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HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL

CORPORATE MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETING, held at Hudson  
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A P P E A R A N C E S :

RICHARD PARRISH, NREMT-P  
President

NICHOLAS TRIO, EMT  
Secretary

WILLIAM HUGHES, EMT  
Executive Director

OFFICE STAFF

JEFFREY CRUTCHER, QI Coordinator  
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DUTCHESS COUNTY

NICHOLAS TRIO  
DAVE VIOLANTE  
DEE SAGENDORPH

ORANGE COUNTY

JOANN CHENEY  
ANDREW LaMARCA  
ISRAEL KNOBLOCH

PUTNAM COUNTY

DAVID JACOBSEN  
MATTHEW BONDI

1 A P P E A R A N C E S : (Continued)

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ROCKLAND COUNTY

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MICHAEL MURPHY  
4 DESIREE LEONE-STOLL  
GLEN ALBIN  
5 BERNICE GARATTI  
BJ LEIDNER

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SULLIVAN COUNTY

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ALBEE BOCKMAN

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RICHARD PARRISH  
KELLY NELSON  
11 LISA SERVINO

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15 ALSO PRESENT

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PETER MILLOCK  
17 JOSHUA HANS  
DAVE GRASS  
SYLVAN KLEIN  
RICH ROBINSON  
18 KAREN TADDEO

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MR. PARRISH: I call this to order. We have a lot of business to do this evening. Roll call?

MR. TRIO: Nicholas Trio? Present. Dave Violante?

MR. VIOLANTE: Here.

MR. TRIO: Joan Siebert? Tim Murphy?

Matthew Nolan?

Pete Schinella?

Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Yep.

MR. TRIO: Guy Carpico? Orange County.

Joann Cheney?

MS. CHENEY: Here.

Ben Conques?

Eileen Mancuso?

Andrew LaMarca?

MR. LaMARCA: Here.

MR. TRIO: Israel Knobloch?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Here.

MR. TRIO: Teri Barbee?

Frank Cassanite?

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Michael Bigg?  
Putnam County.  
Robert Cuomo?  
David Jacobsen?  
MR. JACOBSEN: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Matthew Bondi?  
MR. BONDI: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Rockland County.  
Kim Lippes?  
Nick Rusiecki?  
Michael Murphy?  
MR. MURPHY: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Desiree Leone?  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Glen Albin?  
MR. ALBIN: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Debra Stewart?  
Bernice Garatti?  
MS. GARATTI: Here.  
MR. TRIO: BJ Leidner?  
MR. LEIDNER: Here.  
MR. TRIO: Sullivan County.  
Albee Bockman?  
Greg Tavormina?

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Neil Meddaugh?

Heidi Stack?

Mike Bruce?

Marc Strauss?

Ulster County.

Rich Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Here.

MR. TRIO: Kelly Nelson?

MS. NELSON: Here.

MR. TRIO: Dorothy Balin?

Richard Muellerleile?

Lisa Servino?

MS. SERVINO: Here.

MR. TRIO: We have 16 in attendance.

MR. PARRISH: So 16 in attendance and that is a good quorum, quorum is 13 so that's good.

In some cases, like with Ulster County, Lisa, you can vote this evening as an alternate. And Dee as an alternate. Both Bernice and BJ can vote. And that's it. So when the roll call -- because we have a couple of roll call votes this evening when Nick calls that the alternates are authorized

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to vote.

Approval of minutes as distributed? If no comment, motion is in order.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Motion to accept.

MR. PARRISH: Dee. Second?

MR. BONDI: Second.

MR. PARRISH: Matt, all right.

President's report. I had the pleasure of attending the Sullivan EMS day in Sullivan County, sponsored by Neversink and listening to those folks and what is going on in Sullivan. And the biggest part of the discussion was telling them they need to get involved, they need to get involved in what is going on in their county. Apparently, there is a new EMS advisory board establishing, they really need to get involved with that and get representation to this Council because we sure could use their input.

Treasurer's report?

MR. HUGHES: I have one. We wrote -- since our last meeting, which was 2/21/2018, we wrote 57 checks, \$22,587.00, mostly rent

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and health insurance, then no other major checks, nothing that exceeded \$500.00. We transferred \$30,000.00 from our checking account into our payroll account. We did receive payment from our vouchers to New York State, we billed at the program agency level \$42,379.00, that was billed and paid, at the Council level we billed \$3,190.00 and that was billed and paid. We received a deposit for a grant for \$7,500.00 from amFAR and deposited a \$3,000.00 CON payment, which is reimbursed to the agency at the end as to what we spend and don't spend.

So I think that's it, that's all that is on here.

MR. PARRISH: Any questions of the treasurer's report? Motion to accept?

MR. LaMARCA: So moved.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. PARRISH: Regional staff?

MR. HUGHES: Okay, I do have a few things. If you have any questions, please stop me and we will talk about it.

For anyone that is not aware of it there



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is a new Director of Bureau of EMS, Ryan Greenberg. He's been working in EMS about 25 years and he comes into the position with a broad amount of experience in EMS and management and other educational areas involved in EMS.

MS. SAGENDORPH: First name again?

MR. HUGHES: Ryan -- Ryan Greenberg. He always asks two questions, I'll relay them to you so if you see him you know he will ask you. And the first is, if you had one wish to change anything in EMS what would it be?

MS. SAGENDORPH: One wish?

MR. HUGHES: He wants us to send that back and they are going to create a tool that will allow everybody to answer that question.

And the second one is, what would keep you in EMS for an additional 10 years from right now? So what could be done --

(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MR. HUGHES: We have two mini CONs coming up that need -- so Town of Patterson in Putnam and Arlington Fire in Dutchess.

And the office and protocol committee

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has been working to define the AEMT level of care within the Hudson Valley. We have finished the final draft and it will be presented to the REMAC on June 4th.

The transportation committee has been working on expansion of territory with Hatzolah of Rockland and this will come up for a vote later on this evening.

The Town of New Windsor has submitted an expansion of territory to include the Town of Cornwall. The application was returned because additional information and minor corrections were needed. It will go to the transportation committee as soon as it's resubmitted. We expect it any day now.

We also received from the Village of New Square in Rockland County an application for an ALS upgrade. So the application is being reviewed, a TAG is being created and the REMAC will review the TAG and conduct a public meeting.

We think we have stopped the portal from sending out e-mails -- erroneous e-mails to everybody. And Karen is doing that manually

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now until we get that fixed, but the rest of the information in the portal is valid, correct and up-to-date so please use it. If you have any questions, or if there is any issues with sign-on problems, or passwords, or anything, you can direct those directly to Karen, she will take care of it for you.

From the office, our March deliverables, which I said in the treasurer's report, were submitted and vouchers submitted and paid by New York State.

There was a RTAC meeting, which is the regional trauma advisory committee, similar to our REMAC, only deals strictly with trauma and it's shared by the Westchester Medical trauma surgeon, Dr. Lombardi. And Dr. Lombardi was a vetted member now to STAC so he represents the Hudson Valley in STAC. And STAC is the State Trauma Advisory Committee.

New York State appointed a new trauma program manager. It's a nurse and I'm not sure where she is from. Her name is Katherine Burns. The STAC was -- the RTAC was supposed to submit a presentation from

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the Hudson Valley on O2 administration in prehospital care, but they did not get an opportunity to do that. They did vote on the MIST reporting format and it was accepted by RTAC and is waiting for our REMAC approval on June 4th. They like it, want to use it, but they will wait until we approve it through the REMAC. And the next RTAC meeting is September 14th.

In the -- last night and this morning -- there was a moving to Nemesis 3 meeting last night in Putnam, this morning in Westchester. Jeff will go over a lot of that in his report.

This week was -- was it this week, or last week? I don't remember -- I think it was the Tree of Life ceremony --

MR. PARRISH: Last week --

MS. SAGENDORPH: Albany.

MR. HUGHES: -- in Albany. And that's a memorial for EMS providers that died. The line of duty, there were eight providers moved to the Tree this year. So if you didn't get a chance to go there, it's kind of

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a moving ceremony, it's interesting. It was web casted so I'm sure that it will be displayed on the Bureau of EMS website shortly.

If you haven't heard, there is another Ebola breakout in the Congo. Hopefully it will be controlled and we won't see it like we did the last time, but it's brewing there.

And the only other thing is the next state meeting will be September -- September 25th and September 26th up in the Troy Hilton.

And that's all I have. Questions or anything?

MR. PARRISH: Any questions of Bill? If not, all right. QA/QI?

MR. CRUTCHER: As Bill alluded to, Nemesis 3.4.0 is finally a reality in New York State. As of this coming Tuesday at 9:30 they are going to start accepting data. They are going to start with Image Trend clients simply because the bridge is Image Trend product and if there is going to be issues it's best they find it out on their

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own product first, rather than trying to push through everybody at once. Full implementation of the bridge will probably take the balance of the year, it's going to be vendor by vendor, agency by agency. And Peter Brody will be contacting the agencies as they go. Some of the changes that we will see with this, significantly more data points to look at, which is going to enhance the agencies' capability of looking at data and seeing what they can do themselves to improve quality from within.

(Albee Bockman entered the meeting.)

MR. CRUTCHER: One of the caveats, if your documentation does not pass validation it won't be posted to the bridge. It will be kicked back to the agency and it will be up to the provider to make the corrections and resubmit it. So if you are submitting in batches 50, 100, 1,000, you will get all of those PCR's back. So it will be a really good idea as the implementation is taking place to make certain your providers are answering all the required questions. And if

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the front end on your side isn't setup to maybe ask all the questions, work with your vendor to get that fixed up front and it will save you from a lot of grief later down the line. This has been a long time coming. We are kind of happy to see it and I'll leave it at that.

One more thing, I have a video from last night's session and Pete Brody sent his Power Point presentation, I'll be posting that on our website for anyone that cares to watch.

Any questions?

MR. PARRISH: Okay, thank you. Medical director's report? Do you have something from Dr. Papish?

MR. HUGHES: Not from the medical director.

MR. PARRISH: Committee report, Dave, training?

MR. VIOLANTE: Hello. We are at Training Committee level looking at improving the technology and delivery of education via technology around the region and so that could include streaming presentations and

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using a variety of technological methods to deliver material, that sort of thing. We are also looking at delivering CIU's in three hour blocks. The new requirement is for a total of eight hours and so we can do -- actually looking at doing three hour blocks quarterly around the region to accommodate that.

And we are determining what the next class should be, CLI or CIC. There is -- we are just waiting back for information from course sponsors to see what they need.

MR. PARRISH: Any questions of Dave?  
REMAC? Again, Dr. Papish.

MR. HUGHES: I do have something from REMAC. The REMAC has sent out two advisories in the -- since our last meeting. And the first one is on Cardizem and there is an anticipated delay, so metoprolol five milligrams IV infused over two instead of Cardizem is what can be used. It's available on the website if you want to take a look.

We know there are several other shortages we are looking at with Fentanyl and



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morphine. So there hasn't been any decision on them yet, I guess the supply is still there, they are just hard to get at this point.

The other advisory that came out from REMAC was on psychiatric patient destination and this is a fairly long one -- I would rather not read it to you. But most -- it says most facilities have -- that have inpatient psychiatric units tend to operate at a maximum operating capacity as basic premise of the emergency department care, all facilities that participate in 9-1-1 need to be capable of immediate stabilization of an emotionally disturbed patient. So what they are saying is you should take them to your local ER when it's needed and that you don't have to transport long ways to the psychology treatment centers. So please take a read on that. Those are the two that were sent.

MR. PARRISH: That's it? Okay, thank you.

Under transportation committee we have two seconded motions and they will be brought

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up under new business. One is seconded motion for Walden Fire District BLS FR and the other seconded motion is Chevra Hatzolah of Rockland County. Again, they will be brought up under new business.

Public information, Desiree?

MS. LEONE-STOLL: No report.

MR. PARRISH: Policy and procedure?

Greg is not here.

Legislative and bylaws, Albee?

MR. BOCKMAN: Boy, do I have a report for you.

MR. PARRISH: Go for it.

MR. BOCKMAN: Okay, both organizations, the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association and the United New York Ambulance Network Association had their lobby day. Both groups have very similar, if not identical, agendas. And that is to protect all of our interests, EMS.

There were several things on the agenda. One I'll talk about in a second. The problem right now is in the Legislature, it's election time and the many Democrat and GOP

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seats are up for grabs, but nothing will get done legislatively until after the election. One good thing we have is the Senate and the Assembly have passed a bill to designate EMS as an essential service. Excellent it is. However, like I said, nothing will get done until election time is over. Forget it. It's not going to happen.

The bill, if you have an interest it's Assembly Bill number A8891 and Senate Bill S2770. If you have an interest in it, the bills are identical. Finally they are recognizing the need for us to be essential, it gives us the ability to apply for grants and things of that nature. But don't look for anything passing until after election time so -- at least it's on the agenda.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Then it will take at least three months to get that taken care of --

MR. BOCKMAN: It's in committee and it's not going to move, but at least it's there.

MR. LaMARCA: It's facing an uphill battle. The local governments, they are not

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interested in us being essential services because they bear the responsibility of funding those services. So very likely mayors and supervisors and stuff will be against that legislation.

MR. BOCKMAN: It's something to watch, it's something to fight for, but we will see.

MR. ALBIN: We need to lobby the supervisors and county executives.

MR. LaMARCA: You have to give them space in the budget, it's not going to happen --

MR. BOCKMAN: The one important thing, the last part of my report, something very very serious that you must really work on. And that is the bill that has been put into the Assembly to change General Municipal Law 209-B. And I discussed this at the last meeting that we had and I don't know if you took it upon yourself to look at it, but it's serious for all of us Upstate New York paramedic services. Right now fire departments are prohibited from billing for those EMS services, fire departments that

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have ambulances in it. Big push down in Long Island to change General Municipal Law 209-B allowing them to bill for EMS services. What happens is that kills the Medicare reimbursement for paramedic advance life support intercepts that we can do in our rural areas. So right now if you go assist a fire department ambulance, we hop aboard and we are allowed to bill Medicare for that. If 209-B changes that goes away and our senior citizens and those that have both Medicare and Medicaid -- both Medicare and Medicare recipients, handicapped individuals are going to get big bills. New York State is the only state in the union that Medicare has allowed us to do that is bill Medicare for paramedic intercepts of the fire department ambulances.

Again, to reiterate, if this bill passes that goes away and we have to bill our senior citizens. It is all over the internet right now. And my county alone it's posted by fire departments in our county. There is internet news agency in our county that has posted it, but they are not getting the other side. The

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problem with this is the billing to our senior citizens, they are going to get slammed. You need to work on your legislators. I said it before, I can't reiterate how important this is for Upstate rural counties -- speak to your legislators. Don't let this go by. You will be sorry if you didn't speak up on behalf of your constituents. You are our representatives in EMS, get out there and do something about it. There is a tremendous push, you know how strong the fire lobbyists are, FASNY is strong. We need to be strong as well.

MR. MURPHY: May I?

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MR. MURPHY: I appreciate you carrying the mantra of UNYAN, however, 55 percent --

MR. BOCKMAN: And New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association.

MR. MURPHY: Correct -- however, 55 percent of EMS in the State of New York is provided by the fire service. And they have been unable to bill for services, they have been unable to recover expenses for services

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as the volunteer ambulance corps have been now for many years and as the commercial services have. The scare tactic of our senior citizens being hit with these large bills is, quite frankly, a scare tactic. And if you look at the way that can be overcome, which is -- the commercial ambulances would overcome is that they would enter into an agreement with the fire department, which would now be the billing entity. And the fire department, once they had an agreement with the ALS first response agency would enter into said agreement and the ambulance corp could bill at the ALS rate and the Medicare and Medicaid would pay that. And then the ambulance corp would return that -- the fire department ambulance would return that to the ALS provider.

MR. BOCKMAN: Andy, would you like to address that?

MR. MURPHY: They are not going to get these huge bills. And I don't really think this is the correct forum to have this discussion, that's just another thing, and to

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try and make a proponent of one side of the agenda versus the other side. And there are some fire department representatives here who may wish to voice their opinions. I don't think we should get into lengthy discussion about this at this particular table. But, you know, we have had this debate a long time. I think that it is a relative protectionist opposition and that's just -- and I'm speaking as a member of State Fire Chiefs Association that would be inherently involved in 209-B and to overturn it.

MR. PARRISH: Andy?

MR. LaMARCA: Again, I don't want to make this a political statement. I object to the scare tactic phrase, but Michael is right about certain things. Certain fire departments, if they did bill they could enter into agreement with us. The only problem is once that law changes we have a lot of fire departments that don't intend to bill and there will not be recourse --

MR. MURPHY: That's incorrect because from the FASNY association and state



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association we have encouraged those.

MR. LaMARCA: You might have encouraged them, but a lot say they won't bill. But it deserves more attention than we can give it here, but the law is the law, but I agree.

MR. MURPHY: I don't think that every Medicare recipient north of wherever is all of a sudden going to lose their paramedic service.

MR. BOCKMAN: I appreciate the response Mike, I do, but the EMS side is not being heard. And as Andy said, not all fire departments will enter --

MR. MURPHY: You think the --

MR. BOCKMAN: Allow me to finish -- until this subject is clear we must oppose so that dialogue occurs. But right now it's one-sided. And just because -- you know, I'm not speaking -- excuse me -- on behalf of UNYAN, I'm speaking on behalf of emergency medical services and it happens we have two organizations involved and NYSVARA opposed the change to 209-B. It has to be in our minds to discuss because it's only one-sided

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right now, that's all.

MR. MURPHY: Okay, I'm not going to get involved in it anymore, it's irrelevant right now.

MR. PARRISH: Thanks for your comments. It's something to look at and be aware what is out there. The legislative day, Albee, that's still on hold?

MR. BOCKMAN: It is. And speaking to -- well, Bonacic is not going to be around much longer -- but both he and Gunther feel the fall with be best, it clears the calendar and everybody's mind, we had lobby day and it's behind us. So it looks like we will be doing it in the fall.

MR. PARRISH: All right, thank you.

EPCR committee, anything from those folks? Nothing?

MR. HUGHES: No.

MR. CRUTCHER: No.

MR. PARRISH: Community Paramedicine, Mike?

MR. MURPHY: We are doing it and, again, there's been no legislation. We are doing it

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along a very fine line, which is a little fine line, but we are still hoping that will come to fruition in the future. I haven't heard anything from the legislative or lobby folks with regard to that, which is a vital aspect. We are doing it under -- in cooperation with Nyack Hospital with a grant through Montefiore.

Anecdotally, the impact we are having on our patients and impact we are having on their health is tremendous. And we are also having a fairly decent impact on reducing the amount of visits to the hospital by these recurrent folks that keep going for these different items that we have been able to take care of out in the field. At some point in time at the end of this first year we will probably put a report together from our agency and Nyack Hospital and we will share that, but I think that definitely is a wave of the future. And we need to have the legislation clearly done so we don't have to tap dance --

MR. PARRISH: Yeah. At the State

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meeting the home health folks come on board,  
but NYSVARA -- the nurse's association --

MR. MURPHY: They are in opposition --  
and I'm a nurse and this is not stuff that  
NYSNA do. We go into neighborhoods and go  
into homes and areas other than eight to four  
in the morning, you know, and it's just --  
and also we fill the gap. So, in other  
words, when a patient has an issue they are  
calling the coordinator and the coordinator  
talks to them and if the coordinator wants  
eyeballs on the patient, they call the CP and  
they can go and be the eyeballs on the  
patient. VNS is not -- they don't have the  
logistics to do that.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, thanks for the  
update.

Report on the awards committee?

MR. HUGHES: All the awards, the  
committee met, picked the awards and they  
have -- will be distributed, some of them to  
the councils tonight, and all of the winners  
were submitted to the State.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, you have a note

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about written policy and procedures?

MR. HUGHES: Yeah. As noted, the awards committee asked Kim to work with them to come up with written policy and procedure for it so they are aware of how it's done at state level since she sits on that committee.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, Dee, nominating committee?

MS. SAGENDORPH: I contacted the following people who said that they would again take office. And this would be President, Rich Parrish; Vice-President, Bob Cuomo; Secretary, Nick Trio; Treasurer -- Nick Rusiecki was kind of iffy. I didn't hear back. I sent him another e-mail and didn't hear back. He said he would take it if there was absolutely no one, but we are --

MS. LEONE: He is it.

MS. SAGENDORPH: So the thing is, we would have to probably take someone from the floor.

MR. PARRISH: New business or just handle it right now?

MR. HUGHES: Might as well do it now.

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MR. PARRISH: All right. You want to chair it and call for the nominations?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Okay. For the office of President we have a nomination of Rich Parrish.

Are there any other nominations from the floor?

Going once.

Any further nominations for President?

Any further nominations for President?

I would now take the motion.

MR. LaMARCA: Move to second.

MS. SAGENDORPH: And I think Matthew you had the second?

MR. BONDI: Second.

MS. SAGENDORPH: All those in favor of Rich Parrish as President?

ALL: Aye.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Vice-President is Bob C Cuomo. He is not here, but are there any other nominations from the floor for Vice-President?

Going once.

Vice-President going twice.

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Vice-President going three times.

I would entertain the motion.

MR. BONDI: I make the motion.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Matthew Bondi.

MR. LaMARCA: Second.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second by Andy.

All those in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Secretary is Nick Trio,  
who said he would continue.

Any other nominations for the office of  
Secretary?

Any other nominations?

Third time, any other nominations for  
the office of Secretary?

I would entertain a motion.

MR. BONDI: I make the motion.

MR. VIOLANTE: Second --

MS. SAGENDORPH: Matthew Bondi.  
Seconded by Dave Violante.

All those in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Treasurer. I know you  
had sent me, Bill, a description of the

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treasurer's duties at one point in time what they have to do, but the thing of it is, he basically gets the report from another person, right, that does the books or whatever?

MR. HUGHES: Well, no. Let me read the position. The treasurer and all check signers are bonded in the amount of --

(The speaker cannot be understood.)

MR. HUGHES: -- with the responsibility of the office shall have the custody of all funds, shall present a true and accurate accounting of all financial transactions to the Council, and shall be accountable for the proper management of physical obligations. That's the bylaws definition.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Thank you. Any nominations from the floor for Treasurer?

After you heard that is there any further nominations for the office of Treasurer?

Any other nominations for the office of Treasurer?

That being the case I think Nick has to



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continue until a replacement is found.

MR. PARRISH: Yep.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Do we need a motion on that?

MR. PARRISH: You can make a --

MS. SAGENDORPH: I make a motion that Nick has to continue.

MR. TRIO: I make the motion.

MS. SAGENDORPH: We have a motion, do we have a second?

MR. BONDI: Second.

MS. SAGENDORPH: All those in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MS. SAGENDORPH: He's not going to be happy.

MR. PARRISH: For now, thanks for your support, but I'll give you a heads up, this will be my last year. It's time for somebody else to start bubbling up. Bob Cuomo has also made it be known he does not wish to run for President. So next year at this time somebody else is going to have to step up. It's time that somebody else starts bubbling up. Okay, guys? Just giving you a year to

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think about it.

All right, State EMS, SEMSCO meeting. As Bill said -- Dave can jump in -- but the new chair is Patty Bayshore, Mark Philippe is First Assistant or VP, Steve Caddy is the second. Protocols, Mercy, New York protocol, AEMT collaborative protocols, they are working on. BLS update, they got input from the peds group and trauma group and went back and made some modifications. They hope to present it in September and implement them in January. Course sponsor renewals, they are out there. If you got sponsorship check and make sure if you are due to be renewed, the paperwork has to be in. The computer based testing project completed, they got 58 positive comments back, 16 negative. They continue to look at it. The critical care the paramedic bridge is being looked at and looking for a fall start-up. CME renewal forms are getting to the office incomplete and they are being kicked back. You have to get them in there and ready to go with a 45 minute -- 45 day lead time. I think Dave

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brought this up, but under instructor courses they have to be broken up into three hour segments now. And each segment will have it's own course sponsor -- course number, so if you take three hours here and take three somewhere else you have the courses. Remember, you still have to have eight hours and it can be other types of instructor classes, not just the instructor updates. They are having issues with CIC's signing up to run classes and then finding out that they expired during the course and if that happens you are not a CIC. So your CIC number has got to be valid through the end of the class. BLS protocols they are turning over to the training committee, which will be interesting seeing the training committee seems to have been put on the shelf to rollout training. Finance, they are changing the timing of the budget template trying to get in earlier so they have more impact on the budget. There was discussion about budget service, the cash ceiling, and what happens is just a number like nine million, but cash ceiling they are

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only allowed to spend a certain amount.  
Right now the cash ceiling is 15 and a half million, which is pretty much what we have been getting right along, right? No increases?

MR. HUGHES: No increases.

MR. PARRISH: All right, they did bring up in legislative there is a bill out there about direct payment. Right now some folks are getting their check for their ambulance service and this is a new Christmas present and going to spend it instead of turning the check over to the provider of service. What they are looking to do is put both names on the check. All right, the safety committee is looking at different issues like fatigue and ballistic vests, that type of stuff, best practices, number of hours. All right, EMS For Children, they had some input, like I mentioned, into the collaborative protocols they did a survey on EMS agencies and how many have pediatric care coordinators, only 11.8 percent. They will be pushing for that, to have people be the lead on pediatric care.

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Competency on equipment, only 22 percent felt they were competent on the pediatric equipment. One example is, an agency came in where the girl -- that is the chair, the Pedi-Mate, it's a pediatric chair that straps to a stretcher -- they had it on backwards and had the child in all wrong, it would have never worked, that type of stuff they talked about. Greenberg talked about getting up to speed, looking at regs, renewal -- EMS C got renewed for four years. Pretty much everything else we looked at. Talked about the opioid crisis. That is pretty much it -- talked about the memorial and covered that. Dave? Anything else?

MR. VIOLANTE: The new CME programs should be out in September with the new forms and numbers for what is required for paramedics and EMTs. Please continue to use the current one, don't send anything in under proposed draft, the new one will be kicked back to you. The State is not sending out lists of expiring credentials, you have to keep on top of that yourself and send stuff

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in the appropriate time frame. They are anticipating reimbursement to courses from the State is probably going to get worse, not better. But that course sponsors can certainly charge and makeup some of the difference that way. For anybody interested, there is some PSAs on the State website and so if you want to use those, link to those, you certainly can, those are available. As Rich said, the SEMAC passed the AEMT changes to the protocols because they wanted organizations to be able to use those over the summertime and not wait until September. So the September 1st is for BLS predominantly. For those services that are around, make sure that you are doing your QA work and if you have any deficiencies, including documentation failures, not submitting PCRs, that kind of stuff, the SEMAC definitely supported one of the regions in their ability to suspend an agency and they maintain that stay of suspension because the agency wasn't in compliance. So just make sure you guys are doing all those

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things.

And that's the only other things I wanted to add.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, Mike, do you have anything?

MR. MURPHY: No.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, under old business. Transfer of internal funds policy and Nick is not here. Did he give you anything?

MR. HUGHES: No.

MR. PARRISH: Regional faculty -- that was discussed and they ain't doing anything with it. All right, they talked about the drug shortage and Bill addressed that.

Expiring delegates. This is Dutchess County EMS. At the last meeting of Dutchess County EMS Council the following changes were made to our REMSCO delegates and alternatives:

Matt Nolan resigned as a Delegate and was replaced Durlinda Sagendorph.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Durlinda --

MR. PARRISH: Also, the following delegates were reappointed: Nick Trio,

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delegate, Dave Violante, delegate, Joan Siebert, delegate.

The alternate position held by Durlinda Sagendorph remains vacant at this time and will be filled at the next meeting.

MR. LaMARCA: So moved.

MR. MURPHY: I'll second.

MR. PARRISH: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. PARRISH: Rockland County EMS.

Please let this letter serve as confirmation of renewal of: Kim Lippes, delegate; Nick Rusiecki, delegate; Glen Albin, delegate; Bernice Garatti, alternate; BJ Leidner, alternate.

Motion to accept?

MS. SAGENDORPH: So moved.

MR. VIOLANTE: Second.

MR. PARRISH: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. PARRISH: Orange County. Please be advised the following -- this went to them --



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Andy LaMarca -- and did we get -- we didn't get a renewal for you. This was letters sent to them -- to Orange County. And, Andy, you are up for reappointment.

Sullivan County. Be advised the following delegate alternates term on the Regional Council will expire on 6/30; Albee, Neal and Heidi. We will need a letter by the 30th for that.

Lisa Servino -- be advised the following delegate alternate on the Regional Council will expire 6/13 -- Richard Muellerleile.

MR. VIOLANTE: Back to protocol real quick. I just want to say, the protocol group has been meeting monthly and working very diligently on the AEMT protocols equipment list, what that rollout is going to be like, the regional testing, that sort of thing. It's pretty close. I think that we are going to have something at the REMAC and then move from there. So kudos to that group for the work they are doing.

MR. PARRISH: Thank you. Under new business. First vote I would like to get

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done with is the vote for Walden Fire Department BLS first response.

Glen? Where did Glen go?

MR. ALBIN: Right here.

MR. PARRISH: Oh, sorry you're hiding back there. Any comments on that? That's a seconded motion, I believe.

MR. ALBIN: We received an application for the FD, first responder -- I was not at the meeting when it was discussed. I assume you guys approved it and we are going to approve it here.

MR. PARRISH: That comes as a seconded motion. All right, as a seconded motion and we want to clear up -- as we are voting and this will take for both of the votes this evening -- is conflict of interest.

No officer or member of the council may vote on any matter in which he or she has what pecuniary interest, when 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

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conflict of interests exists.

And for purposes of the votes as I mentioned in the beginning, the alternates do have the right to vote and all votes must be in the majority of not of who is present, but we have 24 voting members of the council and a majority of those 24 is 13. So for a motion -- for both these motions to pass must have an affirmative of 13 in the affirmative.

It says here, statement shall be entered into the -- that clearly defines the authority of the alternates. And as I mentioned alternates are authorized to vote when taking the place of a delegate. All right?

I just got a last minute -- who is this from?

MR. HUGHES: Eileen Mancuso.

MR. PARRISH: Tuesday night was our meeting where our new delegate, Dave Grass, was voted into this position. The term of this delegate position is four years. This is Eileen Mancuso of Orange County EMS Council.

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Motion?

MR. LaMARCA: So moved.

MR. VIOLANTE: Second.

MR. PARRISH: Any discussion?

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. PARRISH: Opposed? Dave, you can have a seat at the table.

MR. GRASS: That's okay, thank you.

MR. PARRISH: All right, so as a seconded motion for the expansion -- not -- for Walden FD BLS first response does any voting member have conflict of interest that they wish to declare?

Any conflict of interest?

All right, seeing none, there is a seconded motion.

Any discussion on the motion?

All in favor?

MR. LaMARCA: It's roll call, isn't it?

MR. PARRISH: It's roll call. Thank you.

MR. TRIO: Nicholas Trio? Yes.

Dave Violante?

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MR. VIOLANTE: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Joann Cheney?

MS. CHENEY: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Andy LaMarca?

MR. LaMARCA: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Israel Knobloch?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Dave Grass?

MR. GRASS: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Robert Cuomo? Sorry -- he is  
not here.

David Jacobsen?

MR. JACOBSEN: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Matthew Bondi?

MR. BONDI: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Michael Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Desiree Leone?

MS. LEONE-STOLL: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Glen Albin?

MR. ALBIN: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Bernice Garatti?

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MS. GARATTI: Yes.

MR. TRIO: BJ Leidner?

MR. LEIDNER: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Albee Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Rich Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Kelly Nelson?

MS. NELSON: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Lisa Servino?

MS. SERVINO: Yes.

MR. TRIO: We have 18 yes votes.

MR. PARRISH: Thank you. For the expansion of Chevra Hatzolah, again, the conflict of interest. Does anybody wish to declare a conflict of interest?

MR. LEIDNER: I'm not an officer, nor do I have any financial interest.

MR. PARRISH: Anybody have any concerns with that?

All right, anybody else have a conflict of interest that they wish to declare?

Thank you.

All right, what we have is it came

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before the committee -- or the council, is a request for the expansion of service of Chevra Hatzolah into all of Rockland County. We held a public hearing and the public Hearing Officer gave his report. And following that report the transportation committee held its meeting and reviewing that and the recommendations. So we will bring forward to you the -- a seconded motion. And the motion has to be in the affirmative, so the seconded motion from the committee has to be to approve.

And now we will get into the finding of fact, like the Administrative Law Judge gave us and then the opinion of the committee.

The recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge. Based upon the foregoing, it is the recommendation of this Hearing Officer that the application of Chevra Hatzolah of Rockland County Incorporated for an expansion from its existing primary service area, the Town of Ramapo, County of Rockland to now include the entirety of Rockland County pursuant to 3008 be denied.

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That's their recommendation.

The transportation committee met following that recommendation. And, again, once that hearing is done this particular Hearing Officer did permit other -- or anybody present to submit written documentation and gave them five days to do so. It was open to both sides whether for or against. Those were brought in and he reviewed them and that was in his packet and based on that it's still what his recommendation was. The transportation committee, I chaired that, and I asked Glen to recuse himself from that because Glen, in the area that this expansion is taking place is in Rockland County, so I asked him to just recuse himself from that so that there would be no -- hopefully no --

MR. ALBIN: Perceived conflict.

MR. PARRISH: Perceived conflict, thank you. So I chaired that and the transportation committee was called on May 14th at the offices, Bill Hughes, myself, Glen, Dee, Tim Murphy, BJ, Teri Barbee, Jeff



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Crutcher and Karen Delaunay, discussion was held and it was the opinion of the transportation committee to uphold the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to deny the expansion.

So at that point the floor is open for discussion. No new information can be presented, clarification of questions can be done, but no new information can be presented.

All right, Andy?

MR. LaMARCA: For clarification, what was the rationale from the Administrative Law Judge for that recommendation? You never said.

MR. PARRISH: I can read the whole thing if that will -- because he felt that there -- in sum, I am constrained by the policy statement of the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services number 0606, which defines what a public need is in order for an applicant to have its geographic operating area expanded under New York Public Health Law 3008, to be sure the

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text 3008.1 makes clear that the legislature entrusted to the New York State Department of Public Health, the discretion to define public need. But the fact the applicant has not met its burden for area expansion under New York Health Public Law 3008, does not leave the applicant unable to treat Orthodox Jewish patients outside the Town of Ramapo, its primary territory, because New York Public Health Law 3010D permits it to do so without having to demonstrate a public need as defined by the Department of Health. However, until the Department of Health amends its definition of public need under 3008 to include the need to serve the religious convictions of a religious community without requiring the applicant to also demonstrate -- and this is in italics -- the treating those patients is not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources, this applicant on this record comes up short. It is not the function of this Hearing Officer to question the wisdom of the legislature,

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which left the discretion to the Department of Health to define public need.

Does that answer it?

MR. LaMARCA: Um, um.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, Karen?

MR. MILLOCK: I would like an opportunity to speak, if I may? I'm not a member of the REMSCO obviously, but if you finished the discussion I would like to say something on behalf of Chevra Hatzolah.

MR. PARRISH: Anybody else?

MR. MILLOCK: My name is Peter Millock. I'm an attorney in Albany. Along with Karen Taddeo, who you all know, we are representing Chevra Hatzolah. Sylvan Klein is here, the executive director. So if it's okay, Mr. Parrish, I would like to make a statement.

MR. PARRISH: No objection. Go ahead.

MR. MILLOCK: So a few facts for those who are not from Rockland County. Chevra Hatzolah has been in operation in Rockland since 1981 in two villages and it's territory was expanded to all of Ramapo in 2011. As Mr. Parrish said, the purpose of the

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application is to expand to the rest of the Rockland County. It has ten vehicles currently in operation, two more have just been delivered and a third on order, so thirteen vehicles available to serve the whole county. They have 120 EMTs, BLS EMTs and 25 ALS paramedics that are available to serve as well. In 2017 it took 10,500 calls per year, 329 of those came from outside of Ramapo in the rest of Rockland County.

So the key question, as Mr. Parrish said, and as the Hearing Officer identified is whether there is public need for Chevra's services in Rockland County beyond the Town of Ramapo. 0606 defines public need and it also lists the criteria that should be considered when determining public need. One of the criteria listed in 0606 is local factors and that's -- and that criteria is what the Chevra application is based on.

It's based on three different things, the large growing and expanding Orthodox population in Rockland County, the unique needs of that population with respect to

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emergency medical services, and the unique capacity of Chevra to meet those needs. These are the same needs that justified the very first application that Chevra submitted in 1981 to be in Monsey and New Square. And it was also the same justification that was used in 2011 to allow Chevra to expand its operating territory to all of the Town of Ramapo. And I cite for that support for that the 1981 report of the Hearing Officer Harry Alan, which is in the application. And the May 31, 2011 Hearing Officer Kevin Bloom, which is the same Hearing Officer report Mr. Parrish read from.

The record shows the Orthodox population in Rockland County is growing rapidly. In the application it is -- we showed that there were 13 new Orthodox congregations open in Rockland County outside of Ramapo since 2010. That's 13 new congregations, 13 new Shuls, 13 new churches of the Orthodox faith. Dr. Geller is the President and CEO of Montefiore Nyack wrote to the Hearing Officer, the Orthodox Jewish community is spreading out

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geographically to the towns and villages beyond the Town of Ramapo at a rapid pace. Naphtali Morris of Keller Williams, which is a real estate agency, said this in his letter, one of the most interesting trends which is occurring now is the expansion of the Orthodox Jewish community to all areas of Rockland County. They are buying houses in the Village of Pomona, Stony Point and the Town of Haverstraw. The applicant also cited the following, it took -- in 2017, 329 calls outside of Ramapo in Rockland County pursuant to the section of the law which Mr. Parrish cited and it projects in 2018 taking 400 or more calls outside of Ramapo in Rockland County. So people are already -- already seeking the services when they can from Chevra Hatzolah.

The record also shows that the Orthodox population has unique needs and desires and Chevra Hatzolah has the unique ability to meet those needs. Many of the Orthodox residents in Rockland County do not use English as their primary language. Yiddish

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is their primary language and every member of the Chevra Hatzolah staff speaks Yiddish as well as English. Orthodox residents also base their whole lives on the tenants of Orthodox Judaism. It very strictly controls what they do on an everyday basis and this places special on EMS, which can't be ignored. For one thing, prayer. During emergencies patients have the desire to keep their prayer books with them, that's something Chevra Hatzolah arranges. Clothing removing, Orthodox men and women have very specific concepts of when and how to remove clothing when the need arises. Hatzolah has a better understanding of these issues and how to deal with them. For example, removing of head covering of a woman may seem trivial to many of us, but to a married Orthodox patient removing it for anything less than a total emergency is traumatic. Taking blood pressure over clothing, running a stethoscope under clothing and not having to expose patients are some of the ways in which Hatzolah addresses the specific needs under

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Orthodox religion of Orthodox patients.  
Hatzolah members ride along with their --  
with Orthodox patients so there are others  
that are permitted in order to provide  
comfort and security to those people in need  
at the moment.

Another thing that is very specific to  
the Orthodox faith is the strict observance  
of the Sabbath. The Jewish Sabbath begins on  
Friday night just before sundown and extends  
to Saturday evening. During this time  
Orthodox Jews are not permitted to engage in  
many of the recreational activities that take  
place -- that are -- that we -- many of us  
take for granted. They can't listen to the  
radio, they can't turn on electric lights,  
they can't write, they can't cook and can't  
engage in the creative arts. Similar  
prohibitions pertain to Jewish holidays, many  
of which last more than one day. During  
these times patients and families rely on the  
guidance of Hatzolah members who are trying  
to help them about what they may and may not  
do. And Hatzolah, in turn, relies on its



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boards of Rabbis and the standing instructions that that board has issued for advice on matters of faith in situations of emergency. Staying with a patient until relatives arrive, arranging transport for a relative of a patient, reaching out to community groups to help the family with meals, those are some of the important services that go beyond the normal duties of EMS and that's what Hatzolah does.

Morton Silverberg wrote -- he is a long time lawyer in Rockland County -- he wrote to the committee, Hatzolah EMS brings the Orthodox Jewish community a unique understanding of its distinct culture and a giving attitude. That's what makes this different. And because of all this, Orthodox residents want to be served by Chevra Hatzolah and that explains why so many calls are being sent to Hatzolah from areas outside of Ramapo. They are reluctant to call on anyone else. They know Hatzolah will transfer or transport them wherever they want to go and that explains why in 2017 1,630

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patients were transported outside of Rockland County at the request of the residents.

Now, the opponents to this application made several points, which respectfully, I don't think have any merit. One point was that the current staff -- current staff non Hatzolah staff, can be trained to be culturally sensitive to the particular needs of the Orthodox population. That sounds good, but it's not really the same to take a two week or one week -- whatever it is -- training course on cultural sensitivity versus being immersed in the Orthodox faith from birth and for years and also having proficiency -- proficiency in Yiddish. That's not something you get out of a training course, it's not something that is done overnight. This is something that is imbued in the people that work for Chevra Hatzolah. Many of you know them and understand how committed they are -- which is not to diminish or demean any other group providing service, but they come with a special expertise which doesn't come out of a

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training course and can't.

Other point made was because of that provision in the Public Health Law, which Mr. Parrish cited, it's already -- Chevra is already permitted to take calls outside of Ramapo because of the religious exception in 3010.1D. That's really not the same thing as being approved and accepted as part of the services provided to the whole of Rockland County. The religious exception does not allow Chevra Hatzolah to station vehicles outside of Ramapo, it does not allow for pickups of patients from hospitals outside of Ramapo and transportation to their homes, unless the patients reside within Ramapo and it does not allow for any type of nonemergency service like nursing homes and medical services unless the nursing home is in Ramapo. While there is exception and while it does allow the calls that I mentioned were taken by Hatzolah outside of Ramapo, it's not the same thing as being fully licensed to provide services.

And the last point that was raised and

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cited by the Hearing Officer is that Chevra has not shown a need in all of Rockland County. Now, Rockland County is not a big county. We are not talking about Arizona, or Montana, we are not even talking about Suffolk county or some of the other big counties. Chevra has already filed two approved applications. First for a couple villages, then for Ramapo itself. If somehow it were limited in it's application now, some lesser area than all of Rockland it would then inevitably have to file a fourth application to cover the rest of the county. That would mean four applications to extend territory within one small county of the State. I think it's -- while it's technically possible, it's not something that goes on regularly. If you look at counties around the State -- and I know you are all familiar with people that do your job in other places -- they don't approve services of counties unless there is some really significant reason not to grant approval for a county as a whole.

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And I think that's what you should do now. And for all of those reasons we think it's incumbent on you -- with all respect -- to read the report and deliberations of the transportation committee, but ultimately take the position this is a needed service, that people want this service because it's different, special and the people providing it are geared to the needs of the people who need the services. So for those reasons we hope you vote positively in favor of the application.

MS. TADDEO: One supplement, the Hearing Officer said it wasn't in the definition of need that is in 0606 about the religious need. I need you to look at religious exception in 3010. The Legislature passed that. The Legislature said that, it says ambulance or advance life support, first response service organization formed to serve the need for the provision of emergency medical services in accordance with the convictions of religious denominations. The Legislature in the statute says there is a

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need for special services that are enacted and enabled to meet the religious needs. So as Peter said, it's part of 0606 under the other considerations, but the Legislature calls it a need.

MR. PARRISH: Andy?

MR. LaMARCA: Just for clarification, I understand that the County of Rockland supported this -- the application, as did the large paramedic service that covers the county?

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MR. LaMARCA: And, again, listening to this, obviously there is ways it can be done without CON, but certainly I think the delivery of the medicine -- you know, we do it all the time everywhere, but the way it's delivered or the special needs of those patients I think has to be addressed too. I think the small point that maybe isn't reflected on, we are used to planning operations and where we station ambulances on everyday basis to impact patient care and get there was quickly as possible. And I think

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that the point is being validly made that being able to expand runs outside your CON area to provide service is not the same as outpost or stationing units where they might be needed and that's a flexible sort of concept. So I do, you know, think that in this case and I think we saw at the State Council in the appeal process, we would go back and look at what the county representatives, who are in the best place to tell us what they had, you know, determined, and it seems to me they determined there is a need.

MR. PARRISH: Mike?

MR. MURPHY: Andy and I were integral into the actual writing of 0606 and it does have the caveat to address local needs and local considerations. I think the Hearing Officer was handcuffed a little bit by the literal interpretation of 3008 and the literal interpretation of 0606 not having that local flavor. That's why when it comes to the Regional Council that is where the local flavor is introduced into the

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discussion. And being a former member of the State Council -- and Andy also -- that was the first question that's always asked at State Council appeal, what was the local flavor? What was the local thought process? I think what we have here even though need, per say, if it was Acme Ambulance that was looking to expand into -- A ambulance was looking to expand into B and C's territory it would be a different discussion as far as can B and C provide that? Why is A moving into other territories? So that's the flavor of 0606 and flavor of 3008. 3010 already allows this to be done based on religious need. So us as clinicians -- and all due respect to the legal professionals here -- but us as clinicians and EMS providers it's our job here at the table to make sure the medical needs of a particular subset are met appropriately. And I think that if you are looking at the specific needs based on all of the religious considerations, that the Hatzolah is best at providing that for their community. And their community is expanding,



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300 calls last year, whatever it was, will be 400, will be 500, will be 600. And, you know, we will be a back here again in another year or two with more numbers if we didn't approve it, which I think would be detrimental to the needs of their constituents and patients. But if that be, then we would be back here and they would spend more money on attorneys -- with all due respect -- and the region would spend more money and by that time they would have enough call volume to say we go into that area.

So I think in general we have to be able to put the State flavor aside, integrate the local flavor, integrate EMS practitioner's flavor as opposed to juris prudence flavor and do the right thing by their constituents and organization.

With that said, the motion on the table from the committee is to deny, correct?

MR. PARRISH: Correct.

MR. MURPHY: So therefore --

MR. HUGHES: The motion --

MR. PARRISH: No. No. The motion has

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to be approved. The recommendation from the committee is --

MR. MURPHY: I'm just making sure because if people want to approve this that they vote in the right direction --

MS. NELSON: We had this issue last time --

MR. MURPHY: Sometimes if there is a motion -- in other words, we have a seconded motion from the committee --

MR. PARRISH: The seconded motion -- the way I'm reading it from 0606, it is a proper format for a motion to approve the application. The motion position is supported by recommendations from the committee for or against. So the motion has to be -- and that's the motion from the committee, motion is to approve.

MR. MURPHY: A motion from the committee to approve.

MR. PARRISH: But the recommendation from the transportation committee and from the Hearing Officer --

MS. NELSON: Our vote is to approve the

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expansion, not their recommendations?

MR. PARRISH: Correct. When we go to a vote, if you vote yes, that's to approve. If you vote no, it's to not approve.

MS. LEONE: The expansion?

MR. PARRISH: The expansion.

MR. ALBIN: Just one thing, everything said here is very good, it's from operational perspective. When we deal with the public, when someone in the public -- to give an example, a person has a seizure inside a store and the local store calls 9-1-1, now you have got police, ambulance, paramedic units responding. Now the community member with the person then calls Hatzolah and Hatzolah shows up at the scene where medical -- competent medical care has already arrived. So logistical operational standpoint it becomes a little confusing that people will be responding. Again, wherever you set your ambulances up, like they are still going to be responding and that's -- you know, where logistically I could see some problems. I personally don't have a problem

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with the need to submit the need -- special need of the Orthodox community, I think what they do is great. But I think we have to understand we don't work in a vacuum. There are other players in here that are providing services that get calls in a 9-1-1 system and as a result, you know, there is competing needs there. So we will go from there.

MR. MURPHY: Rich? If I may?

MR. PARRISH: Go ahead.

MR. MURPHY: I'm sorry, in two weeks it will be my 30th year with Paramedic Services --

MR. LaMARCA: Is there a party.

MR. MURPHY: Yes -- we have a wealth of the experience you are talking about as far as the -- those mutual dual responses that occur in the Town of Ramapo. They occurred quite frequently in the beginning, they still occur at times. There is a tremendous respect and cooperation and mutual respect between the police departments, fire departments, the ambulance corps, such as Spring Hill and Ramapo Valley, Rockland

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Paramedics. We deal with those situations on a daily basis sometimes and there has never been an issue. There is complete cooperation at the scene. A lot of times if, all right, it's an Orthodox number you go --

MR. ALBIN: They usually hand it off --

MR. MURPHY: A lot of times it's a non Orthodox number and Hatzolah is the second truck there and they are more than happy. And it was mentioned at the hearing -- which I took offense to -- that, you know, if it's not a member of their community, they don't -- they transport any time. Listen, can you take this? Yeah, no problem, et cetera. So I don't see that as being an issue to impede what I think everybody -- the flavor I'm getting from the table is the right thing.

MR. PARRISH: David?

MR. VIOLANTE: I would like to echo what everyone said here so far, especially Andy and Murph. I'm the systems guy -- for anybody that hasn't figured that out -- and you know, I think it's far better from a

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system perspective when you are looking at overall patient care to breakdown the silos that are holding back the care for the individual patient. And if you look at a system, it's far better for these guys as a specialty service to be in the system and integrated within the system than to work outside the system. And for us to be welcoming and accepted as part of that system I think it's far better service for the entire overall. I'll be honest, there is times if we've got a specialty patient I'm more than happy to see someone there that can actually handle that situation when I can't. And it sounds like they really feel that need and it's growing and they should be the ones to take care of that.

MR. PARRISH: Desiree?

MS. LEONE-STOLL: I want to speak a little about the need, working for the county coordinator's office. We receive calls on daily basis about people that are -- about Orthodox communities expanding, especially the Haverstraw Pomona area, they want

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Hatzolah to be able to stationed there to be closer. There was a call last summer where I guess a child maybe drowned, I don't know all the circumstances. But they feel that if they can get Hatzolah stationed where they live, they will be able to respond quicker. They are going to be able to be a part of the system with them. So I think as far as need, I can tell you on a daily basis we field calls from the community asking for how do we get Hatzolah here? And that's throughout the county. I mean, particularly Haverstraw Pomona area, but that's not the only place, it's throughout the county we are receiving the calls. So maybe they only did 300, but I bet if they were everywhere there would be a lot more. A year from now it would be much more than the 400 projected.

MR. VIOLANTE: One more thing I wanted to add, is from a regional level we have already accepted this idea by changing our CLI course to a Sunday to be able to accommodate for the religious needs of this group, so I think this is an extension of

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that concept.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, is there any new information that has -- I shouldn't say new information, but does anybody else have anything to say supporting what has just been said without rehashing it continuously? If not --

MR. KLEIN: Sylvan Klein, Executive Director of Hatzolah. I just want to expound a little bit for one minute on a point that Desiree just made. Desiree reported about an incident that happened a year ago, a young child drowning in the swimming pool. The story was a very young child in a swimming pool, the mother was -- as well as four other ladies -- for some reason, none of them saw the child going under. When they finally did realize the mother ran across the street to try and get a neighbor to come and help, instead of picking up the phone, that took precious few minutes time when she came back. It was Hatzolah member that lived exactly next door to where this was taking place, just the mother didn't think of going next



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door to them. Eventually, unfortunately, the baby died, but the baby stayed in the hospital and lived for a week before it died. After the week -- the Shiva was over, a week later the mother was telling people, you have no idea how thankful I am to Hatzolah that they extended the life of my baby for one week. Thank you.

MR. PARRISH: Okay --

MR. LaMARCA: Can we call the question?

MR. PARRISH: That's what I was getting ready -- all right, so the motion from the transportation committee has to be a motion to approve the application. And, again, you've heard from the Law Judge and from the transportation committee to deny.

The vote is -- the motion is to approve the Chevra Hatzolah Rockland County. A vote in the affirmative is to approve. A vote negative is to deny. And this is a roll call vote.

Again, we approved Dave and is he replacing you, Andy? And does that take effect tonight, or from the 30th on?

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MR. HUGHES: I believe it's the 30th.

MR. PARRISH: So Andy would be the vote?

MR. HUGHES: Yeah because Andy expires  
on the 30th.

MS. LEONE: Of June?

MR. PARRISH: Yeah --

(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MR. PARRISH: -- and then the total  
membership of the organization is 24 so for  
this to pass it must have 13 votes in the  
affirmative, all right?

Ready, Nick?

MR. TRIO: Yes.

Nicholas Trio? Yes.

Dave Violante?

MR. VIOLANTE: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Joann Cheney?

MS. CHENEY: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Andy LaMarca?

MR. LaMARCA: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Israel Knobloch?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Yes.

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MR. TRIO: David Jacobsen?  
MR. JACOBSEN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Matthew Bondi?  
MR. BONDI: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Michael Murphy?  
MR. MURPHY: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Desiree Leone?  
MS. LEONE-STOLL: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Glen Albin?  
MR. ALBIN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Bernice Garatti?  
MS. GARATTI: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: BJ Leidner?  
MR. LEIDNER: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Albee Bockman?  
MR. BOCKMAN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Rich Parrish?  
MR. PARRISH: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Dorothy Bailin -- sorry.  
Kelly Nelson?  
MS. NELSON: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Lisa Servino?  
MS. SERVINO: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Seventeen votes for approval.

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MR. PARRISH: Okay, no abstention, that's good. All right --

MS. TADDEO: Thank you. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: I would just like to thank the work of the transportation committee on that, this was a unique one.

MR. PARRISH: Yep -- and we have a couple more coming down. The transportation committee -- he was told nothing happens and we have two or three more coming down.

MR. ALBIN: Nothing happens on the transportation committee, I go --

MR. PARRISH: Just an announcement, Bob is not with us this evening -- Bob, his property got hit pretty hard with the tornado, a lot of trees down, his prize Mustang, a collector's item got destroyed. If you see him, give him your sympathies.

MS. SAGENDORPH: We just don't want to mention the Mustang.

MR. PARRISH: No, don't mention that. Yes, that's his collector's car. Yeah, he got hit pretty hard.

Is there any other business that has to

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come before the council? If not --

MR. LEIDNER: I would like to thank everybody on behalf of Hatzolah for granting us the extension.

MR. PARRISH: Desiree, did you have something?

MS. LEONE: Motion to adjourn.

MR. TRIO: Second.

MR. PARRISH: There was a motion to adjourn. Motion -- all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

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