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HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL

CORPORATE MEETING  
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MR. CUOMO: We are going to get started tonight.

How is everybody doing?

ALL: Good.

MR. CUOMO: Great. I have a request, because of the HVAC system blowing air on us right here can you please speak loudly when you talk so that you can be heard and your comments can be recorded? Thank you very much for that.

And with that let's get going with roll call.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Dutchess County.

Mike Witkowski?

Dave Violante?

MR. VIOLANTE: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Joan Siebert?

MS. SIEBERT: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Tim Murphy?

MR. TIM MURPHY: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Jennifer Manzi?

Pete Schinella?

Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Here.

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Maryann Baker?  
Orange County.  
Joann Cheney?  
Ben Conques?  
MR. CONQUES: Here.  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Teri Barbee?  
Andy LaMarca?  
MR. LAMARCA: Here.  
Kelly Makuen?  
Israel Knobloch?  
MR. KNOBLOCH: Here.  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Frank Cassanite?  
Dawn Marshall?  
MS. MARSHALL: Here.  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Putnam County.  
Robert Cuomo?  
MR. CUOMO: Here.  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: David Jacobsen?  
Matthew Bondi?  
Albert Jacobs?  
Rockland County.  
Kim Lippes?  
MS. LIPPES: Here.  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Nick Rusiecki?

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MR. RUSIECKI: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Michael Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Desiree Leone -- Here.  
Neil Dahan?

MR. DAHAN: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Bernice Garatti?

MS. GARATTI: Here.

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

MR. BOCKMAN: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Greg Tavormina?

MR. TAVORMINA: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Neil Meddaugh?

MR. MEDDAUGH: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Heidi Stack?

MS. STACK: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Karri Jara?  
Matt Goldsmith?  
Ulster County.  
Rich Parrish?  
Gary Horowitz?  
Kelly Nelson?

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MS. NELSON: Here.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Richard Muellerleile?  
Dorothy Balin?

MR. TRIO: I took Mike Witkowski's  
place.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: We haven't voted yet.

MR. HUGHES: You are on the agenda.

MR. TRIO: Sorry, I apologize.

MS. LEONE-STOLL: We have a quorum.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, next on the list is  
the minutes, so I hope everybody had a chance  
to review them.

Is there a motion to accept?

MR. LaMARCA: Motion to accept.

MS. STACK: I'll second.

MR. BOCKMAN: We have a change to the  
minutes.

MR. CUOMO: What is the change?

MR. BOCKMAN: Change is on page 23, we  
all do have fond feelings of Michael so I  
would like to read the issue here is, I said,  
one further thing, as you know, our luscious  
President -- I do have feelings for our past  
President, however the term was illustrious

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as a former -- and Madam Court Reporter -- as a former Court Stenographer for the State of New York I can understand how that happens -- not her fault.

MR. CUOMO: So, Andy, do you move with --

MR. LaMARCA: Accepted with the change.

MS. STACK: I'll second it with the --

MR. CUOMO: So we have a motion and a second for the correction.

Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Okay, on the President's report, Rich is unable to be here tonight, but he did want me to tell you some of the things that he has done so far. He has represented the region at the Orange County EMS graduation, he met with the office manager and executive director several times, with the help of Mike Witkowski transferred banking duties, which apparently was not such an easy process, he reviewed and signed off on the 2015 to 2020



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program agency deliverables and asked the Executive Committee to review the deliverables and make suggestions how we can meet them. And basically that was it.

Now, we also had an Executive Committee meeting immediately before this one and we did discuss some of those things, but there were a few things I want to bring out to this meeting.

You know, no motions were made to be brought forward, but what we did talk about was -- and actually it is on the agenda later on -- is that we need to do something regarding mutual aid plans. Because there is a process by which the Regional Council is to review county mutual aid plans and approve them and make sure that they meet the bullets that are in that policy statement regarding mutual aid. And right now we had -- had formed a TAG for mutual aid, but as far as I know that TAG has really been inactive. So I'm going to ask that we try to reactivate that. And to start that off we are going to need somebody to lead the TAG, so if anybody

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here would like to do that we would certainly be receptive to hearing that. So I don't want to necessarily put you on the spot right now -- Andy -- sorry, did I say that?

Because I saw you were looking at me but --

MR. VIOLANTE: That will come later --

MR. LaMARCA: I'll volunteer to help, I don't know about chair. But I did chair the TAG that --

MR. CUOMO: Oh, good, then you are the perfect guy. So we will have Andy on the TAG, but if anybody else wants to serve on it or chair on it, please speak up. We maybe contacting you individually, you know, if we don't get responses, so yeah.

MR. BOCKMAN: I'll serve with Andy on the committee on the TAG.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, good, so we have Andy and Albee on the TAG.

Okay, also according to our bylaws we are to strive to have representation from all six counties on our Executive Committee and right now we are shy one county, which is Orange but I believe we are working on

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that -- are we not?

MR. TAVORMINA: Yes, we are.

MR. CUOMO: Okay. And two other items is, you know, once again revolving around committees. It is actually a policy of this Council that all delegates -- it says all council members actually -- must serve on at least one committee, okay? Or TAG, okay? And right now I don't think that is the case. We do have quite a few standing committees and, also, you know, some other committees like the mutual aid TAG, which we just got two people for. But the regional office is going to send out a list of all the committees and I would encourage you all to look at that and basically decide what committee you feel that you want to serve on, okay? Because -- well, right now there are very few of those standing committees that have more than one member on them and we can certainly use the help. And, second of all, it really is incumbent on us to follow these policies and that is a policy that each and everyone of us have to serve on at least one

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committee. So please pick a committee because if you don't pick a committee at some point in time we may appoint you to a committee. So I'm thinking you probably would want to serve on a -- yes, Andy?

MR. LaMARCA: I think one of the things that maybe dissuades people from volunteering is the thought they always have to be here. And I know a lot of times with the State committees and stuff we go by conference call. And I think that if we what broaden out the use of conference calls we might populate those committees better.

MR. CUOMO: Well, that's certainly something to take into consideration. Even the Executive Committee has met by conference call so you don't necessarily have to physically come to this office or meet face-to-face if it's inconvenient.

But there is a lot going on here and it takes -- you know, it takes a lot of people to do all these things so we really do need the participation. You know, we are all part of this Council and you know that we have

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goals and we have responsibilities and, you know, we need to make good on those. So, you know, please, take a look at the list when it comes out and decide which committee you want to serve on and then we can, you know, move forward and get some good work done.

Having said that, there is one committee which was I know Mike Witkowski brought up when he was still President and that was an EPCR committee. I know that committee was formed, I can't remember who had agreed to serve on it. Do you?

MR. HUGHES: We have no record of anybody serving on it.

MR. CUOMO: Yeah. I actually said that I would serve on it, I just didn't want to chair it I thought, but, yeah, I'm kind of like Andy here. But, anyhow -- but this is -- this is an up -- well, up and coming thing -- it's going to be with us for a long time and we need to promote this to our agencies and find ways of getting EPCR out there in the most cost effective way possible so that the agencies, you know, will actually

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get on board with EPCR because that is --  
from what I understand -- the ultimate goal.  
So this is a very important committee. So,  
again, I'm asking anyone who has an interest  
in this to see this move forward, please,  
consider serving on the committee so you can  
-- yeah?

MR. KNOBLOCH: I'll serve on the  
committee.

MR. CUOMO: And you are?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Israel Knobloch.

MR. CUOMO: I just wanted to make sure  
she heard it so it could get in the minutes.  
Thanks.

MR. LaMARCA: Is that committee  
restricted to just members, it might be --

MR. CUOMO: Actually, it's not,  
alternates can serve. But even people  
outside the Council can serve on a committee,  
especially if they are expert in the subject  
matter. So absolutely, so if you know  
somebody or can recommend somebody that we  
could contact --

MR. LAMARCA: I'll throw somebody --

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MR. CUOMO: There you go, that's always a good thing.

Okay, moving right along, there are also some letters here -- by the way, the next Council meeting is going to be December 16th, just throwing that out there because it's on the list.

We have a letter from Dutchess County EMS Council. And it says, the Dutchess County EMS Council at its June 24, 2015 meeting approved the following changes to its delegates to the Hudson Valley Region EMS Council, Nicholas --

MR. TRIO: Trio, just like it's spelled.

MR. CUOMO: Trio, okay -- is the delegate replacing Michael Witkowski. Also Maryann Baker was removed as an alternate and the position is vacant at this time.  
Sincerely, Tim Murphy, President.

The next letter is from Ulster County EMS Council. And it says, Gentlemen, the Executive Committee of the Ulster County EMS Council reappoints the following as a delegate to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS

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Council, and that is Kelly Nelson. One alternate slot is open at this time.

Then we have a letter from Rockland County EMS saying, please let this letter serve as confirmation of the replacement of Ron Levi with BJ Leidner --

MR. LEIDNER: Correct.

MR. CUOMO: To the Hudson Valley Region EMS representing Rockland County, okay.

And -- okay, and that's it for the delegate appointments so at this time I would --

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion to accept.

MR. CUOMO: Is there a second?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? Okay, you are in.

MR. RUSIECKI: Congratulations.

MS. LIPPES: What committee do you want to be on?

MR. CUOMO: Also have two letters here from New York State Department of Health



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announcing winners of the State EMS Council awards. There were actually two recipients of the State awards from our region. The first one was Cassidy Hubert who received Youth Provider of the Year. And the second was Augustine Passante that received the award for EMS Communications Specialist of the Year. So I would offer congratulations to those two for a job well done.

And that's basically it for the President's report.

Moving along to the Treasurer's report.

MR. RUSIECKI: Thank you. So since the last meeting we wrote 37 checks worth \$27.00 -- or \$27,264.00, majority of that went to rent and healthcare and benefits. The details are available if anyone wants to review them.

We did purchase new checks for this address as we heard that all of our new officers went through the process of getting their electronic access and signatures for the banking.

I believe we are going to be looking at

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starting the new audit that we have to complete in the next nine months. The last audit is available for anyone to review.

From the last month I guess we refunded Northern Dutchess Paramedics \$2,020.00 for their CON application funds that were not used.

Account balances, program agency has just over 119,000, conference and education, 48,592, and payroll is just under 30,000 at 27,000.

If anyone has any questions I'll try and answer if not I'll -- throw someone else under the bus.

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, motion to accept. Is there a second?

MR. LaMARCA: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? So moved, thanks.

MR. LaMARCA: You need a motion to pay

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the bills --

MR. CUOMO: Okay, let's do that. I know we've done that for years so let's do it.

MR. LaMARCA: Motion to pay the bills.

MR. TAVORMINA: Second the motion.

MR. CUOMO: Discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Okay, Regional Office Staff report, Bill?

MR. HUGHES: Okay, I'm going -- we have a couple of things going on in the area. Under CONs we have Florida Fire District, their operating certificate was surrendered to New York State in August. And Chester VAC operating certificate has expired and that's not been renewed. So those are two agencies that are no longer operating within our area.

In cooperation with the AIDS Institute the REMSCO has entered into a contract to enhance the available of naloxone to non-EMS first responders so it's fire and police and regular EMS, BLS, first responders and BLS

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agencies. So the contract was renewed again for an additional year so we have monies through the 15th and through 2015 and '16. Narcan is available, I do have it and that's a separate report that we will discuss in a little while.

We did complete all the deliverables and submitted them to the State before the July 31st deadline.

Our contract with the State, as Rich mentioned, Mike Witkowski signed the Council contract and rich signed the Program Agency contract. We haven't gotten the final copy on the Program Agency, but there is no anticipated problems with that.

I'll kind of roll a little bit into the REMAC side here. The REMAC approved the helicopter protocol, it was accepted by both Hudson Valley and Westchester and is now in effect. The copies are available on the website, there are some small minor changes.

The spinal immobilization, I hope everybody is aware, all providers have to go through the State program by October 31st of

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2015. If you haven't started it is something that you should be working on. And if there is any problems or issues either with the webinars, or any of the documents, if you need, just contact us, we have them available, we can get them to you if anybody needs them, but all the agencies should be going through that.

The ALS agencies, Jeff has created a corner on our website that will help you -- help you understand what the MAC certification exam is about and has some sample questions and defines what you need to study, so hopefully that will be helpful. Our pass rate on it hasn't been very good so we are hoping that people will study and take a look at this and maybe it will help them.

Next state meeting is in December up in Troy. At the MAC meeting on Monday the 21st Town of Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance Corp ALS will be getting their six month review of what they have been doing.

And if you guys aren't aware of it, we do have a Facebook page and we are putting

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information out there. So we are trying to communicate in as many ways as we can if you want to take a look at it, if there is any feedback just let us know.

We submitted the QA/AI project for fourth quarter and there are some interesting results, which we will discuss with Jeff later.

There is a couple of other -- some other information I would like to share. One, I have a letter from Lee Burns, which announces -- which says, please note and let everybody be aware, that the Orange Regional Medical Center is no longer a provisional level three trauma center. They will continue to work toward successful verification. It would be expected that in the interim they would not receive traumatically injured patients and transfer out those that they do happen to receive.

The REMAC has put out an advisory for comment. It's on epinephrine supply and how to use two alternatives on the epinephrine. And I think we need to vote on this but --

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well, no, it's a REMAC advisory that had been put out for comment and we haven't received any comment back. It will probably be voted into place, I don't think there will be any issues with it on the next REMAC meeting on the 21st.

In the office we had done -- we have sent out a mechanical CPR device survey. We are trying to figure out how many mechanical CPR devices we have in the region and if there are any successes with them and what has been happening with them. We have 17 agencies that answered out of everybody that is out there and it should be about 190 agencies because we also sent it to BLSFRs. It's no identity on it, so you just have to fill it out, there is like 10 questions, very quick. We ask for the manufacturer, the number of deployments you've had, the number of successes you've had with it and, you know, what you think about the device. And out of the 17 agencies that answered the survey that they did have them there were 6 of those agencies and they had 65 deployments

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and out of the 65 deployments they had 28 successes. So it seems like it's a very positive thing to be using. And I understand the expense involved with it, but we would like to know if there any other feedback --

MR. TAVORMINA: Who did that survey go out to? Because I don't remember seeing it --

MR. CRUTCHER: I actually pushed it out to all the county coordinators to send to the agency leadership --

(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MS. SAGENDORPH: Dutchess never got it --

MR. TAVORMINA: I think you should send it out again to the county coordinators.

MS. LIPPES: Rockland never received it either.

MR. HUGHES: Well, we'll resend it.

MS. SAGENDORPH: The counties, why not go to the county council and have them distribute it?

MR. HUGHES: Some counties don't have county councils, but we can also do that. We



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were trying to get one -- not to have it sent to people multiple times.

MS. SAGENDORPH: If it went through -- I can speak for Dutchess -- if it went there I think we would have a better chance, right, Tim, of getting contact back maybe?

MR. HUGHES: Okay, we can do that. I have a couple quick things.

Two other new policies that came out from the State 1503, which is recommended pediatric equipment for certified EMS response vehicles. And it added probably about 10 items to our pediatric list that we had should be looking at that should be on our vehicles.

The other one -- other policy that came out was the CPAP policy. And I just want to remind everybody with the CPAP policy it is the -- the REMAC has to adopt a single standardized training program approved by the department, which will be used on all the agencies electing to use CPAP at the EMT level. The program -- we have submitted a program to the State and it has been approved

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so if anybody wants to move forward on the CPAP side, please give us a call and we will work with you getting done.

Two quick reminders --

MR. CUOMO: You said you were done after this.

MR. HUGHES: Pulse check is coming up on September 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th at the Crown Plaza, Suffern, New York. And vital signs is coming up October 25th -- 22nd through the 25th in Oncenter in Syracuse so if you can attend -- and that would be my report.

Any questions from anybody?

All yours, Bob.

MR. CUOMO: Thanks. Let the record show by the way, Joann Cheney is now present.

Okay, well, Dr. Stutt is not here.

MR. HUGHES: I think I -- mostly he was going to cover the advisory so --

MR. CUOMO: And we also covered REMAC then, right?

MR. HUGHES: Yes.

MR. CUOMO: So let's then move onto the

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training committee. Where is Dave?

MR. VIOLANTE: Okay, so for the training committee we have a CLI class coming up and CIU class coming up. They should be on the website fairly soon --

MR. CRUTCHER: They are --

MR. VIOLANTE: They are? They were down and then backup and they are there. So take a look at the information for dates and where those are. We will offering a CIC class in the spring.

The curriculum -- new curriculum implementation time should be all up by now so everybody should be using and be trained to the new standards -- national standard curriculum.

And Bill talked about the spinal immobilization -- there is also hemorrhage protocol training that is on-line, but that is not technically approved until probably the December meeting. I know the training is on-line. The skills for that have to be done by a CLI or CIC.

Aside from that I have nothing else

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unless there are any questions?

MR. CUOMO: Any questions? No? Thanks, Dave.

MR. VIOLANTE: Sure.

MR. CUOMO: Transportation?

MS. LIPPES: No report.

MR. CUOMO: Public information and education?

MS. LEONE-STOLL: No report.

MR. CUOMO: Policy and procedures?

MR. TAVORMINA: Same report as public information.

MR. CUOMO: Legislative and bylaws?

MR. BOCKMAN: Two items. I was asked at the last meeting to draft a proposed bylaw addressing the issue that we discussed just a little earlier of having each county be a representative on the Executive Committee. As I reviewed the bylaws it says, each county council should have representation on the Executive Committee. So it's not a mandate. And we were discussing Orange County not having a delegate so unless we want to change that it is not a mandate at this time.

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Second item is part of my responsibility as the Chairman of the Legislative and Bylaw Committee is to make an annual report on pending legislation, bylaws and our own as well as projected thoughts of new legislature. I don't know when I have to do that.

Is there a particular time that you would like that, or you don't want me to speak at all?

MR. CUOMO: Um --

MR. BOCKMAN: I'm requesting when I'm supposed to give that annual report.

MR. CUOMO: How about the annual meeting?

MR. BOCKMAN: Which is December --

MR. HUGHES: No, it's the May meeting.

MR. CUOMO: It's the May meeting.

MR. BOCKMAN: May it is. Thank you, sir.

MR. CUOMO: That was very easy. Is that it, Albee?

MR. BOCKMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. CUOMO: Any questions for Albee?

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Okay, moving right along. Well --  
nominating committee.

State EMS Council?

MS. LIPPES: They postponed the  
September meeting to December so we will have  
a December and January meeting. So there has  
been no meeting since our last meeting.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, that was an easy  
report.

Old business? Well, we already talked  
about the mutual aid TAG, so we are moving  
with that.

One other TAG I did want to bring up  
that was talked about is the formation of a  
community paramedicine TAG. So that's yet  
another TAG that comes up. See? We have  
lots of committees and TAGS you can serve on,  
so lots of things to do, lots of good things  
to work on. So that's yet another TAG that  
you can serve on.

MS. LIPPES: Just to go back to the  
mutual aid, I just want to remind everybody  
it's a pain in the butt to do it, but it's  
worth it. When Sandy hit and our agencies

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were making claims for damages occurred first thing FEMA did is come to the office looking for the current mutual aid plans. Some agencies almost lost out because they hadn't participated or weren't willing to cooperate in trying to put it together, but I can absolutely say that all the Rockland agencies were covered that did need it. So there is multiple reasons for having it other than as a policy statement, it protects the agencies. So it doesn't take a whole lot, there is a form to fill out, if you look at the policy statement it goes right down, a little bit of elbow grease in verifying things, but it wasn't that difficult in the end.

MR. CUOMO: Andy?

MR. LaMARCA: It also bears on reimbursement, if they are operating outside of their territory they're operating illegally and not --

MS. LIPPES: Again, there is a lot of benefits that people don't realize, so please take it seriously.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, thanks.

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The next under old business BLS Narcan.

MR. HUGHES: Yeah, I kind of touched on it a little before, but I wanted to give you some statistics on it. Between our agencies BLS and ALS we have 121 agencies in our region plus we have some BLSFRs. And we are the front line agency that responds to medical emergencies and it's kind of -- I mean, you hear it in the news every day about all these Narcan saves and the drug issues that we have. And I turnaround and look right now of the 121 we have 35 agencies, so 35 agencies within our region that have signed up for the Narcan program that can actually deliver Narcan to a patient that could save their life. We have done a lot of things with it. One of the things is it's available free. We participated in programs that allow us to distribute it here. I have it in my office, an agency fills out the paperwork, takes the class on it, we send them the policies and procedures, they put their name in it and they are done. When we get it we mail out the Narcan to them. I



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mean, we often talk in EMS about non-funded mandates from the State and here is one that is funded that we can't get people to participate in. I'm just at a real loss as to why agencies won't participate. I don't know if there is any ideas or anything else we can do?

MR. TAVORMINA: One of things that came back to me when we were trying to push it through/Sullivan is some of the agencies and people -- believe it or not -- do not have computer access to do webinars. If there is something they can do in-house classroom style?

MR. HUGHES: I'll talk to the department and see if we can have something downloaded that I can get that --

MR. TAVORMINA: If there is something on a CD or jump drive I can take it to the agency and get it out there or do it in the training center, we will have a class on Narcan, you show up, go through it, you sign off.

MR. HUGHES: But it's got to be hard to

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believe we have an agency that doesn't have access --

MR. TAVORMINA: You are talking about Sullivan County --

MR. HUGHES: I understand, but there is public libraries and there is other things, maybe in a group in an office --

MR. TAVORMINA: For everybody, I've been through this through here, through public health, you go to American Legion in Upper Delaware in the western part of the county there is no public library, more than half the members don't have computer access, if they do, it's dial-up. The State has to push out something in the classroom.

MR. HUGHES: Okay, I'll work on that.

MR. TAVORMINA: Same with the BLS first responding fire agencies and fire agencies in general, if we have something -- someone either from the Region or from the State come to the training center open it up and get 80 people in the classroom and do it, we will get a lot better response then going to the agency --

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MR. HUGHES: We'll be more than happy to do that if you give us access --

MR. TAVORMINA: Access is not an issue, if we can do that, we will make it happen.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Do you have the same problem with the spinal immobilization?

MR. TAVORMINA: Yes. I personally tried to sign up for the four webinars for spinal immobilization, like Nick was saying, two crashed, the other two were full. Pardon my language, but it's a piss poor way for the State to push out a --

MS. SAGENDORPH: That's another subject --

MR. HUGHES: That is available though in a downloadable form.

MR. TAVORMINA: Now, it is --

MR. HUGHES: It has been for a while, yes. The other pieces are available, the Power Points and all the documentation is available. If you guys can't get it, let me know. I have it, I have it on my desk on a thumb drive I can make a copy of everything for you and send it out to you.

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MR. TAVORMINA: Please do that --

MR. LaMARCA: Just don't e-mail it they  
can't get it --

MS. SAGENDORPH: -- that would be great.

MR. HUGHES: I know it's available on  
thumb drives --

MR. CUOMO: This is the first attempt  
they tried to do a protocol rollout using  
webinar and first time for anything there is  
bound to be hiccups. Hopefully next time  
around things will workout better or there  
will be -- you know, personally I think  
having the prerecorded webinar is probably  
preferable because then you don't have to  
rely on are you going to loose bandwidth or  
drop the audio --

MS. SAGENDORPH: That did happen --

MR. CUOMO: I know --

MS. SAGENDORPH: -- that's why we need  
to have you put it on the thumb drive and get  
it out there so two or three rescue squads  
can get-together in our area and sit down and  
do this and get it over with. We have -- we  
have a lot of failures with webinars. I

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can't get on to sign in or on whatever this  
the thing they sent me --

MR. TAVORMINA: There is how many tens  
of thousands of EMSs in the State, be it  
basic or advanced and they can --

MR. HUGHES: Their intent was to make it  
available through download --

(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MR. CUOMO: Actually you can download.  
I downloaded it myself into my commuter and I  
put it on thumb drive or CD.

MS. LIPPES: I think it's just a link.

MR. HUGHES: Well, you can get the link,  
but if you want to show it at a group setting  
or something it's better to get the download.  
But if anybody needs it, get in touch with me  
I have it available --

MS. SAGENDORPH: If it's on the thumb  
drive how do you register because of the --

MR. HUGHES: You still have to register  
to take the test. What is on the thumb drive  
is the presentation and then the individual  
has to register to take the test to get their  
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(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MS. LEONE-STOLL: People have smart phones, they can use the smart phone to take the test. I know a lot of people watched on their smart phone and tablet, it's another option.

MR. CUOMO: Kelly?

MS. NELSON: The only suggestion I have is because a CLI or CLC has to check off the skills section I would like to see it come out to those people first, at least to be reviewed before they come to the general public. Because people were taking the test and saying, can you check me off on the skills and I hadn't gone on the computer yet and seen them. I think maybe they should do the instructors first and come out in a couple months to the rest.

MR. HUGHES: And I think that was a lot of the feedback because we didn't see it. I signed up for the first webinar, I didn't see it, there was questions coming into us and we had no idea what it was so we had the same problems.

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MR. CUOMO: I hosted a webinar in my building and I sat down with everybody and watched the webinar with everybody else because I didn't get a chance to do it ahead of time either.

MR. VIOLANTE: It was the first big step of the State to move in the direction and this is great feedback for them to make it better. So hopefully the next ones will come out better.

MR. CUOMO: Yep, okay. Anything else with that?

MR. HUGHES: Just back to -- with the Narcan. I want to make sure that if you can push it, you know, talk to your agencies and have them get in touch with us and get the Narcan out there so we can actually represent EMS the way that we should, it's atrocious.

MR. CUOMO: Does anybody out there know of any agencies that know about this and decided not to do it for any reason, the Narcan?

MS. SAGENDORPH: I just have a very small BLSFR so I don't have a lot of places

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to keep it so NDP -- the Northern Dutchess Paramedics is on first response with our agency anyway because we are -- and the local police department have it so I have the stuff, haven't had to use it yet, so keep my fingers crossed.

MR. CUOMO: Yeah. Okay, any other old business?

Any new business?

MR. HUGHES: I do have something under new business.

MR. CUOMO: Go ahead.

MR. HUGHES: We have been given these cards, brain trauma, head --

MS. SAGENDORPH: He can't read it.

MR. HUGHES: -- head injuries. And if anybody would like to have these cards to pass out I have plenty in my office.

MR. CUOMO: I have a box full already.

MR. HUGHES: Yes. I have distributed them to the general coordinators, but if anybody needs more because they have given them out, I do have some. If anybody wants them, I have them available.



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MR. CUOMO: Is that it?

MR. HUGHES: That's it, I'm empty.

MR. CUOMO: Is there any other new business? Any other new business? I don't think so.

MR. TAVORMINA: Motion for adjournment.

MR. CUOMO: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

MS. SIEBERT: Second.

MR. CUOMO: Second. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: See you in December.

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