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HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL

CORPORATE MEETING  
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MINUTES OF MEETING, held at Hudson  
Valley Regional EMS Council, 33 Airport Center  
Drive, New Windsor, New York, on Wednesday, May 27,  
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A P P E A R A N C E S :

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ROBERT CUOMO  
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MR. WITKOWSKI: I'm going to call the meeting to order. 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?

Dee Sagendorph?

Maryann Baker?

Orange County.

Joann Cheney?

MS. CHENEY: Here.

MS. LEONE: Ben Conques?

MR. CONQUES: Here.

MS. LEONE: Rebecca Stage?  
Andy LaMarca?

Kelly Makuen?

MS. MAKUEN: Here.

MS. LEONE: Israel Knobloch?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Here.

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MS. LEONE: Frank Cassanite?  
MR. CASSANITE: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Dawn Marshall?  
MS. MARSHALL: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Putnam County.  
Robert Cuomo?  
MR. CUOMO: Here.  
MS. LEONE: David Jacobsen?  
MR. JACOBSEN: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Matthew Bondi?  
MR. BONDI: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Rockland County.  
Kim Lippes?  
Nick Rusiecki?  
MR. RUSIECKI: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Michael Murphy?  
Desiree Leone? Here.  
Neil Dahan?  
Bernice Garatti?  
Ron Levi?  
Sullivan County.  
Albee Bockman?  
MR. BOCKMAN: Here.  
MS. LEONE: Greg Tavormina?

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MR. TAVORMINA: Here.

MS. LEONE: Neil Meddaugh?

MR. MEDDAUGH: Here.

MS. LEONE: Heidi Stack?

MS. STACK: Here.

MS. LEONE: Karri Jara?

Matt Goldsmith?

MR. GOLDSMITH: Here.

MS. LEONE: Ulster County.

Rich Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Here.

MS. LEONE: Gary Horowitz?

Kelly Nelson?

MS. NELSON: Here.

MS. LEONE: Rich Muellerleile? Is he  
here?

Dorothy Balin?

Eighteen, not including the extra  
delegates.

MR. HUGHES: Good.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Good, thank you.

Okay, motion to accept the minutes of  
the previous meeting?

MS. SIEBERT: Motion.

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MR. WITKOWSKI: Second?

MR. TAVORMINA: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed?

Carried.

President's report. Got a letter from the Dutchess County EMS Council.

To Whom It May Concern, the Dutchess County EMS Council at its April 22, 2015 meeting approved the following changes to its delegates:

Tim Murphy, delegate replacing Cathi Tegtmeir; Peter Schinella, alternate replacing Cathy Greiner.

Any questions please feel free to contact me, Tim Murphy, President.

I received an e-mail. Karen, please let this letter advise the Hudson Valley REMSCO that on May 21st Greg Tavormina was reappointed to the Hudson Valley REMSCO for a three year term. Neil Meddaugh, Chairman of the Sullivan County EMS Board.

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From Putnam County, on May 17th we reappointed Robert Cuomo as delegate to the Hudson Valley REMSCO. We've also appointed Mr. Albert Jacobs as an alternate. Any questions, please give me a call, Michael McClusky.

Orange County -- the Orange County EMS Council has had some changes since January 2015. Eileen Mancuso is now our Vice-Chair and Rebecca Stage has stepped down from her position and has gone on to be a director. Teri Barbee will now fill her position as second alternate for Orange County.

If there is any questions, please give me a call, Kelly Makuen --

MS. MAKUEN: Makuen -- close enough.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Sorry. And for Ulster County, at the August 25, 2014 Ulster County EMS Council made the following changes to their delegates and alternates: Rich Parrish will expire 6/30/16; Gary Horowitz, 6/30/16; Kelly Nelson, 6/30/15; Rich Muellerleile, alternate, 6/30/17; and Dot Balin, alternate,



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6/30/16. There is one alternate slot open at this time. Respectfully, Rich Parrish.

And that's just a repeat of that -- To Whom It May Concern, I wanted to thank the entire Hudson Valley Regional Council for all your assistance and patience with Florida Ambulance this past year. It was a year of ups and downs and constant changes and I appreciate all your help and guidance. As you all know, these will be the last PCRs received from Florida Ambulance. As of the beginning of the year we have been working with Warwick hand in hand and there has been no calls dropped in the Florida area since then. I have joined Warwick myself and still am a fireman for Florida so I'm in constant contact with everyone in the area. If any questions, concerns, or issues arise in regards to Florida Ambulance, please feel free to contact me, Michael Dymon.

So okay, Michael Murphy and Bernice Garatti have walked into the room.

Dutchess County, can I have a motion to accept the changes and delegates?

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MS. SIEBERT: Motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Second?

MR. TAVORMINA: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Sullivan County?

MS. LEONE: Motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Do I have a second?

MS. STACK: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? Carried.

MR. BOCKMAN: That took longer than  
everybody else.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Putnam County, can I  
have a motion?

MR. BONDI: Motion.

MR. TAVORMINA: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Orange County?

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion.

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MR. RUSIECKI: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

And Ulster County?

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Second?

MS. STACK: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

I don't think we have to take anything  
on Florida, do we?

MR. HUGHES: No.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, we did have an  
Executive Committee tonight with a rather  
long agenda. And I want to thank the  
executive board members for coming in an hour  
early and getting us through the agenda.  
There will be some items coming up, some new  
Bureau of EMS policies, they will be coming  
up under -- who is going to bring them up?

MR. HUGHES: You can.

MR. WITKOWSKI: I guess I can bring them

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up.

New policies coming out, 1501, EMS field rotations, 1502 BLS CPAP, 15 -- something -- recommended pediatric equipment, new hemorrhagic control protocol approved by the SEMAC and SEMSCO, a policy on Taser bar removal. And there was one other one that wasn't there --

MR. HUGHES: No.

MR. WITKOWSKI: The pilot for epi -- that's something else. So these are the policies that are going to be coming out, some of the stuff has been referred to REMAC. The BLS CPAP, I know the office has been flooded with calls since this was announced, that has to go to our REMAC for approval through them first and then there needs to be -- training committee needs to rollout a program that needs to be approved by the State and we will be able to roll the program out.

Because this is a meeting -- normally our meetings the REMAC meets before the REMSCO meets, this is the first time we are

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having the REMSCO meeting before the REMAC meeting, so for once we are going to put the cart before the horse. And what we would like to do is just get a blanket approval from the REMSCO that once the REMAC has either come out with the advisory and/or the policies that they can move forward with issuing them.

So I would -- will need a motion from the floor.

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: I got a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. RUSIECKI: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

The other things discussed on the Executive Committee, there are some new policies -- some housekeeping policies and procedures that need to be put in place after our audit that were brought up. There was adoption of some of those policies.

There is a policy -- a conflict of

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interest policy that is going to be distributed out to the Council for a vote in September at the next REMSCO meeting. This conflict of interest policy, if you all recall, this is the second year that we have had to adjust this policy. Last year it was voted down that we were going to retain the same policy that was in there. The second auditor brought up that that policy does not meet the criteria we need to have. So we were able to take this new policy, put it in -- get it in place, the Executive Committee has approved the policy, so it will be distributed out. Everybody will need to signed this conflict of interest policy if you are a delegate, alternate, as members of the Council. So we will give it out to you by mail and it will be brought up in the September meeting for everybody to sign off on at that point. So if you are not going to be able to attend the September meeting, please get that information back to -- the sign off sheets back to the office.

Just to give you a little of what the

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policies are, we have a whistle blower policy that is required by federal law for us to have because we do take grant money from both federal and state government. And approval of compensation for the office staff, it kind of guides the Executive Committee in how raises and evaluations are going to be done, the conflict of interest policy and disclosure, the MWBE policy that states that the Council, when appropriate, will use a minority woman based employment when possible to be able to meet the criteria for the grants.

And then electronic banking policy, for those who don't know, we do do electronic transfers between accounts. And as odd as it seems, on all of our checks we require two signatures on the electronic transfer of funds. It can only be done by one individual so we were trying to figure out to come up with a policy on that and basically we are going to have two signatures on the transfer. You can't transfer the money anywhere but between the accounts so money cannot be

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transferred out of the accounts, it can only be transferred in-between the individual accounts. The auditors, because we have the two signature requirements, said you need to have two people sign off on the transfers. So we have come up with a policy that addresses that as well.

We are looking at the Finance Committee -- to get a Finance Committee together. So anybody interested in sitting on the Finance Committee, it's going to be a very active committee. There are some items that need to be done to continue working with the monies that we have within the accounts for, you know, the upcoming years that we have going.

And we renewed our Narcan contract with the -- who --

MR. HUGHES: The AIDS Institute.

MR. WITKOWSKI: -- the AIDS Institute. It's a \$15,000.00 a year contract. We did it last year and we renewed it again for this year going forward.

One of the issues that I want to bring



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up is that on the Executive Committee current policy reads that we need to have representation from each of the counties on the Executive Committee. The only county I don't have on there is Orange County. So if we could think about that, there are some chair positions open if anybody from Orange County would be willing to take that, that would move that into the Executive Committee and put us into compliance. If not, I know policy and procedures -- sorry -- the Bylaw Committee will be looking at that bylaw to change the must to should so that we can be in compliance with that policy.

And that is all I have on that. So any questions?

Okay, moving on then.

Treasurer's report?

MR. BONDI: The income that we received, the program agency income was \$261,726.00, we received income from the Regional Council, \$24,659.00, received \$1,900.00 in income for the training and education, for a total income received of \$288,285.00, against the

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total expenses of \$251,385.00.

MR. WITKOWSKI: That's the annual report of income to expenses that we have had for the year.

Do you have a regular -- is there a regular treasurer's report?

MR. HUGHES: Yeah.

MR. WITKOWSKI: There should be account balances --

MR. BONDI: The Council account balance is \$41,552.36, the payroll account balance is \$38,809.57, the program agency account balance is \$124,633.61, for a total account balance of \$204,995.54.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All of our vouchers with the State of New York are paid at this point so they owe us no money for once.

Any questions on the Treasurer's report?  
Can I have a motion?

MS. LEONE: Motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Second?

MR. CUOMO: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

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MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Medical Director's report?

DR. STUTT: Nothing to report.

MR. WITKOWSKI: That's easy.

Committee report, training committee?

MR. HUGHES: Dave is not here, nothing  
for training.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Nothing on training.

REMAC?

DR. STUTT: Nothing.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Transportation?

MR. HUGHES: Kim is not here.

Is that where we want to do --

MR. WITKOWSKI: I think we talk about  
it, but it goes under new business for the  
actual vote.

MR. HUGHES: Transportation Committee  
will bring in a few minutes a motion --  
seconded motion about Northern Dutchess  
Paramedics.

Northern Dutchess Paramedics wanted to  
expand into the Town of Dover. They sent a  
CON Article 30 to us, we processed it, there  
was a filed -- as per policy -- 606. And it

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-- the Transportation Committee published an -- or published a public hearing and convened the public hearing on 5/12/15 here in the REMSCO office and it was presided over by Martin Cohen. His final notes will also be read at the time we vote. And New York State returned the fitness and competency report with no bars to the entities listed in their application. And we will -- later on we will have a roll call vote.

So I don't know if there is any questions?

Northern Dutchess Paramedics wants to expand basically into the Town of Dover. They cover all of Northern Dutchess now and this is a corner of that area in Dutchess County.

Any questions on what we will be voting on?

MR. WITKOWSKI: That's it for transportation?

MR. HUGHES: Yes.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Public education?

MS. LEONE: Nothing.

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MR. WITKOWSKI: Policies and procedures?

MR. TAVORMINA: You covered everything,  
thank you.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Legislative and bylaws,  
Mr. Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: I have nothing on bylaws  
because that stuff is boring.

However, I'm going to perk your interest  
now on some new bills -- new bills being  
presented to the Assembly and the Senate and  
it has been done.

As you know, the future of EMS is  
involved in community para medicine. It's  
something we really have to follow and most  
of the State organizations, both volunteer  
and commercial, are following it. A bill has  
been submitted by Godfrey in the Assembly,  
it's relating to community para medicine and  
services provided by EMS providers. What it  
does is expand the scope -- not the scope of  
our training, but the scope of what we will  
be able to do, excluding the care we give in  
transport. In other words, we will be able  
to assess different -- now with modern

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technology, iPads, B pads, Q pads, maxi pads, whatever they are, you can now present things to your doctor, talk to them directly. This bill is allowing EMS to evaluate and improve health conditions of patients within the scope of practice of EMTs and advanced EMTs in circumstances other than initial emergency medical care and transport. It has been read twice and submitted to the Health Committee. Also, it is in the Senate so it's getting support on both sides by Hanon, Senator Hanon. It's identical to the Assembly bill, also it has been read and submitted to the Health Committee. We all know once it's in committee it could sit there one year, two years, three years. However, the Department of Health, SEMAC and all agencies are pushing for this move forward. This could be a bill that we could see moving forward rather quickly.

Just on a side note, I'll be going to Florida next week to a conference on community para medicine. I'll bring hopefully some stuff back to share and move

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things along. It is the future of EMS.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Thank you. Anything else?

MR. BOCKMAN: One further thing -- I love to speak -- as you know, our luscious President is going to be moving and changing his life status a tad bit. Our bylaws state that the President, or all Council members must -- they must live within the district of which they serve. With that, Mike is going to be leaving the district of which he is a delegate from. And the question came up that, can he serve?

Now, our new bylaw states the departing President of the Council stays on the Executive Committee. But in this case with Michael leaving that post and leaving the jurisdiction from which it is he comes from, we had to look into it.

So it says here, the present law says the Council members and alternates shall be residents of the six counties constituting the Hudson Valley Region.

Since we need Michael's expertise and we

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must say he is an awesome President in that seat, that in our bylaws it states that each sponsoring agency shall be entitled to one vote on each standing committee. Committee membership -- that includes Executive Committee -- committee membership is not restricted to Council members, interested parties that may significantly enhance expertise maybe appointed by the Executive Committee.

In this case, as departing President and expertise that Michael has had that he is a member of the Executive Committee, so by the nature of our bylaws he is able to be on the Executive Committee for that one year so to speak -- or longer should we desire. So there is no conflict.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, anything else, Albee?

MR. BOCKMAN: Not at this time.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Thank you, sir.

MR. BOCKMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, Nominating Committee?



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MS. NELSON: Everybody -- everybody should have gotten the slate by e-mail. For President we have Rich Parrish and Greg Tavormina; Vice-President, Robert Cuomo; Treasurer, Nick Rusiecki; and Secretary, Desiree Leone-Stoll.

That is what is being presented tonight.

MR. WITKOWSKI: We will be voting under new business.

Any other questions for the nominating committee?

Okay, State Council?

MR. PARRISH: I've got a write-up from it. They appointed new TAG, Quality in EMS, that's getting a lot of attention. Commissioner Zucker was confirmed. The blood regs are still waiting for the commissioner to sign off. Now he is confirmed, hopefully he will sign it.

A big change in the EMS awards. They must be to the Region by May 1st now. The reason for that is that they are forwarded, the awards, to the national panel and they have to be to those folks by June 15th so

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everything is moving back. We have to get them done early.

Training and ed, they have voted to try to rollout protocols and policies once a year, not one today, one tomorrow, bring it altogether so that the training package -- bring people in and do one training for all the new policies and protocols.

The spinal protocol, half the committee wants it yesterday, the other half, when we get to it. So there is a push to get it out as soon as possible. Hopefully we will see it at the September meeting, but that meeting may get shelved.

MR. TAVORMINA: It did get shelved, it's December --

MR. PARRISH: It did get shelved. CPAP was approved for BLS and, as you heard, there is a lot of people interested in it.

Hemorrhage control, what they addressed was the tourniquet high and tight and they have clarified the use of hemorrhagic clotting agent, it's now in the State policy.

There is a discussion on the critical

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care technician, it's only used here in New York State. The rural environment really wants to see that stay so there is discussion on that as to where that is going to be headed.

At the Safety Committee, synthetic cannabis, apparently the Syracuse area got hit really hard, to the point they had to do an emergency protocol update permitting EMS to restrain some patients.

Ambulance design, if you've got any interest -- and I know you have trouble going to sleep at night -- get the KKK specs or NFPA 1917, or -- it's not a new agency, it's a certifying agency for ambulances. CAAS are coming out with ambulance specs, which one do we follow? The Safety Committee has broken it down and each group will be looking at the specifics and then bringing it back.

Somewhere in the KKK specs, the gentleman that is in the process of retiring somehow slipped in that the antlers that are being used to hold the stretcher in place can't be used anymore. And if that happens one of the

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devices that they are recommending is a \$25,000.00 striker, just the plate, then you get the antlers and it is another \$15,000.00. So that's not mandated yet, but watch out, something is coming down. All right?

Medical standards -- and this one, if you are interested, get in touch with me -- is the -- they came up with an epi pilot program. It's following the King County Seattle, Washington program. Right now if you are using an Epipen you are paying about \$350.00 for the Epipen. They figure we are throwing away about \$10 million a year in expired Epipens. What they come up with, Dr. Dailey from Albany Med and a group from Rochester Hospital, come up with a kit following what Seattle, Washington did and they got the cost down to about \$55.00. And what is going to happen to them is there is going to be a training program because you are going to be drawing up the medications. It's not going to be, take the pen and jam it. You are going to be trained to take a syringe, fill it, and then inject it. The

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cost though is \$55.00. They are looking at that, the pilot program was approved.

Anybody -- usually a pilot program is isolated or contained in a particular area of the state, this one is open to anybody. If you are interested in participating in it I'll give you Mike Dailey's contact information. I recommend that if you are an agency that is using Epipen on a regular basis, you get into the program.

MR. HUGHES: I just would like to make one statement about that. The program has been approved at the State level, but it does require REMAC approval and we don't have a REMAC meeting until Monday. So this will be on the agenda on Monday, but the REMAC has to approve that we can participate in the pilot program before anybody can participate with the pilot program outside our region. There are some very stringent requirements and information you have to pass on and the usage, all right, and we will have a package put together that will allow you to participate in that.

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MR. PARRISH: Because it's a pilot program there is a lot of reporting. There is five doctors that have signed on and they will be covering 24/7. So once you use the Epipen you will be required to call the doctor, this is what went right, this is what went wrong. It's a pilot, they are trying to get information to move it forward.

It's going to have a unique syringe, they bought 50,000 of them. And the uniqueness is that when you draw up the medication it's going to be a P for the pediatric dose, 0.15, and the adult dose will have an A. So you put it in, you pull it, expire your air, and it will be a 23 gauge and inch and a half needle. All right? So that's where that's going.

Trauma centers, Westchester Med has been approved at level one, adult peds, St. Luke's Cornwall, level three.

For the folks involved in the narcotics program, they have a new director and he appears to be quite supportive of EMS. So hopefully we are looking at cleaning up some

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of the reporting processes for that, okay?

Any questions? Comments? If not --

MR. HUGHES: One of the things you will be seeing with lot of the new BLS protocols coming out is flowcharting, so they are changing the protocols to have a flowchart of how things should be done. And you'll see that both in the bleeding control and in CPAP. So that will be the new standard that New York State will be moving to.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay. We have already taken care of the expiring delegates and alternates.

So 2015 collaborative protocols update?

DR. STUTT: Bill, do you want me to -- you want me to read it?

MR. HUGHES: You can.

DR. STUTT: This is as of what date?

MR. HUGHES: Today.

DR. STUTT: As of today several hospitals have completed their medical control training for all their members. The ones that are complete, Vassar Brothers, Good Sam, Orange Regional Medical Center, St.

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Luke's Cornwall and Mid Hudson Regional Hospital are complete. Hospitals that are still working on finishing with all their physicians is the Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley, Sharon Hospital and Hudson Valley Hospital. And there are six hospitals that have not submitted any paperwork yet. That will be brought up at next Monday's REMAC meeting to address that situation further.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, under new business, nominations of officers.

I'm going actually to out of order and just go to the NDP expansion of territory vote and get that out of the way.

Are there any objections? Okay.

The NDP expansion of operating territory, any questions on what is going -- what we are voting on?

Okay, is there a --

MR. HUGHES: You should read it, but Albee took the conflict of interest -- just the last paragraph.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Albee, could you read



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the --

MR. BOCKMAN: No officer or member of the Council may vote on any matter on which he or she has a pecuniary interest, but if an officer or member of the Council is uncertain as to whether a conflict of interest exists, he or she shall disclose the matter to the full Council, which shall decide whether a conflict of interest exists.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Does anybody have any conflict of interest for the NDP expansion?

Not hearing any or seeing anybody raise their hand --

MR. MURPHY: I do work for them.

MS. SIEBERT: I work for them too.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, do either of you have fiduciary responsibility for the organization?

MR. MURPHY: (Shaking head.)

MS. SIEBERT: No.

MR. WITKOWSKI: No fiduciary responsibility -- does anybody here feel there is a conflict of interest for Mike and Joan to vote on this -- sorry -- Tim or Joan

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to vote?

Not hearing any, you may participate in the vote.

Okay, I'll ask for a roll call vote.

MS. LEONE: Okay, Mike Witkowski --

MR. HUGHES: We need a motion --

MR. WITKOWSKI: It's come down as a seconded motion from Transportation. Do you want to read the statement from the --

MR. HUGHES: Nobody from Transportation is here -- I'll do it.

NDP in compliance with Article 30 and the New York State Bureau of EMS policy 606 has filed for expansion of territory within the REMSCO region. NDP has applied to have their CON expanded to include the Town of Dover, County of Dutchess, State of New York. This is a seconded motion coming from the REMSCO Transportation Committee, chairperson is Kim Lippes. The Transportation Committee has reviewed, discussed and deemed the application complete. The Transportation Committee published a notice of public hearing and convened a public hearing on

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5/12/2015 in the REMSCO office, presided over by Mr. Martin Cohen. His final notes will be read right after this. New York State has returned a fitness and competency report with no bars to these entities and -- well, we did read that in the vote.

So Mr. Martin Cohen's final recommendation is, NDP EMS application for expansion of operating certificate in Town of Dover should be granted and it's based on the above finding I recommend the approval of this application. I find further that there is a public need for a permanent certificate permitting the service to continue for the requested area and that the applicant has both the means and personnel to service the area.

So that's from the Administrative Judge that was there at the public hearing.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Now, as a seconded motion we will call a roll call.

MS. LEONE: Mike Witkowski?

MR. WITKOWSKI: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Dave Violante?

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Joan Siebert?  
MS. SIEBERT: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Cathi Tegtmeir?  
Jennifer Manzi?  
Cathy Greiner?  
Dee Sagendorph?  
Maryann Baker?  
Orange County.  
Joann Cheney?  
MS. CHENEY: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Ben Conques?  
MR. CONQUES: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Rebecca Stage?  
Andy LaMarca?  
Kelly Makuen?  
MS. MAKUEN: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Israel Knobloch?  
MR. KNOBLOCH: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Frank Cassanite?  
MR. CASSANITE: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Dawn Marshall?  
MS. MARSHALL: Yes.  
MS. LEONE: Putnam County.  
Robert Cuomo?

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MR. CUOMO: Yes.

MS. LEONE: David Jacobsen?

MR. JACOBSEN: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Matthew Bondi?

MR. BONDI: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Rockland County.  
Kim Lippes?  
Nick Rusiecki?

MR. RUSIECKI: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Michael Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Desiree Leone? Yes.  
Neil Dahan?  
Bernice Garatti?

MS. GARATTI: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Ron Levi?  
Sullivan County.  
Albee Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Greg Tavormina?

MR. TAVORMINA: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Neil Meddaugh?

MR. MEDDAUGH: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Heidi Stack?

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MS. STACK: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Karri Jara?  
Matt Goldsmith?

MR. GOLDSMITH: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Ulster County. Rich  
Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Gary Horowitz?  
Kelly Nelson?

MS. NELSON: Yes.

MS. LEONE: Rich Muellerleile?  
Dorothy Balin?

It's a unanimous yes.

MR. HUGHES: What were the numbers?

MS. LEONE: Twenty yes's, that's not  
including alternates.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Congratulations.

SPEAKER: Thank you all very much.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, nominations of  
officers. I'm going to turn this over to  
Kelly.

MS. NELSON: We have to open them up to  
the floor that if anybody -- again, we have  
the President, Rich Parrish, Greg Tavormina.

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Is anybody else interested in running?

I make a motion to close.

MS. STACK: Motion to close.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Any nominations from the floor?

MS. NELSON: Any nominations off the floor?

And third time, anything off the floor for President?

We will make a motion to close the presidency.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay.

MS. STACK: Motion to close.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Second?

MS. SIEBERT: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: This will be done by ballot?

MS. NELSON: Correct. Office of Vice-President, Robert Cuomo.

MR. WITKOWSKI: We have to finish the President so we need to handout the ballots -- off the record.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MR. WITKOWSKI: The only people allowed

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to vote are the delegates and/or the alternates.

MS. NELSON: Some questions, we have three delegates and we can only vote --

MS. DELAUNAY: So Orange County they have three alternates here and somebody has to vote for Andy. So who on the Orange County is going to be voting for Andy?

MS. LEONE: There is two people missing and two delegates.

MS. DELAUNAY: Rebecca Stage is no longer here.

MS. LEONE: She is until this point --

MR. CASSANITE: She is an alternate.

MS. LEONE: She's regular -- she is changed as of today. She is still a member today.

Both alternates from Orange County can vote.

Sullivan County, none of the alternates of Sullivan County can vote.

And then you have Ulster, only one alternate can vote.

MR. HUGHES: How many are here --



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MS. LEONE: The alternates aren't here -- forget it. So Karen just Dutchess County alternates can vote?

MS. DELAUNAY: There are none here.

MS. LEONE: Orange County can vote --

MR. CUOMO: Both delegates, right?

MS. LEONE: Both delegates.

Rockland County, Bernice can vote.

Sullivan County, none of the alternates from Sullivan County can vote, so that's Heidi and Matt. Tim is not a member yet, he will be able to vote next time.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Tim is not official.

MS. DELAUNAY: Who else is Dutchess?

MR. WITKOWSKI: I am until -- actually do I vote? Because I'm the tie breaker if something is to be a tie --

DR. STUTT: Does the medical director get to vote, or is it just delegates from each county?

MR. WITKOWSKI: It's just delegates.

MS. LEONE: Just delegates.

MR. PARRISH: Mr. Bylaws, does he have a vote?

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MS. LEONE: He doesn't vote on anything else.

MR. WITKOWSKI: He does on the Executive Committee only.

MS. LEONE: He couldn't vote on --  
(Discussion held off the record.)

MS. DELAUNAY: Desiree, can Teri Barbee from Orange County vote?

MS. LEONE: No.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Do all delegates and alternates to the counties have a ballot in front of them?

MS. NELSON: Please say yes.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Is there anybody that doesn't that should?

MS. NELSON: Who said this committee was easy, I don't know.

MR. WITKOWSKI: It normally is.

Okay, please take this opportunity to vote and then the ballots will be collected. And, please, do us a favor and only fold them once. No origami, please.

MS. LEONE: Do we pass them down?

MR. HUGHES: I think they should be

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collected.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MR. WITKOWSKI: We need a volunteer to  
oversee the counting.

MR. GOLDSMITH: I will.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MR. WITKOWSKI: Back on the record.

MS. NELSON: Votes have been counted.  
The President, Rich Parrish --

MR. WITKOWSKI: Congratulations, Rich.

MR. PARRISH: Thank you for your  
support.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Okay, moving on.

MS. NELSON: We have the office of the  
Vice-President, Robert Cuomo.

Any nominations off the floor?

Any nominations off the floor?

Going, going, gone.

Any nominations off the floor?

MR. BOCKMAN: Request the secretary to  
cast one ballot.

MR. TAVORMINA: Second the motion.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

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MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Congratulations, Bob.

MR. CUOMO: Thank you.

MS. NELSON: Office of Treasurer,  
candidate, Nick Rusiecki.

Any nominations off the floor?

Any nominations off the floor for  
Treasurer?

Third time, any nominations off the  
floor?

MR. BOCKMAN: Request the secretary to  
cast one ballot.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Motion. Seconded?

MR. TAVORMINA: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Congratulations, Nick.

MR. RUSIECKI: Thank you.

MS. NELSON: Office of Secretary,  
candidate, Desiree Leone-Stoll.

Any nominations off the floor?

Second time, any nominations off the  
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Last chance, anybody?

Third time, any nominations off the floor?

MR. BOCKMAN: Request the Secretary to cast one ballot.

MR. RUSIECKI: For herself.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Motion. Seconded?

MR. TAVORMINA: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Opposed? Carried.

Rich Parrish, Robert Cuomo, Nick Rusiecki, Desiree Leone, 2015/16 officers in Regional EMS Council. Congratulations.

I want to thank Rich and Greg for -- I don't know how many years it's been we actually had to vote for a position.

MR. CUOMO: It's more than 15.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Yeah. Okay, great.

Let's see, the 2015 Hudson Valley REMSCO award winners: BLS Provider of the Year, Sharon Wilber; Communications Specialist of the Year, Augustine Passante; Physician of Excellence, Dr. Mark Papish; Youth Provider

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of the Year, Cassidy Hubert; ALS Provider of the Year, Chris Morris; Registered Nurse of Excellence, Toni Buldoc; the Harriet Weber EMS Leadership Award, Frank Cassanite; EMS Educator of Excellence, David Grass; EMS Agency of the Year, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance; Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety, the Dutchess County Department of Health and Emergency Response.

They are the recipients of the 2015 award winners. Congratulations to all.

Is there any other new business?

MR. PARRISH: I would like to thank Mike for his leadership over the year. It's been a pleasure working with him. I'm looking forward to him being an advisor and I'm going to be -- on one end as an advisor, certainly on the back end is a President, ex-President so we are starting with a good team and looking forward to working with the Treasurer and Secretary, looking forward to a productive year. Mike, thanks for everything.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Thank you. Under the

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TAG for mutual aid -- was there a report on that?

MR. PARRISH: No, that mutual aid is attacking windmills. The only county that did anything was Dutchess, every other county I tried to get something from --

MS. LEONE: Rockland.

MR. PARRISH: I meant Rockland -- sorry about that. But mutual aid is -- uh, what is that?

MR. WITKOWSKI: Before we adjourn, I want to thank everybody. It has been a -- God knows I've been part of this Council for umpteen years and it's been a pleasure working with everybody here. I look forward to continuing to work as an advisor to the Council and I want to thank everybody for your support and assistance and guidance over the many many years that I've been here. Thanks.

I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MS. STACK: So moved.

MR. GOLDSMITH: Second.

MR. WITKOWSKI: Thanks, everybody.

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