

REMSCO Meeting

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2010

Mountain Lakes office, Queensbury NY

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Patty Bashaw

Roll Call:

Members present or by phone – Patty Bashaw, John Broderick, Storm Treanor, Tammy Tromblee, Micki Guy, Buzz Sawyer, Brian Langdon, Scott Harwood, Bruce Barry, Mary Jane Connors, Kevin White, Gary Scidmore

Guests – Dave Lavergne and Peter Berry

State Representatives – Mary Ramo and Joe Farrell

Staff – Guy Goodell and Travis Howe

Patty opened the meeting with a presentation by Peter Berry, owner and CEO of Emergency Management Resources. Presentation was on the benefits of EPCR use and region wide cohesiveness.

Presentation by Dave Lavergne on forming a region wide “co op” that would be run by himself. His hope is that if squads join forces they can buy supplies at cheaper rates.

Previous minutes – there were no questions or comments. Minutes accepted.

Finance Report – Report given by Storm Treanor and accepted. Guy Goodell and Travis Howe gave an update on current financial situation. Explained the vouchering and funding system used for program agencies by the state. Expressed that it is difficult to save money. You voucher for what you spend and if you do not spend your budget you risk not getting the same amount of money the following contract.

REMAC Report –

-Doctor Broderick stated that there were a number of ALS renewals looked at and processed at the meeting.

-It was discussed and agreed upon that the current staffing and response requirements needs more “teeth”. If it is 24/7 ALS coverage that is desired it must be clearly spelt out for the squads.

- Dispatching discussed. REMAC advisory will be sent out saying that all EMS calls in the region should be dispatched by EMD dispatching.

- Mutual Aid was discussed. If squads have holes in their schedules they need to notify dispatch so they can be put on Automatic Mutual Aid.

- The REMAC would like to see all squads utilizing narcotics.
- It was discussed that minutes from all meetings need to be produced quicker. Minutes and advisories need to be put on the web site as soon as possible.
- Two squads had their ALS certification extended through July and will be discussed at the next meeting due to response issues.
- The formulary will be looked at during the July REMAC meeting.
- Annual CME and Skills sheets will be revised.

Ed Corp report – Scott Harwood

- The Ed Corp is expecting some money to come in soon. This money will help to pay back Mountain Lakes Council.
- AHA Instructor update done
- CIC Course scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- 14 Students registered for the NCCC/HVCC medic program

Storm Treanor – Clinton County has six courses that include FR through CCT. She reports that Clinton County is doing ok financially.

Mountain Lakes “Initial Assessment Conference” will be held September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Courses will include PHTLS and AMLS. There will be a skills room and the annual banquet will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Jane Connors/CON

- Motion to change Lamoilles License. Proposed change is from Inner Facility to regular Operating Authority. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micki Guy. No objections. Carried.

Patty read a letter from Eric Catalfamo. Eric requests to become a REMSCO board member representing Washington County. Motion by Storm to accept, Second by Buzz, Carried.

NYS DOH BEMS Report – Joe Farrell and Mary Ramo

- Joe is urging all squads to take a look at how they are currently operating. Issues with CON's and operating outside of one's territory are not going to go away. Joe is willing to sit down with any squad to discuss these issues.
- Mary stated that they will be out and about more doing spot checks and such. Ambulances need to be secured. Especially if squad has narcotics.

-It was noted that DOH enforcements should be sent out with minutes.

-SEMAC Minutes – Report given by Storm.

-Rockwell Falls Ambulance is requesting to switch to EPCR's. Motion to accept by Buzz. Second by Scott. Carried. Micki Guy abstained due to conflict.

-Request from our CPA to utilize online banking. Bank needs an official vote from council. Motion by Micki. Second by Buzz. Carried.

-Patty stated that she will appoint a nominating committee for July meeting.

-Patty stated that there may be a possibility that Mountain Lakes can lease space at Glens Falls Hospital which would cost less. Motion by Storm to move to GFH if it works. Second by Buzz. Carried. Gary Scidmore abstained due to conflict.

-NYS Vital Signs Conference will be held in NYC this year. It is rumored that rooms are going quick.

-Motion to adjourn meeting by Buzz. Second by Storm. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm