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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
- ROBERT CUOMO, EMT-P  
Vice-President
- NICHOLAS TRIO, EMT  
Secretary
- DR. MARK PAPISH,  
Medical Director
- WILLIAM HUGHES, EMT  
Executive Director

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- JEFFREY CRUTCHER, QI Coordinator
- KAREN DELAUNAY, Office Manager

DUTCHESS COUNTY

- NICHOLAS TRIO
- JOAN SIEBERT
- DEE SAGENDORPH
- TIM MURPHY

ORANGE COUNTY

- BEN CONQUES
- DAVID GRASS
- ISRAEL KNOBLOCH
- MICHAEL BIGG

PUTNAM COUNTY

- ROBERT CUOMO
- DENISE MONTANA

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ROCKLAND COUNTY

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TIM EGAN  
4 GLEN ALBIN  
BJ LEIDNER  
5 THERESA HAMILTON  
NEIL DAHAN

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ALBEE BOCKMAN  
NEAL MEDDAUGH

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RICHARD PARRISH  
DOROTHY BAILIN  
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ALSO PRESENT:

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ROBERT STACK  
18 MIKE MINERVA  
KAREN TADDEO  
JOHN MAHONEY  
JIM O'CONNOR

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MR. PARRISH: I call this to order.

First thing I would like to do is -- I represented the region at the wake for Greg Tavormina. Can we have a moment of silence for Greg? He did a lot for the community and EMS.

(A moment of silence was held.)

MR. PARRISH: Thank you. Okay, Treasurer, roll call?

MR. TRIO: Dutchess County.

Nicholas Trio? Present.

Dave Violante?

Joan Siebert?

MS. SIEBERT: Present.

MR. TRIO: Tim Murphy?

Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Present.

MR. TRIO: Pete Schinella?

Guy Carpico?

Orange County.

Joann Cheney?

Ben Conques?

MR. CONQUES: Here.

MR. TRIO: Dave Grass?

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MR. GRASS: Here.

MR. TRIO: Israel Knobloch?

MR. KNOBLOCH: Here.

MR. TRIO: Teri Barbee?  
Frank Cassanite?  
Michael Bigg?

MR. BIGG: Here.

MR. TRIO: Putnam County.  
Robert Cuomo?

MR. CUOMO: Here.

MR. TRIO: David Jacobsen?

MR. JACOBSEN: Here.

MR. TRIO: Matthew Bondi?  
Denise Montana?

MS. MONTANA: Here.

MR. TRIO: Rockland County.  
Tim Lippes -- Kim Lippes?  
Nick Rusiecki?  
Tim Egan?

MR. EGAN: Here.

Desiree Leone?  
Glen Albin?

MR. ALBIN: Here.

MR. TRIO: Theresa Hamilton?

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MS. HAMILTON: Present.

MR. TRIO: Neil Dahan.

MR. DAHAN: Present.

MR. TRIO: B.J. Leidner?

MR. LEIDNER: Here.

MR. TRIO: Sullivan County.

Albee Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: Here.

MR. TRIO: Neil Meddaugh?

MR. MEDDAUGH: Here.

MR. TRIO: Heidi Stack?

Mike Bruce?

Marc Strauss?

Ulster County.

Richard Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Here.

MR. TRIO: Kelly Nelson?

Dorothy Balin?

MS. BAILIN: Here.

MR. TRIO: Timothy Mitzel?

MR. MITZEL: Here.

MR. TRIO: Lisa Servino?

We have 20 and a quorum is 13.

MR. PARRISH: All right. The minutes

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were distributed, any additions or corrections to the minutes as distributed?

MR. ALBIN: Motion to accept the minutes.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. PARRISH: Second, okay.

President's report, I have a couple of letters to read in.

This is to confirm renewal of Guy Carpico as one of our alternate representatives to the Hudson Valley Regional Council for Dutchess County.

Putnam County. Please be advised Putnam County EMS Council has appointed Robert Cuomo as delegate for our county. He can be reached at -- and then also Denise Montana is delegate for Putnam. And Matt Bondi is an alternate for Putnam County, right?

MR. CUOMO: Bondi --

MR. PARRISH: Bondi? B-O-N-D-I, Bondi, okay.

Get them in the minutes so that makes you legal for tonight.

We had an Executive Committee, very

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informative.

Some of the things that we talked about, committees, we are going to be looking at committees to be more active. So every member of the Council is expected to be on a committee and when you are on it we expect it to be productive. We are looking at possibly moving some of the Executive Committee meetings more often between meetings, doing them by Web X, conference call, that type of stuff.

And we'd like each County Council to go back and look at their representation and consider bringing on a nonEMS related -- somebody from the community. Let's get a feel for what the community thinks about EMS and get them appointed to this committee. Some of the thoughts were legal groups, banks, community groups, that type of stuff. So we get other opinions not just EMS opinions on the Council. We have charged Albee with a big to do to revise the bylaws and possibly look at adding those to it. One of the things we are looking at is a thing



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called constant contact mail server, so that we can get more information out on a more timely basis. All right?

A BLS Protocol Committee, we need to get BLS more involved in what the region does. You know, everybody looks at us, oh, we are ALS. And a lot of the BLS agencies look at us as we are punitive. We are not, we are here to help. And BLS has got some issues and we need to as a Council look at what we can do to improve their services and work with them.

Staffing issues, essential service, stuff that Albee talked about at the legislative meeting. All right? Leadership training, a lot of discussion on that. That's something that is going to be an active to do going forward that we need to come up with some B-L -- leadership 101 basic training for our providers out there. Along with the BLS provider issues, ALS dependency. I see it and I'm sure other counties see it. I see ambulances sitting waiting 20 minutes half hour for an ALS unit to arrive instead

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of getting the patient loaded, you know, they belong in the hospital, that type of thing.

Standard of care. A lot of agencies out there aren't using the basic tools they should be using, EpiPen, albuterol, all right? Glucometry, things like that. What is the standard of care for the region? All right.

Those are the things we looked at and the big thing we would like each region or county to do is go back and look at your bylaws and bring on nonEMS people, okay?

That's what we are covered at the Executive Committee and a lot of work to do there. And we are going to continue to follow-up on it so that was covering that.

Any questions on that?

If not, treasurer's report?

MR. HUGHES: Okay. Nick is not here this evening so he asked me to do the report for him.

We wrote 33 checks worth \$23,958.00. We had a large check of \$1,003.00 that had to go to our landlord for our CAMC, common area

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maintenance charges. It's in our lease that we would pay that as -- if there was any major issue and they had a big issue with air-conditioning and heating in here, so they fixed that. It doesn't quite feel that way right now, but they did fix it and it should be working now. We wrote a \$770.00 check to the Village of New Square, we return for the unused portion of their ALS upgrade. A \$233.00 to Vassar Brothers for their unused portion for their unused portion for their ALS upgrade. And if anyone wants to take a look at the details I have them.

Transfers. We transferred to the payroll account \$30,000.00 from our program agency. In the financial side we had a thousand dollars deposited for the Vassar ALS upgrade. We had a thousand dollars deposited for PECC. PECC is the pediatric emergency care coordinator program that was started out of Southern Tier. They had a grant for it and every region that met the goal of getting people into the PECC received a thousand dollars -- in the region received a thousand

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dollars. We did do that. We had five of our agencies are PECC qualified now and we are looking to grow that. So we are hoping to get out some more information, should be coming soon. And if anybody is interested in the PECC program, or has somebody that wants to be a pediatric emergency care coordinator in their area they don't have to be -- it doesn't have to be one per agency, it could be one per area or one per county, but let us know and we can get you started on that. All right? It's a very good program that ensures that we have good pediatric care out in the field.

We put in a thousand dollars from the -- for the F & C for the TOA of Empress Ambulance -- fitness and competency for a TOA, transfer of authority, for Empress Ambulance. We also put in a \$5,000.00 deposit for an expansion of territory for Kiryas Joel. And we put in a \$7,500.00 deposit for money that we get for the amfAR grant, which is for the distribution for the Narcan for all the agencies in our area, we

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also supply police and fire if they necessarily need it.

New York State. Vouchers for third quarter, third quarter they kind of did us in a little bit. They asked us to do partial vouchering, so we vouchered January and February and then we had to voucher March. So whatever we normally do for our vouchering and the whole financial process, we had to do it twice for this quarter, which wasn't exactly exciting. But we did -- we submitted the February was \$37,476.00 for the program agency, which we billed and actually received payment. And then it was \$22,900.00 for the second half, which is the month of March, which we billed, but we haven't received payment yet. Now, that's the third quarter for the program agency, but the fourth quarter for Council. So Council we billed 2/28 for \$2,900.00. And in fourth quarter the partial month of march we billed &878.00. So the 878 hasn't been paid, the other one was.

Conference and education we had no

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activity whatsoever and that's really it.

The annual -- the audit was completed so if anybody needs to see that I have that available.

MR. PARRISH: Any questions of Bill's treasurer's report?

Motion to accept?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Motion.

MS. SIEBERT: Second.

MR. PARRISH: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. PARRISH: Opposed? Abstain? Thank you.

All right, QI -- no, office report. Backup, Bill.

MR. HUGHES: Okay, we had a kind of a busy time right now. We had four Article 30 actions pending and we have a fifth one that we expect to be coming down very shortly. Two of them Empress and Emstar are TOAs, transfer of ownership, and the other two are expansion of territory. The first one is the New Windsor expansion, which we voted on a year ago probably, into Cornwall. It has

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been submitted to the New York State ALJ's office and the ALJ asked for briefs on both sides. And hopefully that the Bureau of EMS is anticipating that the results should happen sometime in the summer and should be brought to the REMSCO -- the SEMSCO meeting in September. So hopefully we will get that squared away.

Kiryas Joel has submitted an expansion of territory for Orange County and we have just -- almost done with the completion of it. Probably this week we will have it completed and submitted to the Transportation Committee and to the State.

And we'd like to thank the Transportation Committee for all their time and work because it's been very busy over there and like I said, we should have another one coming in.

Okay, I talked about that already -- the Bureau of EMS has revised our budget process for the two grants that we receive in the office. In the new budget format we had to resubmit all the budgets that we had for next

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year in the new format and they've changed the way we used to operate. We used to do what we called a split of 80/20, 80 percent of our -- the majority of our costs that were allowable went to the program agency grant and 20 percent went to the Council grant. Now they've have changed that and they won't allow to us do that, so we have to actually take each cost and divide it up. So in the phone bill, which includes the land line phone bills, any cell phones and internet, all has to be broken down by who uses it the most and who it pertains to and we have to give a percentage to each one of that and divide it over the four quarters. It's a fairly complex process. I've been working on it for a couple weeks now and we haven't really got it squared away yet, but we are working on it. It doesn't go into effect until next quarter so we have some time.

The PECC, I briefly spoke about it. But with the PECC, the PECC is considered the first step in the standard of excellence program that is being initiated by the Bureau



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of EMS. They are trying to raise the bar for EMS performance in New York State levels. They are going to use a bronze, silver and gold level. And it's going to be a point value and it's going to be assessed to training, equipment and performance. It's going to be similar to what the State of Virginia uses if anybody is familiar with that. But it's going to be a volunteer program and the whole theory behind it is to raise the quality of EMS in New York. I'm not exactly sure of what the actual standards are but they are looking at it. I know the SEMAC also looked at some stuff this year last meeting and they said what they think should be part of the standard of excellence, but PECC is the first one coming out.

The statewide BLS protocols have been accepted and signed and are available. Also the collaborative ALS protocols are available and they're available on the New York State website. It's Health New York Government Professional EMS Protocol. So it is available, everything has been accepted and

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signed we were waiting for it to -- they are available on that website.

On March 22, 2019 REMSCO hosted a legislative breakfast, but I'll let Albee speak about that and the success we had there.

Hudson Valley Awards Committee met and choose their 2018 regional awards winners. Awards can be picked up tonight by the county representative, you should see Karen. I think she is here and she should have them. All the regional winners were submitted to New York State for the State award.

EMS on Tour is a statewide effort that EMS has to go out to the community and meet and greet the public. And Bureau of EMS has prepared a tool kit and up until yesterday we didn't think the tool kit would be available this year, but it is available. And it's available at [health.newyork.gov/professionals/ems/toolkit](http://health.newyork.gov/professionals/ems/toolkit). If anybody needs that I can give it to them, I can forward the e-mail to them, so that's available. The Bureau is asking for agencies

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to participate in it and to post pictures on the Bureau's Facebook and their Facebook and to post any preschedule events on Facebook. Both Ryan and Steve -- Steve is the Deputy Director -- new Deputy Director of EMS and Ryan is the new director of EMS are willing to go out if you have an event, they are willing to go to that event. So if there is something happening in your area and you want to invite them, they are sending either themselves or some of their staff to as many events as they can for this EMS on Tour.

(Tim Murphy entered the meeting.)

MR. HUGHES: There is some daily planners if you want to get them, I can pass them onto anybody that is interested in doing something. E-mail me, I'll get them out to you.

MR. ALBIN: Bill, do you have the name of the guy that is deputy director --

MR. HUGHES: Steve --

MR. EGAN: Steve Dziura, D-Z-I-U-R-A, I believe.

MR. HUGHES: Steve -- yeah.

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Some dates you need to remember:

May 21, 2019 is the EMS memorial service on Empire State Plaza at 11:00 a.m.; September 12th and 15th is the 2019 NYSVARA pulse check at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern; October 24th through the 27th is vital signs in Buffalo.

The other thing I would like to mention is we might have to have a special meeting for some of the CON actions because we are obligated to have the meeting within 60 days of it being deemed complete and ready to go. So I would look at sometime in July, probably the 24th or 31st, we might be asking for special meeting. So if you can pencil that in your calendar, either one, I think we will probably need you guys here.

MR. MITZEL: Sorry, just the dates again?

MR. HUGHES: It was the 24th and 31st of July.

(The speaker cannot be heard.)

MR. HUGHES: No, it can't be. It has to be an in-person meeting because we need a

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roll call vote on those.

(The speaker cannot be heard.)

MR. HUGHES: It's a state law not a bylaw.

MR. PARRISH: Any questions of Bill? Yes?

MR. LEIDNER: The protocols, have they been signed off by the commissioner.

MR. HUGHES: They have been signed off by the commissioner, that's why they posted them on the website.

MR. LEIDNER: Is there any time frame when the agencies have to adapt it?

MR. HUGHES: August 1st on the BLS side.

MR. ALBIN: The app will be updated?

MR. HUGHES: The app is being -- the comparison is being done right now to see what has to be changed in the app. We are hoping that the app will be update by that point in time.

MR. CUOMO: So then the collaborative protocols and BLS protocol will mirror --

MR. HUGHES: Yes, they are exact duplicates of each other.

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MR. PARRISH: Jeff, to you.

MR. CRUTCHER: The move to Nemesis 3.4 is on track. Per the State that must be finished by December 31st at 17:00 because on January 1st we start the move to 3.5, which is not going to be that significant it's going to be a lot of bug fixes. Daily I receive six separate reports from Image Trend, which I have to go back and check each agency for each specific category that they are looking at and that is across our regional bridge, the State 3.4 bridge and a couple of reports from the current Nemesis 2.0 bridge. This whole process has been eating up a fair amount of my office time.

One of the other tasks that we've been levied with is updating all of the DOH 5603s from the Nemesis 2 to Nemesis 3.4. ESO is scheduled to go on-line on the State site on the 1st of September so we have 40 some agencies that I need to get this paperwork from. Most of the agencies have received the e-mails, some of the agencies have given me back a completed 5603 and we are working on

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the rest of it.

We have found some e-mails that are bad simply because they are not an agency e-mail and whoever was in charge of EPCRs for that agency has moved on, left, but is not forwarding it back to their old home agency. One thing that we would like to have done sometime in the near future -- tomorrow would be nice -- but is an agency specific e-mail that stays with that position with that agency rather than trying to use personal e-mail for it, that makes life simpler with the amount of information we need to push out. So e-mails that were valid even a month or two ago I have found are no longer valid.

And the same with shipping addresses, if you are participating in the Narcan program make certain your UPS shipping address is accurate. We had Narcan go out a couple weeks ago and it went to where the agency specified, except that address is to somebody no longer a member and doesn't want to give up the Narcan. And when you consider the actual cost of the Narcan dose being 100

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bucks a box that's 800 to 1,000 dollars that that agency has essentially lost. It is very important to make sure that we are updated with this rather simplistic amount of information. We have given up trying to fax because that's old technology and most of the fax numbers, if not all that we have, don't work anymore.

One of the other projects we have accomplished in the last month or so is a revamp of the website. Looks a little bit different. I think it works a little bit smoother. It's a little better as far as using it as a mobile application. It's still a work in progress. We have some things we need to kind of tweak on it, but it's coming along.

Our Facebook page has the link to the tool kit that Bill was talking about. Our website has the protocols that are updated. Most things are actually coming together. The biggest thing we have got is the paperwork. So if you can go back to your agencies, talk to whoever does PCRs, even if



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you are not an ESO client I still need updated 5603s for pretty much everybody that is electronic. Don't put a start date in there, the State will take care of the go live date.

I think that's about it for now.

Questions?

MR. EGAN: You said 5603s are on the website or no?

MR. CRUTCHER: They are.

MR. BIGG: Question for you regarding our size, is the region doing a study on first pass success or anything further --

(The speaker cannot be understood.)

MR. CRUTCHER: That's a really good question and because I have you on our ESO regional bridge, across the board it's a little bit better than 97 percent for first pass success, so no issues with that. And I do have to say that I really appreciate the quality of documentation that your agency pushes.

MR. BIGG: Thank you.

MR. CRUTCHER: Even with a couple of

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misspellings the documentation is superb.

MR. BIGG: Thank you.

MR. PARRISH: Any other questions?

Thanks.

Medical director, Dr. Papish?

DR. PAPISH: We haven't had a meeting, the REMAC hasn't met since the last REMSCO meeting.

The only thing comes to mind, last week at the same time as SEMAC there was the inaugural meeting in Albany or Troy of the National Association of EMS Physicians, which you might not be so interested in, but the inaugural meeting of the New York chapter. It's an organization -- I don't know if you have ever seen it -- seen the website -- it's a national organization composed of EMS trained, fellowship trained physicians that put out guidelines, policy statements and research publications on EMS medicine. And they have a lobbying arm and there is no -- unlike the official bodies the REMSCOs and REMACs, there is no ban on lobbying from their perspective. So they will be looking

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for professional members soon --

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DR. PAPISH: -- but if you are interested at all in looking at their stuff, their website is just Google NEMSP. They put out a lot of stuff and I think they're going to be a welcome addition to our state. Most of the medical directors that actively participate in their EMS agency are members or are somewhat involved, especially in New York City. I don't know in this region per se, but something to look towards.

MR. PARRISH: That's it? Thank you.

Committee reports, training committee? Did Dave give any report to anybody? Dave's has been pretty busy and can't make it tonight. So nothing? Okay.

REMAC? I guess you already did that, right?

Transportation Committee?

MR. ALBIN: The most active committee that I was told never did anything when I took the chair.

We have a seconded motion on the

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transfer of ownership of Empress.

MR. PARRISH: We will cover that later.

Public information? Nothing from  
Desiree.

Policy and procedure? Looking for a new  
chair of that, Glen was the chair of that  
committee.

I have a policy to read and then we will  
take a vote on that.

Intra-Bank Funds Transfers. The primary  
goal of this policy is to ensure that the  
intra-bank electronic funds transfers, EFTs,  
are initiated, executed and approved in an  
appropriate manner. This policy establishes  
requirements with respect to intra-bank EFTs.  
This policy is not applicable to inter-bank  
EFTs. At the time of creation of this policy  
EFT transfers are between REMSCO accounts,  
program agency, payroll and Council, if this  
changes the policy should be reviewed.

Requirements. Any two check signers  
need to approve the intra-bank EFT including  
the specific amount to be transferred.

Procedure. A request for funds transfer

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is initiated by any of the check signers or the executive director or office staff by e-mail. A request initiated by an authorized check signer implies approval of such transfer. A second authorized check signer should reply to all with an approval or disapproval. The e-mail will be retained by the executive director as a business record as a substitute for two signatures. If the fund transfer request has two check signers that approve the EFT the transfer will be entered into the banking system. The note field of the EFT will include name, initials of the two authorized check signers and date of approval.

I need a motion to accept that. Glen?

MR. ALBIN: I move to accept what you just read.

MR. PARRISH: Second?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. PARRISH: All right. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. PARRISH: Opposed? Abstain? Thank you.

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Legislative and bylaws, Albee?

MR. BOCKMAN: If not the busiest committee this -- I'm not finished -- this period, the second busiest committee. Okay?

Is that all right, Glen?

MR. ALBIN: That's good.

MR. BOCKMAN: For those of you that do not stay on top of legislative issues and the political arena, I must share with you some of the things that transpired over this past period of time.

Some of you maybe aware, hopefully all of you do now, that your governor had proposed tremendous budget cuts to health and in particular EMS industry. I was proud to be the MC of our legislative breakfast where we brought up some talking points, the most important of which was the budget cuts that he proposed, which is really the crossover payments for Medicare and Medicaid. So that you understand quickly, briefly, that since 60 to 70 percent of the work we do is the Medicare recipient, his proposed budget was to cut the crossover, the Medicaid portion,

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which is 20 percent. That 20 percent would have devastated our industry.

The work of the region through that breakfast, we had approximately 70 people that were present. And we spoke about that issue and urged everything to contact their legislators and contact their friends and family members to push this issue. And now with the help of Tim Egan, who is now part of the Legislative Committee, he is already a board member of UNYAN, United New York Ambulance Network, through his push at the State level we victored and that proposed budget by the Governor was destroyed.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Thank you, God.

MR. BOCKMAN: You really have to understand the import of that issue. And we are proud to say that the EMS community pulled together and we victored.

There were other points that were raised. Another one that is now gaining some real strength is direct payment. Those of you that are billing agencies, which probably is the majority of the people in this room,

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volunteer, commercial, if we do a car crash, we do a correction officer that has Empire/Blue Cross the checks go directly to the patient and we don't see it. It is not a crime for them to keep it. We tried that route. So there has been movement for several years now, but it is now gaining more strength this year through the work of NYSVARA as well as UNYAN and moving that forward. There was support both at the Senate and Assembly and our State to move this forward. This way we get direct payment on those issues. Because there are people that use that loophole especially at Christmas time when they go to the hospital several times before the holiday and they get lots of money to buy gifts for the kiddies. We must change that. The lobbyists for the insurance industry are strong, but we are going to be stronger and we will victor in the long run.

So I'm very proud of the legislative breakfast that we had, we discussed many many items, people moved ahead and we got a lot



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accomplished.

Our Chairman just told us that we are going to be looking at the bylaws, revamping some things, changing some language, looking at the committees where everybody must participate in committees. So between now and next Regional Council meeting the Legislative Committee, which is Israel and Tim will be meeting, and will come before you at the next meeting with hopefully some suggestions. Thank you.

MS. HAMILTON: We are hearing through the grapevine that the direct payment is being attached to 209B. Is there any rumor -- any truth to that rumor or --

MR. BOCKMAN: There is truth to the Rumor. Tim, would you like to explain that?

MR. EGAN: Sure. There's been some high level discussions between Chiefs, FASNY, us, you guys, and others in the community to workout a compromise. There's been some suggestions, there's been nothing more than suggestions and, you know, unofficial conversations. No committee meetings,

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nothing like that. The thought -- the fear quite frankly -- is that 209B is going to pass this year simply because of the strength of the argument and the strength of the fire lobbyists, specifically from Chief of FASNY and that it's going to pass whether we do something or not.

So the thought is that -- and this is just a thought -- again, the conversations, no official dialogue on this. The thought is that if -- since we think it's going to pass, or if it's going to be passed, maybe we can get something out of it. So if we can tie direct payment to 209B and say, well, all right, fine, you get that, but we get this and only if we get this. Then that might go forward. I don't know it's -- there is -- I haven't seen any bill language yet, but I know it's being discussed.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Can someone get more information on that?

MR. EGAN: As it comes out, there is no further information on that yet, that's it. What you heard is the latest that I've heard.

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There is no bill language yet, nothing at all. As soon as bill language comes out I'll be sure to pass it -- well, Albee will know and I will put up it to you guys and you can disperse it to the region. The session is winding down to a close soon so if something is going to happen it's going to happen soon.

And also with regard to what Albee was talking about earlier with regard to the Medicaid crossover cuts and supplemental payment cuts, we won this year, but do not at all be surprised if it comes back next year. So everyone keep your ears peeled for that.

MR. PARRISH: Thank you, good information.

All right, EPCR committee? Are we still carrying that, or is at that --

DR. PAPISH: Nothing going on right now except --

MR. PARRISH: Anything we should be doing, Jeff?

MR. CRUTCHER: Not at this point. We've only got, I believe right now 27 agencies which are not electronic, which represents

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about 6,000 paper PCRs a year. So that gives us 98 percent of our data being delivered electronically.

MS. SAGENDORPH: You said 27 agency that are not?

MR. CRUTCHER: That are not.

MR. PARRISH: Okay.

DR. PAPISH: Send out a shame --

MR. PARRISH: All right, Tim, anything on community paramedicine?

MR. EGAN: Yeah. Back on March 22nd there was a community paramedicine conference at Mount Sinai --

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MR. EGAN: -- and five other agencies from around the State presented our different programs there. The big take -- I know we talked about community paramedicine at length many many times so I'm not going to get into a whole thing about what it is and everything.

But the big take away I can leave here is that Ryan Greenberg gave a keynote at the end of the conference. And the take away

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from his key note was that if you are going to be doing a program, first of all, reach out to the Bureau, talk to them, communicate with them, don't try and just keep your head down and do your thing. But the biggest and most important thing was, don't schedule visits. If you do it and don't schedule visits you will keep under the radar. That was the big red flag. If you are scheduling visits, that's going to be a problem. So keep from scheduling visits, treat it like any other ambulance call and it should be fine.

SPEAKER: Great job.

MR. PARRISH: Thanks, Tim.

Awards Committee. Did Kim give a report? Nothing?

MR. HUGHES: Most of the counties didn't want them announced until they announced them.

MR. PARRISH: Nominating Committee, Bob?

MR. CUOMO: The nominating committee met and collected letters -- well, actually Karen did, collected letters of those interested in

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taking office. And we have a slate to present, which I believe went -- all went out to you ahead of time. And I'll just read it and we will actually have our elections during new business.

President we have Richard Parrish. For Vice-President -- no, I didn't nominate myself again for another year. I'm not going away, but it's time for somebody else to take the reins. So Vice-President we have David Grass. For Treasurer, we have Denise Montana. And that was pending her appointment -- her conversion from alternate to delegate from Putnam County, which was done tonight. And for Secretary, Nicholas Trio. And that is the slate.

MR. PARRISH: Okay. Under new business that will be opened up for any further nominations and vote.

EMS Council. I don't think anybody except you, Bill, attended. I was out of town, both Daves were out of town, right?

MR. HUGHES: Dave Violante was supposed to send me the minutes of what he had, but --

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I think he was going to get them from Mike Benenati, but he didn't. So I do have some things, I'm sure it will not be all inclusive so anybody that was there and wants to participate, I'll be more than happy.

The Bureau of EMS is starting to do a lot more with electronic forms. Agency renewals will now be submitted to the region, but it will be electronic form.

In the educational side the CME manual is being completed so the CMEs we talked about a year and a half ago, that should be coming out very shortly sometime during the summer because it's in the pipeline for approval. So the manual has been rewritten, everything is done and it's waiting for approval.

Also, there is a new instructor policy that is in the pipeline for approval so hopefully that will also come out shortly.

They are -- in the educational group they are looking for methods of education that would be considered thinking out of the box and encouraging ideas to be submitted to

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the Education Committee. So one of the suggestions would be something like instead of doing 20 percent on-line, you might be able to do 50 percent on-line. They are also looking that you don't need to have a CIC in your remote site, a CLI or maybe somebody else would be sufficient. And that will all be worked out individually, not now but they will come out with some policies on that.

The medical verification forms that are filled out by the agencies will be coming to the region for approval. Because they want to make sure that the adjuncts that the agencies check on those boxes, they actually have the paperwork on file and they are good to use them by the REMAC.

The Bureau of EMS is creating a learning management system and it has been put out for RFP. It hasn't been awarded yet, but they expect they should have that in place anywhere between 12 and 24 months from now. And the regions will have access to that and agencies will have access so they can put up training modules that can be seen by other



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agencies and other groups.

There was four actions taken by the SEMAC and passed on to the REMSCO -- the SEMSCO and were passed. One was the New York City task force protocol for working in a warm zone and that was -- those protocols were accepted and passed by everybody. The statewide BLS protocol change was submitted for -- to change hospital to facility. So that in the future the agencies can go to alternate facilities, alternate destinations. So it's been changed in the protocol and it hasn't been changed in the law yet, but when it does come the protocols will be ready. They changed the collaborative protocols, the collaborative BLS side of the protocols to match the New York State BLS protocols. So they will be mirror images and the collaborative protocols will probably be dissolved and it will just be called the State BLS protocols.

And the fourth item was that the formulary can be modified by regional level depending on the need for drug shortages.

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And the way it was worded was regions may make changes to the formulary including concentration, route of administration and medication substitution as needed. But when that is done the Bureau must be notified. So if for some reason we are having a problem getting a drug in our area the REMAC can make a substitution as long as the REMAC notifies the Bureau of EMS. And that's reasonable, I guess, on their part.

The State is trained to put together a benchmark for their program -- I forgot -- for their performance program. And the seven things that they we were using to start with, or what the SEMAC picked was stroke patients to a stroke center, glucometry and glucose being used in proper time, intubated patients that have wave form capnography, trauma patients transported to the proper trauma center, percent of opioid overdose patients that have the RMA (phonetic), cardiac arrests that result in ROSC, and chest pain with 12 lead EKGs. And what the State is doing now is looking at the data on that to see if

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those are measurable points that they can use to see how the system is doing and see where the improvements would come out of the New York State EMS system.

Sponsor renewals are out and will be back -- should be sent back to the Bureau of EMS.

One of the things that was discussed in detail which might be of interest here is the AEMT curriculum was discussed pretty extensively at the SEMAC. Concerning the use of some of the procedures that New York State is above the national standard and bringing the AEMT level back to the national standard. And that there was -- one of them was intubation and with the amount of calls that they had AEMTs performed 77,000 calls and I think it was like 270 of them were intubations. So there was a concern about the level of skill at the AEMT level with intubation and whether or not it was the right skill to be using. So there is going to be some more discussion on that, the whole process was tabled and none of those changes

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were accepted by the SEMAC.

The CC to paramedic bridge, which really don't affect us too much, but some might be interested in it, is a program done out of Northwell Health and it's for a critical care to become a paramedic. It's a full-fledged class, several hundred hours and very difficult from what I understand. But they had 102 people in the program and 100 of them have completed the first task successfully.

Now, it used to be if a test location was moved and the test was rescheduled all the students in the class were notified. Now it's just going to be the CIC and course sponsor that will be notified.

And the Financial Committee is seeking data on the cost of running an EMT class from all course sponsors. So you will be getting -- all course sponsorships within all the regions, as many as we can, will be getting a survey and they will be asked to participate. And it will be a blind survey so they wouldn't know which course sponsor or anything, but will be asked to come back and

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see if the cost and reimbursement if we can do anything about that at the financial level.

That's all I have.

MR. PARRISH: Okay, Tim?

MR. EGAN: Bill, one of the first things you said is agency renewals will be on-line but through the region?

MR. HUGHES: They'll be done on-line and then when you transmit it will be transferred to the region who will approve that and get a copy and --

MR. EGAN: Why that extra step because it didn't use to be that way as far as I know.

MR. HUGHES: Because the program agencies and the regions have been asking for that information because we do not get it in any way, shape, or form. So I think that was a step they are going to take. So the agency will still only be transmitting it once and then we will be receiving it and passing it on --

MR. EGAN: Two more questions with

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regard to that. One is, how is that going to effect the timeliness of submissions for the renewal process?

MR. HUGHES: Shouldn't affect it all.

MR. EGAN: Okay, second question is does that include also controlled substance licenses?

MR. HUGHES: No. I don't -- we don't really -- as long as you have one, we don't really look at that them --

MR. EGAN: They go to --

MR. HUGHES: Right. Right.

MR. PARRISH: Any other questions?  
Dave?

MR. GRASS: Well, it's not really a question, but Mr. Marco (phonetic) coattended the meeting and he did send me notes. Bill, you did a great job, you covered about 98 percent of his notes he sent me.

The only two things I think are relevant for here is the staff -- staffing is seeing a change in staffing again. Theresa Allen is leaving the department and they are supposed to be hiring two new staff members so that

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changes the dynamics inside the office.

The only thing that is relevant here, I'm going to assume there was a discussion about spinal motion restriction issues. Because his notes here say spinal motion restriction issues have arisen to inappropriate action, walking patients into EDs with C collars on this. This will be addressed in a video skit and it will be addressed during the protocol rollout. Otherwise the notes were spot on.

MR. PARRISH: Thanks for the additions. Anything else? If not all right --

MS. SAGENDORPH: Oh, I have a question.

MR. PARRISH: Go ahead.

MS. SAGENDORPH: There's been a lot of talk about the number of hours for recerts, is that still -- has that been firmed up?

MR. PARRISH: The CME program?

MS. SAGENDORPH: The CME program.

MR. PARRISH: As Bill stated, they are revising that pamphlet --

MS. SAGENDORPH: Still revising.

MR. PARRISH: Yep -- it's not been

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published yet.

MR. HUGHES: But it hasn't been approved yet, it's in the process of being approved. So it's done, it's revised, it's ready to go. Now it's in the -- whatever that approval process might be.

MR. EGAN: ETA on that because --

MR. HUGHES: -- sometime in the summer. But, again, you know, they committed to this over a year and a half ago. And then they said it was going to happen a couple months ago and no later than May and now we are into the summer.

MR. TRIO: So coming up for renewal plan on 72 hours is the case.

MR. PARRISH: Yeah. And some people are putting in the new -- they got what they think is the new CME and are sending it in. And it's getting rejected and it's putting you outside the 45 day window and you wind out having to take a --

MS. SAGENDORPH: I think it's always better to have more than less --

MR. PARRISH: Yes.



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MS. HAMILTON: It's indicated that the program will be complete by DOH this month and it will be going to the approval process and should take about 12 weeks for that.

MR. PARRISH: Hopefully. We will have to see. All right?

We have done the transfer awards committee.

Policy and procedure. For them anything?

MR. HUGHES: We have a draft of it, but it's not ready for prime time yet.

MR. PARRISH: Nothing for that. All right.

Again, did Dave's leave a report for the summit meeting? No?

Legislative breakfast. Albee, you covered pretty that --

MR. BOCKMAN: I do have -- I want to thank the regional office for making it very successful. Thank you.

MR. PARRISH: Yeah, a lot of effort was put in. Thank you.

All right, under new business let's get

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with the Transportation Committee, get you going.

MR. ALBIN: We have a seconded motion for the transfer of ownership of Empress Ambulance to -- essentially transferring the ownership to an LLC, which some of the original owners will be part of that LLC. We found no problem so the fitness and competency was done by the State. They had no problem with it, we voted to approve it so it's coming up as a seconded motion.

MR. PARRISH: Seconded motion. Any discussion on the motion?

If not, it's a roll call vote.

MR. TRIO: Have any representatives come in since I took the original roll call? Got you, Tim, thanks.

Nicholas Trio? Yes.

Joan Siebert?

MS. SIEBERT: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Tim Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Dee Sagendorph?

MS. SAGENDORPH: Yes.

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MR. TRIO: Ben Conques?  
MR. CONQUES: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Dave Grass?  
MR. GRASS: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Israel Knobloch?  
MR. KNOBLOCH: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Michael Bigg?  
MR. BIGG: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Robert Cuomo?  
MR. CUOMO: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: David Jacobsen?  
MR. JACOBSEN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Desiree -- Denise Montana?  
MS. MONTANA: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: My apologies. Tim Egan?  
MR. EGAN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Glen Albin?  
MR. ALBIN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Theresa Hamilton?  
MS. HAMILTON: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: Neil Dahan?  
MR. DAHAN: Yes.  
MR. TRIO: B.J. Leidner?  
MR. LEIDNER: Yes.

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MR. TRIO: Albee Bockman?

MR. BOCKMAN: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Neil Meddaugh?

MR. MEDDAUGH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Richard Parrish?

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Dorothy Bailin?

MS. BAILIN: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Timothy Mitzel?

MR. MITZEL: Yes.

MR. TRIO: Twenty-one yes, zero no.

MR. PARRISH: Motion passed. Thank you.

Thank you, Glen, for your efforts. All  
right --

(Everyone is speaking at once.)

MR. PARRISH: All right two letters were  
sent out for expiring of delegates. Ulster  
County has one, Kelly Nelson. And Orange  
County has two, Joann Cheney and Teri Barbee.  
They need to reappoint.

So last thing on the agenda is election  
of officers.

I'll turn that over to the nominating  
committee.

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MR. CUOMO: Okay, here we go. So like I said before I've already read the slate. What we are going to do is take them one office at a time. I'll announce who the nominee is and then I'll ask if there are any nominations off the floor because someone could be nominated off the floor. If not, then I will move for the Secretary to cast one ballot for each one, okay?

Are we ready?

MR. MAHONEY: Except his own.

MR. CUOMO: Well, that's a good question how do we --

MR. TRIO: The President would have to cast that vote.

MR. CUOMO: Okay, so are you ready?

MR. PARRISH: I can't vote on the first one.

MR. CUOMO: Who said you are going to be the first?

MR. TRIO: No, you would only cast the vote for the Secretary position.

MR. PARRISH: Yes.

MR. CUOMO: I think you should be the

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grand finale so I'll saved you for last.

So for the office of Secretary the nominee is Nicholas Trio.

Are there any nominations off the floor for Treasurer -- I mean Secretary? I'll get to you.

Are there any other nominations off the floor for Secretary?

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I know, it's got to be done three times. After the third -- are there any nominations off the floor?

Hearing none I move that the President cast one ballot for office of Secretary.

Is there a second?

MR. PARRISH: Is there a second?

MR. ALBIN: There is a second.

MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. ALBIN: I second it --

MR. CUOMO: Somebody has to second it --

MR. PARRISH: Okay I'll cast that ballot.

MR. CUOMO: Any -- all in favor?

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ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: So you cast the ballot?

MR. PARRISH: I did.

MR. CUOMO: Good. For the office of Treasurer we have Denise Montana.

Okay did you know what you were getting into?

MS. MONTANA: I don't think so.

MR. CUOMO: Okay are there any other nominations off the floor for office of Treasurer?

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Okay, hearing none I move that the Secretary cast one ballot for office of Treasurer for Denise Montana.

MR. ALBIN: I second that motion.

MR. CUOMO: Second. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: For the office of Vice-President, nominee is David Grass.

Are there any nominations off the floor

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for the office of Vice-President?

Any other nominations off the floor for Vice-President?

Any other nomination -- I love saying it three times -- any other nominations off the floor for Vice-President?

Hearing none I move that the Secretary cast one ballot for David Grass for Vice-President.

Is there second?

MR. ALBIN: I'll second it.

MR. CUOMO: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: And for President the nominee is Richard Parrish.

Are there any other nominations for President?

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Hearing none, I move that the Secretary cast one ballot for Richard Parish for the office of President.

Is there a second?



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MS. SAGENDORPH: Second.

MR. CUOMO: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. CUOMO: So be it. We have our officers. Congratulations. And I'm off the hook once again.

MR. PARRISH: Thanks, Bob.

And, again, I said this last year it's time for some other people to start bubbling up. I do not want to make this a permanent career. We need other folks to get involved. As I mentioned when I opened it up was a lot of things that we need to get involved in and I'm looking for this Council to get involved. You know, you have been elected by your county as the leaders. We need to move this forward by county, all right? Got to get involved. And there is a lot of things happening in EMS, as was mentioned with the different legislative stuff, we've got to get out there, we've got to get out to our county legislators, our towns, different meetings. Let them know who we are and what we are doing. All right?

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Thank you.

Any other business to come before -- I think I got everything, elections -- that's it.

Any other business to come before the Council?

If not a motion is in order.

MS. SAGENDORPH: So moved --

MR. ALBIN: Motion to adjourn.

MR. CUOMO: Second.

MR. PARRISH: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

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