



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the St. Lawrence County EMS Advisory Board
September 22, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1900 with new chairperson Carol Muench in chair. Roll call taken and duly recorded.

Members present: Ron Hance, Mark Deavers, Craig Ballard, Ann Smith, Carol Muench, Dick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Kevin Wells, Julianne Sciorra, Don Thompson, James Barr, Brenton Lagrow, Joyce Dalton

Members excused: Wayne Love, Storm Cilley

Members absent: Dr. Greg Healey, Ron Koster, Ken Gardner, Gregory Paquin, Julie Henry

Guests: - Mike LeCuyer and Jackie Brown- St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services

Correspondence:

Letter of approval from Board of Legislatures for James Barr and Mark Deavers, we have not officially voted on either. Ann Smith stated she would entertain a motion to vote on both for membership.

Motion made by Ron Hance for the membership of Mr. Barr and Mr. Deavers, seconded by Craig Ballard, all in favor, passed

Letter requesting membership received from David Sherman, owner of Seaway Valley Ambulance

Motion to table until end of meeting after review of open positions on the board made by Ron Hance, seconded by Craig Ballard, all in favor, passed.

Letter requesting endorsement for membership on the North Country Regional EMS Council (REMSCO) and North Country Regional EMS Advisory Committee (REMAC) received from Wayne Love- Discussion on number of vacancies from St. Lawrence County on the REMSCO. Craig stated there were at least four open.

This will also be tabled until later.

Minutes from May- Correction- Chris Adams was excused from the May meeting

Motion to approve May minutes with corrections by Ron Hance, Seconded by Craig Ballard, Motion carried

Office of Emergency Services –

1. Mike LeCuyer gave reports- Attached
 - a. Discussion on types of calls - under medical category it reflects total numbers different than the total amount of calls, this is because calls outside of those categories are not included such as fire stand- by. Multiple agencies may have been dispatched to the call as well, accounting for difference in numbers.

- b. Discussion on unattended death calls, local chief was concerned because ALS ambulance was sent as mutual aid for another department, taking them way out of their district, for an unattended death call. Ann Smith provided Mike LeCuyer with the Regional Protocol on unattended deaths. Mike shared that they have to send an ambulance when they get the call. Following discussion, the committee agreed that an ambulance must be dispatched to an unattended death. Medical should be pronouncing. Discussion on limiting EMS on the scene to preserve any evidence.
- 2. Several new dispatchers have been hired, they are exemplary and are progressing quickly with their training. Have requested to fill position left vacant by Curtis retiring. Statistics have been sent to APCO that will recommend how many dispatchers they should have to show legislature how many dispatchers they should have.

NCEMS Program Agency and REMSCO/REMAC report together

Ann Smith reported they met last night

- a. Program agency has officially change, new website up and running www.ncemsprogramagency.org
- b. No phones in the Program Agency office as of yet, working of cell phones, no ability to roll calls, be sure to leave a message if you are trying to get ahold of program agency
- c. New administrative assistant, Kurt Flubacher
- d. Ann is in Watertown office on Monday and Thursday and is happy to come out to agencies on other days when working out of St. Lawrence County home office.
- e. No State EMS meeting since last meeting, next state meeting scheduled for December 8 & 9.
- f. REMSCO/REMAC 2016 schedule of meetings approved- attached
- g. Spring Fling last weekend in April 28th through 30th next year
- h. Discussion on appropriate hospital destination for patients, committee reactivated for this to look at it closer. Dr. Lorenc has been asked to put together information in regards to the capabilities of Gouverneur hospital.
- i. BLS CPAP has been approved, information will be sent out to all agencies with paperwork that must be submitted to the Region for approval. Region has developed the training presentation for this and it must be taught by a NYS Certified Instructor Coordinator, credentialed to teach at the critical care or paramedic level. This is a state requirement and they provided the curriculum
- j. New policy statement will be coming in regards to the dosage of narcan, questions on the differences in dose between BLS and ALS doses. ALS can use BLS dose if they are giving Intranasal.
- k. Program agency has applied and been approved as an opioid overdose prevention program and will allow us to provide Narcan to BLS agencies and first response.
 - a. Mike added that law enforcement is dispatched automatically on overdose calls, but there is a likelihood that the ambulance may arrive first since law enforcement may be coming from a farther distance. Reminder for everyone to be safe.
 - b. Central NY has changed the ALS protocol for patient restraint due to safety concerns, status post injury to first responders and we are currently working on getting the same changed protocol approved. Haldol should not be given to patients who are suspected to have synthetic cannabis on board.

- l. Gouverneur rescue received endorsement for capability to monitor patients who are receiving Pitocin during Inter-facility transports
- m. Rensselaer Falls received endorsement of ePCR, BLS Narcan and BLS blood glucometry approval
- n. Albuterol and Narcan Training done at Norfolk Rescue
- o. Norfolk Rescue approved for BLS Narcan and to upgrade to the Paramedic level pending receipt of paperwork and inspection of equipment.
- p. BLS protocol updates need to be done by October 30th, be sure to print off test results as they are required for the CIC/CLI to be able to complete the skills session and sign each provider off. I have had requests to do a skills session in Colton and Star Lake. Mark Deavers is doing some in Gouverneur. Don Thompson is doing a session Thursday night at Canton Station and will doing one in Potsdam and for St. Lawrence University.
- q. New Public Access Defibrillation sites- NYS department for people with disabilities in Potsdam and Division of Military and Naval Affairs in Ogdensburg, Morristown Central School, Massena railroad terminal and BJ's warehouse
- r. All ALS providers must be in the online system by December 31st or they will no longer be credentialed in the North Country. Will be scheduling CME managers training. ALS Providers should still be filling paper sheets, CME managers need to verify and keep paper of file.
- s. Robert Meyer, paramedic in Massena approved as a CME evaluator. Current CME manager list is not posted as it needs to be updated.
- t. West Potsdam was approved to be ALSFR at AEMT level
- u. North Lawrence and Tritown approved for BLS Narcan
- v. Colton Fire Department changed their medical director to Dr. Arenas
 - a. They were also approved for BLS blood glucometry
- w. Colormetric CO2 detectors were made optional on minimum ALS equipment list.
- x. Change in officers at the REMSCO as a result of Ann Smith being hired as program agency director and resigning as vice chair to avoid any potential conflict of interest. Debbie Singleton- Chair, Debbie Fults- Vice Chair, David Sherman- Secretary, David Allen- Treasurer.
- y. 4 remaining open positions on Regional Council after filling 2 positions with James Barr and Mark Deavers.

Life Net/Air Methods – No report, Ann has reached out to Business Contact who is covering to make them aware they have a spot on this agenda.

Upcoming Trainings-

Management conference scheduled in September was cancelled due to low enrollment

Vitals Signs coming up the end of October

Don talked about change in date for next year's Initial Assessment Conference it will be May 19th to the 21st next year in Lake Placid.

Old Business –

Membership status- Carol and Ann went through membership roster and make the recommendation to swap the positions that Dick and Phyllis hold. Move Dick to a rescue squad position and Phyllis to a consumer. A large number of positions are up for reappointment at the end of the year.

Motion- to swap position of Dick and Phyllis was made by Craig Ballard, seconded by Chris Adams, all in favor, passed

This leaves an open consumer, open at large, discussion on how the hospitals are represented and who is under what position. Mike will pull the resolution so that we can update our by-laws appropriately.

Discussion as to whether this board wanted to maintain Ann Smith as member and secretary with her change in employment or if it was a conflict and they would like her to resign and become an ex-officio member.

Discussion on sending letters out to members in regards to their intentions, this is the secretary's job to track and she should be sending out letters as directed by the by-laws.

Motion made by Phyllis McDougall that Ann Smith remain a member of the council, seconded by Ron Hance, all in favor, passed

New Business –

October 7th there will be a leadership meeting at Canton Fire Department @ 7 pm, thank you Joyce for setting up. Requesting that one leadership representative from each agency to show up.

Don Thompson shared that the IV tubing at CPH is now the same as what the rescue uses, so that there is less chance of getting the wrong tubing.

Dick McDougall shared that they also have the premix glucagon at CPH

Ann Smith discussed the Check and Inject Program and stated that she would notify everyone once the demonstration project is approved for the Monroe-Livingston Region and the importance of this project.

Discussion on the status of BLS using Supraglottic airways. The region sponsoring this is still awaiting approval. Will need to reach out to all agencies once the program is approved.

Read into minutes potential by-law change to update the number of members and add the positions for the hospitals based on the resolution that was made by the legislature

Motion to change the number of representatives to 24 and update the listing based on the resolution that was made to add the hospital representatives by Craig Ballard, seconded by Chris Adams, all in favor, motion passed.

The next monthly meeting will be at 7pm at the Office of Emergency Services on November 24th, 2015 at 7pm.

Agencies requesting fit testing for N-95, Ogdensburg Fire should be able to do it, Public health, district deputies can do for EMS affiliated with fire department, and hospitals have the capabilities to do it. Discussion on setting up fit testing for EMS agencies, left for agencies to set up trainings

Motion by Ann Smith to endorse Wayne Love for membership to the REMSCO/RECO
Craig Seconded, all in favor, approved

Motion made by Ron Hance to recommend for David Sherman to fill the at large opening on the board, seconded by Ann Smith, all in favor, passed.

Chris Adams asked if there was anyone up for renewal that we needed to discuss their intentions. This was just recently done.

Ann noted that the following were up for reappointment
Chris Adams, Craig Ballard, Storm Cilley, Ken Gardner, Ron Hance, Dick and Phyllis McDougall, Ann Smith, Mark Deavers, James Barr, Carol Muench, Julie Sciorra, Kevin Wells.

Motion by Craig Ballard to send all names that are up for renewal to the legislature, seconded by Dick McDougall, all in favor, passed.

Ann presented scratch rates that were put together. This is only one month's data. This includes first response agencies. This is a work in progress and we need to define specifics of what we want.

Separate first responders

Even if members respond to assist, no ambulance, no response

Ann discussed blood borne exposure and handed out card that outlines what someone should do if exposed and what the hospital should do. Reminder that agencies

Motion made by Ron Hance to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Wells, meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Smith

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TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
 FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
 DATE: September 16, 2015

The following is a report of E-911 calls for July 2015:

	July15	YEAR 2015
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	300	2,392
EMS DISPATCHED	1,550	10,263
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	160	1,006
NYSP DISPATCHED	236	1,336
INFORMATIONALS CALLS	811	2,570
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>729</u>	<u>5,066</u>
 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED	 3,786	 22,633

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	3154
EMS	3370
NYSP	506
SHERIFF	<u>3277</u>
Total	10,307

NYSP Dispatchers Handled:

911	36
EMS	778
NYSP	3056
SHERIFF	<u>77</u>
TOTAL	3,947

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR JULY: 14,254
 YTD: 97,287

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TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator
FROM: James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations
DATE: September 2, 2015

The following is a report of E-911 calls for August 2015:

	August 15	YEAR 2015
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	310	2,702
EMS DISPATCHED	1,527	11,790
LOCAL PD CALL FOR SERVICE	265	1,271
NYSP DISPATCHED	264	1,600
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	1014	3,584
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>753</u>	<u>5,819</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED	4,133	27,766

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	3124
EMS	3475
NYSP	490
SHERIFF	<u>3356</u>
Total	10,445

NYSP Dispatchers Handled:

911	39
EMS	803
NYSP	3009
SHERIFF	<u>79</u>
TOTAL	3,930

TOTAL PHONE CALLS HANDLED FOR AUGUST: 14,375
YTD: 112,676

*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, test calls

*Michael LeCuyer, Director
James Chestnut, Supervisor of Dispatch Operations*

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ST LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

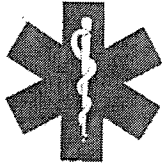
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Nature of Call	Total Calls Received	% of Total
911 OTHER	1	0.11
ABDOMINAL PAIN	38	4.21
ACCIDENT W/ INJURY	2	0.22
ALARM-LIFELINE	45	4.99
ALLERGIES (REACTION) STINGS BIT	8	0.89
ASSIST-CITIZEN	4	0.44
ASSIST-EMS/FIRE	3	0.33
ASSIST-OTHER POLICE AGENCY	2	0.22
BACK PAIN	18	2.00
BREATHING PROBLEMS	77	8.54
CARDIAC RESPIRATOR ARREST/DEAT	13	1.44
HEART ATTACK	67	7.43
PREGNANCY MISCARRIAGE	7	0.78
CHOKING	2	0.22
CONVULSIONS OR SEIZURES	32	3.55
DIABETIC SHOCK OR COMA	28	3.10
DUPLICATE CALL	2	0.22
UNKNOWN EMERGENCY	6	0.67
Ems	10	1.11
FALL	126	13.97
HEADACHE	4	0.44
HEAT/COLD EXPOSURE	1	0.11
HEMORRHAGE LACERATION	21	2.33
INTOXICATED PERSON	1	0.11
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	4	0.44
OVERDOSE POISONING	7	0.78
FIRE SERV CALL	1	0.11
SICK PERSON	208	23.06
CARDIOVASCULAR ACCIDENT	23	2.55
PATIENT TRANSFER	50	5.54
TRAUMATIC INJURY	26	2.88
UNCONSCIOUS PERSON	58	6.43
MAN DOWN	6	0.67
WELFARE CHECK	1	0.11
Total Calls:		902

Report Includes:

- All dates between `00:00:00 08/01/15` and `23:59:59 08/31/15`
- All nature of incidents
- All cities
- All types matching `e`
- All priorities
- All agencies

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2016 REMAC/REMSCO SCHEDULE

Monday – January 4th, 2016

REMAC 4:00 p.m.

REMSCO 7:00 p.m.

Monday – April 4th, 2016

REMAC 4:00 p.m.

REMSCO 7:00 p.m.

Spring Fling – Thursday, April 28th, 2016 (evening only)

Friday, April 29th, 2016 (all day pre-conference)

Saturday, April 30th, 2016 (ALS & BLS Lectures)

Monday – June 6th, 2016

REMAC 4:00 p.m.

REMSCO 7:00 p.m.

Monday – September 19th, 2016

REMAC 4:30 p.m.

REMSCO 7:00 p.m.

- ✧ All meetings will be held at the Bruce M. Wright Conference Center (1291 Faichney Drive, Watertown)
- ✧ Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m.
- ✧ REMAC CQI Committee will meet *immediately* following the REMAC meeting