

Sullivan County EMS Advisory Board Meeting

April 12th 2023

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Susan Sherwood.

Susan introduced a guest – Rob Stuck from Empress. Albee spoke before allowing Rob to speak. Rob was there to put a name to the face and to explain the intentions of Empress and what the accomplishments are for the future. Rob said they hope to have an EMS academy here in Sullivan County.

Ellenville, Bon Secours and Goosetown are on board with Empress, by the end of the summer we should be on board and in full swing here in Sullivan County. Rob is currently working with Justin on some of the issues here in Sullivan County. Albee said that Sullivan County has been reaching out to Rob with issues but Albee feels that we in Sullivan County should still be reaching out to Justin first. The main goal is to get people and ambulances out on the road to be serving people.

Motion by Robin 2nd by John to accept the previous minutes all in favor.

Mutual Aid Committee: they met and Albee said he has received some phone calls about mobile medic leaning on the volunteer services for mutual aid. Albee and Rob mentioned that they are hoping for improvements late spring early summer. Albee mentioned that staffing is an issue. Albee claims that they are having to lean on us because they are busy. Turn around time for a mobile medic rig is 20 to 25 minutes. Albee's proposal and his committee agrees to copy Orange County's system. 911 calls get turned over to MLS dispatch center,

Propose for a trial period of 90 days that 911 turns calls over to mobile medic dispatcher who will call the family to get more details as why they need help and make a determination if in fact an ALS call or if call can be turned over to nearest BLS if necessary for mutual aid. Albee has done stats over the last 3 months on calls into the 911 center from January thru March. 25 percent come in ALS and become BLS. The upgrade from BLS to ALS is 3 to 6 percent. Recommended we review the EMD system to see if the questions asked are detailed enough and possibly adjust the system. Mutual Aid Committee would like our input. Jeff Ashdown recommends we wait to try this until the fall as Hatzolah will be stealing calls.

Peter Goodman mentioned about calls being questioned and analyzed through mobile medic, that are received by the 911 center that are mobile medic districts, they get them if they are a priority, if not call them and get more detail than what 911 is getting. Just because we are going to be getting busy there is going to be more of a strain. Peter is all for recommendations and agrees that we go through the EMD. We also really need to talk to the public safety commissioner. We need to start to do our homework as we only have 2 months until the summer starts.

Albee has spoken to the legislators and they want him to move forward with the situation with the mental health calls. Albee also mentioned that he attended the drug task force meeting. Sullivan County now has a mobile mental health system available. Discussion on a ADN form that is a required Medicare form that is a separate form from your EPCR for agencies that bill. Question was can it be added to the tablet.

Susan mentioned that some of this will hopefully minimize the mutual aid cancellation of the volunteers to mobile medic. Jeff Ashdown feels that we should have the option to request als or not, let us get on scene first. EMD is the issue, ulster county has hired a private consultant to look into reviewing the emd system. ET3 program empers has this program where you treat in place but not able to get up and running real soon in Sullivan county. They do roughly 5 a week currently in DUtchess county. DUtchess County is also doing a community paramedicine program which has scheduled appointments/visits to residents. The et3 program gives an option for different patient dispositions other than an rma or transport to an er. Possibly a transport to an urgent care.

Also looking into people being transported by officers or do they ride with us for certain mental health calls.

Albee received a call from an agency that couldn't get into a fire scene, cpr was being done. Person was told to talk to John Hauschild and to go to scvfa with the issue. Agencies should work, drill together and try to have a friendly dialogue especially on active scenes. Albee mentioned the firefighter down cpr program that is being offered throughout the county. Ems to fire and the rehab that is available and when is it needed.

Mutual aid committee are we moving forward or do we want more information. The committee needs more time between now and the summer to reach out to neighboring counties. Peter recommended that the mutual aid committee make guide lines to revamping the emd system for review.

Contract committee: susan went over the Benjamin study – how far have we gone through the five phases. We need to get ems declared as a essential service, albee will confirm that the letter was written. Do we want to commit to a county wide system with the ems coordinator at the systems head?

Education is continuing. Ems provider recognition is continuing

Phase 2 – county con, mutual aid committee, battallions discussed, simultaneous dispatching. Sue still hasn't gotten numbers from agencies to come up with percentages.

Discussion on getting rip reports, when susan gets them she will forward them to nancy and she will then forward to the delegates. Question if the mutual aid on the rip reports is received or given? To figure out mutual aid given we need to go through our own records.

Jeff mentioned do mobile medic dispatchers have to be emd certified. Susan congratulated mountaindale for being 100 percent.

Sue gave alex rau's report. Alex said that if he was reappointed to the region that he would update them with a letter.

Albee mentioned that the ems council that dedication is very important and that every delgatae has to be on a committee. Jeff Ashdown is interested in being an alternate. Alex was nominated by peter 2nd by ann. Neal texted marc to see if he is still interested. John nominated jeff 2nd by peter as alternte.

Albee spoke to nick salamone, the letter was sent out to the governor months ago. Maybe another letter should be sent out to the new governor. Rob mentioned that it is still in committee not in the budget yet.

New Business: albee has been speaking with mike martucci regarding the bill that albee wrote that is being co-sponsored by assemblywoman Gunther. The bill is known as move left – move right where is

ems going when we respond. Instead of down the right we will go down the middle. This will probably take a year to get passed. Both houses do have it for consideration.

Motion by Robin 2nd by Peter for adjournement.

Meeting adjourned at 2042PM

Respectively Submitted
Nancy McLain, Secretary