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CORPORATE MEETING

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SULLIVAN COUNTY

ALBEE BOCKMAN
GREG TAVORMINA

ULSTER COUNTY

VICTOR WORK
KELLY NELSON

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MR. CUOMO: Good evening, everybody. We
might as well get started with tonight's
meeting. Let's begin with the roll call.

MS. LEONE: Dutchess County.

Mike Witkowski?

MR. WITKOWSKI: Here.

MS. LEONE: Dave Violante?

Joan Siebert?

MS. SIEBERT: Here.

MS. LEONE: Cathi Tegtmeir?

Jennifer Manzi?

Cathy Greiner?

Maryann Baker?

Dee Sagendorph?

Orange County.

Joann Cheney?

Ben Conques?

Rebecca Stage?

MS. STAGE: Here.

MS. LEONE: Andy LaMarca?

Kelly Makuen?

MS. MAKUEN: Here.

MS. LEONE: Israel Knobloch?

Frank Cassanite?

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Dawn Marshall?
Putnam County.
Robert Cuomo?
MR. CUOMO: Here.
MS. LEONE: David Jacobsen?
MR. JACOBSEN: Here.
MS. LEONE: Matthew Bondi?
MR. BONDI: Here.
MS. LEONE: John Koster?
Rockland County.
Kitty Rooney Koch?
MS. KOCH: Here.
MS. LEONE: Kim Lippes?
MS. LIPPES: Here.
MS. LEONE: Nick Rusiecki?
MR. RUSIECKI: Here.
MS. LEONE: Michael Murphy?
MR. MURPHY: Here.
MS. LEONE: Desiree Leone -- here.
Neil Dahan?
MR. DAHAN: Here.
MS. LEONE: Bernice Garatti?
Ron Levi?
Sullivan County.

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Albee Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: Here.

MS. LEONE: Greg Tavormina?

MR. TAVORMINA: Here.

MS. LEONE: Neil Meddaugh?

Heidi Stack?

Ulster County.

Victor Work?

MR. WORK: Here.

MS. LEONE: Rich Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Here.

MS. LEONE: Gary Horowitz?

Richard Muellerleile?

Kelly Nelson?

MS. NELSON: Here.

MS. LEONE: Seventeen.

MR. CUOMO: Well, that means we have a quorum. Excellent. Okay.

On the minutes -- I trust the minutes were circulated and everybody --

MR. WORK: I move we adopt the minutes that were circulated.

MS. KOCH: Second.

MR. CUOMO: We have a motion and a

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second. Is there a discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? So moved.

Okay, the executive committee had a meeting just before this one, that's why everybody was like out in the hall and couldn't come in. And one of the things that was discussed was since we have now, in effect, the new collaborative protocols there has been for a while a free iPhone app available and that was done through REMO, correct?

MR. HUGHES: Yes.

MR. CUOMO: And, well, I guess there is an interest in having an Android app. There is no free Android app for this, for the collaborative protocols. For them to create it would cost around \$6,000.00 and basically what we are being asked is if we can contribute to that. And I believe our contribution would be no more than 1,500; is that right?

MR. HUGHES: That's correct. Let me

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correct on the iPhone app, REMO paid for the iPhone app, that's why it's free.

MR. CUOMO: Right. So we would be paying our portion into this so that there would be a free Android app for the same protocol.

DR. STUTT: It would be cheaper to buy everyone iPhones -- just kidding.

MR. CUOMO: I'm sure everybody would like to have one but -- yeah, Vic?

MR. WORK: I move we contribute up to \$1,500.00 for the Android app.

MR. TAVORMINA: Second the motion.

MR. CUOMO: Well, we have a motion and a second. So is there any discussion?

MS. STAGE: Is there money for that?

MR. CUOMO: Actually, we have the money for that --

MR. HUGHES: Yes, we do.

MR. WORK: We saved a lot on the audit so --

MR. CUOMO: Yeah. Any other -- in the back?

MR. RUSIECKI: Are you going to ask for

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Windows phones, an app for Windows phone next?

MR. HUGHES: Probably if there was enough requests for it, but I think on the Windows you could download the pdf and read it off Adobe Reader on Windows.

MR. CUOMO: That's true -- so there.

Any other discussion?

Okay, all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? So moved.

The other thing that we discussed was something that we want to look ahead the coming year. We all know that, you know, we have deliverables that we are required to accomplish through our contract with the State, which obviously we have been doing. But we wanted to field some ideas for some goals for some projects that we might want to, you know, take on that maybe, you know, consistent with our deliverables, but not, you know -- but maybe not just sticking to the deliverables. So we are going to be doing some brain storming regarding that.

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One of the things that was discussed possibly doing was coming out with an EMS leadership training similar to something being done in Orange County, like an EMS officers training course. That was one idea.

But I'm sure there are many others out there, so we are going to be doing some brain storming in the coming weeks. If any of you have any ideas for, you know, any projects that you would like to see the region take on please feel free to let us know. And, you know, we will add those to the list of things we are considering. But, I mean, we think it's an important thing to do to move forward and to keep us active in our field.

MR. MURPHY: Question?

MR. CUOMO: Yes, Mike?

MR. MURPHY: Do we have a list of what our deliverables are --

MR. CUOMO: Yes, we do. You are not the first person to ask that question --

MR. MURPHY: I'm sure that many people on the Council don't know what the deliverables are so we don't know what the

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baseline workload of the office and the region is required to do so that we can kind of figure out what might we want to put on top of that. In other words, if 70 percent of the work is deliverables and we come up with project that is going to take up 50 percent of the time the math is wrong.

MR. CUOMO: Right. Right. Well, we are going to be putting all that to paper. I mean, all of our deliverables are outlined in the contract with the State.

MR. MURPHY: Right.

MR. CUOMO: We were just having the discussion before the meeting that we are going to have Bill pull those out and make a nice list for us that we can --

MR. WORK: No more than two pages.

MR. CUOMO: Yeah, no more than two pages. So, yes, we will have that.

Okay, I have some letters here -- well, first of all, the schedule -- is this going out to everybody?

MR. HUGHES: Well, everybody always asks when the next meeting is and that's what we

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are scheduled for right now, if anyone is interested or needs to know.

MR. CUOMO: Well, I just have a list of our scheduled meetings for 2014. Tonight, so that was one. The next one is going to be May 14th, which is always our annual meeting. The next one will be October 22nd and the last one of 2014 will be December 10th.

And I also have some letters here from the county councils regarding delegate changes. Because as you all know we adopted a bylaw change that alters the number of delegates and alternates. So we still have the same membership, it's just that each county council will have one less delegate and one more alternate basically.

(Bernice Garatti entered the hearing.)

MR. CUOMO: So we have received letters from some of the councils so I'll just read those.

One here is from Putnam County EMS Council. In accordance with the HV REMSCO restructuring of delegates and alternates Putnam County EMS Council is submitting the

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following change to its delegate alternate compliment: Individuals to remain as delegates, Bob Cuomo, Dave Jacobsen and Matt Bondi; individual changing to alternate is John Koster. And that's from Putnam County.

From Sullivan County, Sullivan County EMS Advisory Council has elected the following officials as delegates to the Regional Council: Delegates, Greg Tavormina will continue his current position until 2015; newly elected, Albee Bockman, Neil Meddaugh; alternates, Carrie Jara, Heidi Stack and Matt Goldsmith. And that's from Sullivan County.

Then we have Orange County. This is our current list for the Hudson Valley Regional Council delegates as per the bylaw changes from last year: Delegate, Kelly Makuen, delegate, Ben Conques, delegate, Joann Cheney, delegate, Andy LaMarca, delegate, Becky Stage; alternate, Frank Cassanite, alternate, Dawn Marshall, and alternate, Israel Knobloch.

And then we have Ulster County. The

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following are Ulster County's delegates to the EMS Council: They do have one open position, Kelly Nelson, alternate, Vic Work, delegate, Rich Parrish, delegate, Gary Horowitz, delegate. And Rich -- I'll just say Rich M. -- Muellerleile --

DR. STUTT: Muellerleile.

MR. CUOMO: What he said -- so that is from Ulster County. And that is the sum of the letters we received so far.

So at this moment I would entertain a motion to accept these changes?

MS. KOCH: Motion to accept the changes.

MS. SIEBERT: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Motion and second. Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? So moved.

Treasurer's report. Mike?

MR. WITKOWSKI: Currently the balances in the accounts are: Council account, \$43,788.05; payroll account, \$18,768.35; program agency, \$108,358.42; total assets,

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\$170,914.82.

Bills are all up-to-date.

And we completed the audit with a new auditor. I just received the audit report this evening, we have not had an opportunity to go through it. The one thing I can say is that there was nothing materially found through the audit, all our accounting practices are correct and everything looks good. There was some minor recommendations, but we will get them out as soon as we have the opportunity to review the whole document. That's all I have.

MR. CUOMO: Okay.

MR. HUGHES: I would like to add one thing with that. The State vouchers were paid up, you know, on all our State vouchers. They do not owe us any money, which is the first time in years that has been, but they are paid up.

MR. CUOMO: Okay. Motion to accept?

MS. KOCH: Motion to accept.

MS. SIEBERT: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Discussion?

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All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed?

Motion to pay the bills?

MS. KOCH: Motion to pay the bills.

MR. WORK: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed?

I'd just like to see us once not approve that and see what happened -- just kidding.

Regional office staff report. Bill?

MR. HUGHES: Okay, the -- we went through our course sponsorship audit and we have a letter saying that we are to continue as a course sponsorship until June of 2015 under the Hudson Valley Council name. So we still have our number, we are at CFR, EMTB and specialty.

Last couple of weeks I was bugging everybody about the EMS For Kids survey. New York State did finish 80 percentage, unfortunately we were at 79 percent. We

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didn't do our share. We had 9 agencies that did not respond. Actually, I guess the better way to say it is we had 79 percent of our agencies, which is 33 of them did respond, even though we had 9 that didn't. But the State did make the 80 mark and so the EMS For Kids grant has been secured for another year.

I would like to remind everybody that just recently in your mail you should have gotten the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council award applications, they are due back in the office on May 2nd. You know, spend the time and effort to recognize all our friends and colleagues in the EMS for their outstanding service and duty they have done.

Couple other announcements, we have a new person in Westchester Medical Center, new emergency medicine manager, George Dechon, D-E-C-H-O-N. He is replacing Scott Phillips who is over there. I don't know if you people deal with him a lot, but he will be handling everything on the emergency services aspect.

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One of the new things that were added to the deliverables, since we were talking about them just recently, is the RTAC, which is the Regional Trauma Advisory Council, which requires the -- I guess -- I'm not sure how it's worded, but the office here is supposed to support the RTAC however they can. And they should split it with anybody else -- any other region that is involved, which is Westchester because there is a common Hudson Valley RTAC. I have been attending the meetings, there are -- have been a lot of things coming out of it addressing trauma in our area. In our region we have a lot of the hospitals are changing -- or I forget what it's called -- AP or ASP -- I don't know. They're changing their certifications --

MR. PARRISH: They are going to the American College of Surgeons, is it ACO -- ACS? American College of Surgeons going from level one, level twos to four levels. In fact -- where is it? I thought I had it in my notes -- but Orange Regional is going for a level two. St. Francis is staying level

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two. St. Luke's and Good Sam are staying level twos. Westchester is going to be a level one. And then they are looking at other community hospitals, you know, level threes, level fours. And that's a national standard that they are going to now.

MR. HUGHES: So one of the things that is coming out of that is that the hospital and the emergency rooms have to play a bigger part with EMS. And they're asking for different things from us through the RTAC and they are coming back with different studies that they are doing. And one of the things they are looking at is the tranexamic acid for bleeds and that is going to be something they are looking at.

They are looking at trying to regionalize the ages so an adult is an adult because right now Westchester has a different age for pediatrics versus some of the other hospitals and is different than what happens when you fly a patient because the helicopter protocols have different ages. So they are trying to get all of that together and work

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together on that.

They did give us some information about patients that are transferred to Westchester Medical Center, where they come from and what condition they are in when they do come. And there is going to be a study as to whether they should have went right to Westchester rather than stopping at one of the other hospitals on the way.

And there is going to be another study with traumatic brain injury that is being hosted, or all the research, or the resources of Westchester Medical Center will be used for that. So we have been doing some stuff with that.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 9th.

But as a result of that I've already gotten -- one of the things that they had talked about -- one of the doctors is Dr. Berkowitz, who is also the Westchester Medical Center representative on our REMAC, so he sits on our REMAC as our regional trauma center physician. And he is looking

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to standardize some of the critical care transport stuff. And he's already sent out trying to get a fact sheet so that anybody that is transporting a critical care will know what is going on. And, you know, have the basic information that the REMAC thinks they should have. I was trying to coordinate that between Westchester Medical Center, Westchester REMAC and our REMAC. So we will see some stuff and we will hear some stuff coming in out of REMAC.

We talked about that -- I'm trying to think because we talked about some of this stuff already.

All of the instructor classes, we have the class numbers assigned for it and I'm sure education will go over that.

Dr. Murphy from the chair of the REMAC has been hitting some of the counties. I know she went to Orange County and Sullivan County to make some presentations about BLS and how it is all fitting together with the new protocols. And if -- I think that's it.

We are going to be looking at the

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helicopter protocol, that's our next big project we are doing.

MR. CUOMO: Thank you, Bill. Any questions?

Okay, medical director's report. Dr. Stutt?

DR. STUTT: Not much to report in terms of medical director but I do have REMAC and in the absence of Dave Violante I'll right to that.

MR. CUOMO: That's fine.

DR. STUTT: Touching back on the Regional Trauma Advisory Committee, I believe Nyack is also continuing as a level two --

MR. PARRISH: Right. And I also -- on my notes is Vassar is looking at level two or three, right.

DR. STUTT: So at the last REMAC in March earlier this month several of the issues that were discussed, a lot of it focused on protocols. All of the collaborative protocols have been implemented with nary a glitch, it seems to be working smoothly. We are still looking to --

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protocol committee is still meeting, met earlier this week as matter of fact. And what we are looking at now is providing the roll out for the test for all of the incoming medics and incoming physicians, everybody else has been put through that and successfully completed that.

Some of the issues relative to the protocols are there is protocol regarding a cardiac arrest protocol that involves return of spontaneous circulation. And there has been a protocol for hypothermia with directions to go to a hypothermia center, a hospital that can maintain hypothermia in a postcardiac arrest patient. There is some evidence based medicine reviews of emergency medicine literature that suggest that that may not be the way we want to go. There's some controversy with it, it's going to be reviewed and will be reviewed by the Collaborative Protocols Committee, all of the groups together to decide if that is going to be a continued protocol, that maybe deleted.

Another issue being revisited is spinal

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immobilization, that goes BLS through ALS. It maybe demoted in its use and not as applied as freely as it has been.

Referring to what Bill said about Dr. Murphy visiting in the different regions and tying BLS in, BLS now will be calling medical control whenever they are required to use epinephrine for acute asthma and because they are calling medical control that ties it into the REMAC. So there is going to be greater interaction between ALS and BLS and between the REMAC and BLS providers. So that's something to be developed in a more formalized fashion, there will be some BLS medical director evaluations and education going on with that as well.

Since we last met New York State has approved intranasal Naloxone, it's a narcotic antagonist, to be used for suspected systematic narcotic overdose. And that's now available to BLS agencies, first responder agencies, as well as public agencies such as police departments that do not have first responder status. So we will start seeing a

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lot more immediate care at the scene with Naloxone for suspected overdose.

And I think that covers all of the things from the REMAC that need to be brought here.

Bill, anything else from that meeting?

MR. HUGHES: No. We are good with that. The only thing I want to say is on the Naloxone with Narcan, the REMAC has asked the BLS agencies to fill out the application, send the paperwork to us and make sure that you do the training correctly so that your providers are aware of it and know how to use it if they get there and need it. I think there is two pieces of paper, you -- the captain signs it and the medical director signs it. That way we know he knows you are using it and it's on board your ambulances and since it's his responsibility we like to know that and it's part of all of these medical directors' awareness a little higher.

MR. CUOMO: Okay. Thank you, gentlemen. Any questions?

All righty, moving onto the Training

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Committee report. I know Dave is not here, but was anybody going to be presenting his information?

MR. HUGHES: I didn't get any.

MR. CUOMO: Oh, okay.

MR. HUGHES: I haven't seen anything from him.

MR. MURPHY: I can just -- I was trying to recall from memory some stuff. We talked about the testing with regard to the lack of the date after April, but I found out today that the April date was approved so there will be testing in April and the May date is likely. And then we have the CIU instructor update coming, the CIC class coming, and the CLI class coming so the course sponsors should have been notified that -- you know, to send their candidates in.

I don't know what the count is for those Karen, but --

MS. DELAUNAY: What?

MR. MURPHY: How many students --

MS. DELAUNAY: We have like four or five for the CLI and CSE and twenty-four --

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MR. HUGHES: The CIU is actually tomorrow night, the first night is tomorrow night.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, that's it for now? That's it, Mike?

MR. MURPHY: Unless --

MS. LIPPES: I was going to add on the testing, the e-mail Andy sent out from the State said that May was tentative, looked like it was going to go through with no definition. When I spoke to our Assemblyman, he spoke to Lee Burns and she said it was extended to August. So there seems to be a little confusion and still haven't gotten the response back for confirmation, which I'll share. At that point they should have the RFP out and hopefully -- but it is an issue and Mike was kind enough at State Council to bring it up for a vote -- bring it up to be voted on that a letter was going to be sent from the State Council to the Commissioner of Health saying it was public health emergency if we don't have of tests and people able to test after they attended classes.

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MR. CUOMO: Great.

MS. LIPPES: Desiree is telling me RFP is not out yet, but the Assemblyman's office is getting ahold of Lee. He directed her to contact everybody to tell her the update -- which I didn't receive one so I can't tell you what is going on. I can tell you we have a class that will be impacted because it's supposed to test in May.

MR. CUOMO: I'm sure we will have classes testing in June too so --

MS. LIPPES: Hopefully we will get it resolved, but I was told about a month ago that was extended to August.

MR. CUOMO: Good. Okay, thank you for that.

Next on the list -- well, we have done REMAC. Transportation Committee?

MS. LIPPES: We have no new application. We had some administrative work on a past application that we already vetted in, was Marbletown application. Based on how they put their territory down they used the extra words, and designated by mutual aid, on their

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explanation, which the State wasn't too kind on. They wouldn't accept that, they wanted a geographic barrier. So we had a meeting this morning, Rich from Ulster County being the coordinator and Bill and myself and we spoke to Dan Clayton, both agencies were contacted, and it was agreed by the State all we needed to do is remove the and designated by mutual aid -- or designated by mutual aid from the way their certificate was printed and we would be fine.

So Bill has a letter he is going to send out tomorrow just for the State to clarify that.

MR. CUOMO: Okay. Thanks. Public information education?

MS. LEONE: No report.

MR. CUOMO: Policy and procedures?

MR. TAVORMINA: No report.

MR. CUOMO: Legislative and bylaws?

MR. WORK: I'm very happy to hear that we passed the bylaws and I don't have any new ones.

MR. CUOMO: That's good.

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MR. WORK: That was short, right?

MR. CUOMO: State Council?

MS. LIPPES: Back to me.

At the training meeting -- I misspoke because I was told by somebody at the State they were moving the State Council meeting, but that is incorrect we are staying at the Hilton Garden Inn. They will be June 5th, September 9th and 10th and January 14th and 15th of 2015. So there are meetings coming up, not like somebody indicated there might be two months in a row. So, again, we are moving forward.

I don't know if they ever told us who they picked because we had to submit two names again for selection for this process. I know they kind of chased me down because I didn't file all my declarations and -- you know, which I did, but it's all good.

MR. HUGHES: We have not heard anything on that.

MS. LIPPES: No problem, I guess I'll be going to June unless they change it before then.

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A couple other things, one they mentioned at State Council is a lot of cheating on exams, including the Craig's List person that posted they would take a test for someone, a person was caught. Each time they have to get rid of a test or it's comprised it's \$10,000.00 to rebuild a new one. The other issue is smart phones, people taking pictures and sharing information. So there has been a large increase on cheating and they are on it. They say about once a month they say they have something they are following up with.

Just for information, the exam scores were pretty well in November: CFR had a 95 percent; EMT, 84 percent; critical care, 90 percent; and paramedic 89 percent. And that was the November 13th tests.

They have a work group established to review all the SEMAC policy, it's ongoing, nothing from that right now.

They are encouraging the other regions to get involved in the collaborative policies that we are into now, so it doesn't impact

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us.

REMAC was advised to work with the tactile medical units that are occurring in a lot of the areas, there are a couple areas I guess that had some rogue units out there.

On the systems meeting, Susquehanna Regional EMS Council denied a CON conversion for municipal CON agency, they didn't -- it was reversed because they didn't have a transcript or minutes so the agency was then declared they had their CON version.

THE memorial up in Albany will be May 20th at 11:00 o'clock if anybody is interested in going. I'm sure there will be more information on that -- let's see, hold on.

Vital signs they said was a success with --

(The speaker cannot be heard.)

MS. LIPPES: Where was it this year, in Syracuse?

MR. TAVORMINA: Buffalo --

MS. LIPPES: No. It wasn't Buffalo, it's coming back closer again.

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MR. TAVORMINA: Rochester.

MS. LIPPES: Let's see -- and that was pretty much it.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, thanks Kim.

MS. LIPPES: No problem.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, up to old business already. Anything under Mutual Aid TAG?

MR. PARRISH: I have Rockland's, needs to be reviewed, have not heard anything from the other counties. And EMS coordinators -- I need your plans.

MR. CUOMO: I don't know why he is looking at me.

MS. LIPPES: For those not aware, in Article 30 it says the Regional Council has to approve each county's mutual aid plans. So we kind of worked over the last year trying to get them cleaned up in our county. I won't say it was an easy task, it wasn't terrible, but not easy either. There is a worksheet at the end of the policy statement, I think '06 -- I don't remember off the top of my head. And basically it's two forms, two pages are filled out by the agency, which

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makes the declaration all the way through including what the response time anticipates being, from that point it gets turned over to the County EMS coordinator to complete two more pages verifying what the first two pages, and once those four or five pages are done it goes to the Regional Council to complete their two pages, which is then verifying what the first four pages were and then it's supposed to be approved -- whatever you want to say with it -- and then we can go forward. I'm getting a little antsy because we had it done for a while and we kind of want to make sure the agencies are aware it's valid because there is a caveat to getting caught without it. Dana Jonas mentioned at the last State Council meeting without a mutual aid document in place if you were to go outside your immediate operating territory and take a patient you -- and that now they share a database between the State EMS and the Medicaid billing office. And if they find -- which there is good chance they are going to -- they are going to come back

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looking for a lot of money. It behooves every county -- it doesn't have to be fancy -- to have a document in place that's been approved by all the steps, to cover the agencies, to protect the agencies.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, thanks.

MR. PARRISH: Couple meetings back I passed all those forms out to all the representatives here.

MS. LIPPES: I want to say -- I'm trying to remember the policy statement. I don't remember the number. I should have it in my head.

MR. CUOMO: Anything else?

MR. PARRISH: That's it.

MR. CUOMO: Check your e-mail tomorrow, I'll send you mine.

MR. PARRISH: Okay.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, other old business -- well, I read all the letters that we received regarding the changes of delegates and alternates. I think the only counties I didn't read, at least tonight, was Rockland and Dutchess. Did we get anything from --

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MS. LIPPES: No. The next expirations are June --

MS. LEONE: Rockland is up-to-date. Dutchess has one, two, three expired since last June.

MR. CUOMO: But did we get anything from Rockland about the delegate alternate change?

MS. LIPPES: I think we are okay.

MS. KOCH: We didn't have any changes.

MR. CUOMO: So we really just need to hear from Dutchess?

MS. LIPPES: For the next meeting we will give you the updates on the people --

MR. HUGHES: Dutchess has been pending for quite a while.

MR. CUOMO: Well, we will have to.

MR. WORK: Maybe she seceded --

MR. WITKOWSKI: -- starting their own region.

MR. CUOMO: Yeah, well, we'll contact them and try and get that.

Okay, new business. As everyone knows next -- our next meeting is the annual meeting so it's time to brush the dust off

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the Nominating Committee -- hi, Kitty -- so Kitty is our chair. According to our bylaws -- and I would like to stick to this this time -- we are supposed to have on the committee one representative from each county. So that, you know, we can come up with a slate of officers. So I would like, you know, one person from each county to step up and help out Kitty. We will be making phone calls to try to, you know, get that going.

MS. KOCH: Karen usually sends an e-mail to each county reminding we need a delegate and we setup a date. But as you know from the last five or six years the nominating committee has been -- because nobody shows up and nobody calls me.

MR. CUOMO: That's why we maybe following up with phone calls this time. So please step up. If there is anybody here that, you know, would like to do that, you know, it's okay to let us know tonight. But we want to -- yes, Greg?

MR. TAVORMINA: I'll step --

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MR. CUOMO: Oh, okay, good.

MS. NELSON: I will.

MR. CUOMO: How about -- well, we can talk later. I'm looking at the guys from Putnam.

MR. PARRISH: Did you get Kelly's?

MR. WORK: Kelly volunteered.

MR. CUOMO: Yeah, okay. Kelly Nelson. Good work. We got that and Greg, right?

MR. TAVORMINA: Um, um.

MS. KOCH: And Kelly over here.

MR. CUOMO: Oh, and that Kelly, okay.

MS. MAKUEN: Kelly Makuen.

MS. LIPPES: The policy statement is 1206.

MR. CUOMO: 1206? Okay, thanks.

Okay --

MR. HUGHES: Did we get Putnam?

MR. CUOMO: I don't think we got anybody from Putnam yet because I'll talk to them.

MR. WORK: Make sure the first name starts with K.

MR. CUOMO: All right, so other new business? Any other new business?

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MS. STAGE: I wanted to mention the Orange County EMS Council will be running their conference on Saturday, April 5th, it's a full day conference. Dr. Murphy will be the keynote speaker rolling out the collaborative protocols. I think it's on the website.

MR. TAVORMINA: What was the date again?

MS. STAGE: Saturday, April 5th.

MS. MAKUEN: If you preregister I think it's a little cheaper --

MS. STAGE: Right, 20 bucks.

MR. CUOMO: Any other new business?

MR. HUGHES: One thing I didn't mention before, we do have an application -- the preliminary first step of an application for ALS upgrade from the Town of Wallkill VAC, we have not met with them as of yet. So the first step is they fill out the application, the second part is the medical director of the agency, the agency's chief operating officer, myself, and the chair of the REMAC will meet with them and discuss what has to go on from there. And then there is a 60 day

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period where they have the option to look over everything they need to submit and say -- and confirm and say they still want to become an ALS agency and then proceed with the process. So everybody is aware of that --

DR. STUTT: And there is a cost?

MR. HUGHES: Well, they pay the cost of the upgrade. So they put a deposit down and if the upgrade of -- you know, we have a public hearing so they pay that cost so it doesn't cost the Council any money.

Any other questions on Town of Wallkill?

MR. CUOMO: And you have more?

MR. HUGHES: If you guys get a chance take a look at the website. Jeff has been working very diligently on it, we changed the whole face of it, we modernized and tried to make it easier. Most of the forms will be fillable forms as we move along and get to them one at a time. If you have any suggestions or something you want to see up there, let us know and we will try and accommodate that. Okay?

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MR. PARRISH: Is the CME form one of the first ones you made fillable?

MR. CRUTCHER: It will be.

MR. PARRISH: Oh, it will be.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, Bill, anything else?

MR. HUGHES: No.

MR. CUOMO: Any other new business?

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion for adjournment.

MS. KOCH: Second.

MR. CUOMO: You didn't let Kitty do it -- all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: See you in May, folks.

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