-day operations sometime mid-February. Keith thanked everyone for assisting him during the recent ice storm.

**Air Methods** – 1. Ann reported receiving site survey for accreditation services which was granted.  
2. Re: incident of cancelling helicopter to MMH. Chris Adams reported he, Ann, Cindy Rockhill and Dr. St. Pierre will meet to discuss this. EMS in the field can ask dispatch to have a helicopter divert to a local hospital if the transporting ambulance is enroute to the ER. Hopefully, a procedure will be developed that both EMS and dispatch can use.

**Unfinished Business** – 1. Narcan kits were made available but are just arriving in the North Country for department use. People coming out of Psychiatric Center will also be given one.

**New Business** – 1. It was reported there has been a drop in performance from repeater 1 and cannot find the problem as yet.  
2. Cindy has concerns over blood glucose testing not being done in the ER. She expects to see an increase in requests for BG testing by the EMS squads. It was also reported that test strips for the ACCU-CHECK are not available.  
3. Cindy also reported that MMH is now open for clinical hours for the Critical Care students in the OR and ER.  
4. Chris reported that all are up for renewal at the end of 2013. The names have been sent to Tammy who will send them to the board of legislators.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on March 25, 2014.

Training dates for training will be either 2/25 or 2/26, or in March on 3/4 or 3/5 at MMH.

Meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Thompson  
Secretary