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HVREMSCO meeting – February 19, 2020

Meeting called to order 1900

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes November 20, 2019
3. President's Report Richard Parrish
 - Bureau of EMS doing fact finding to look possible changes to program agencies, (consolidation, etc.).
 - Motion to bring up transportation committee at this time.
Transportation Committee Met on Feb. 7th to discuss TOA of Northern Dutchess Paramedics. The Committee considered the Application complete and submitted to BEMS. At the request of the committee the of BEMS reviewed and investigated the F&C part of the application they considered agency and its management fit and competent. Transportation committee recommend the TOA be approved and brought a seconded motion to the REMSCO. Two members of the committee worked for NDP but do not have supervisory and/or pecuniary interest in the organization. Transportation committee deemed this not a conflict of interest with them participating on the committee. A roll call vote was taken and TOA was approved unanimously by the HVREMSCO.
4. Treasurer's Report D. Montana Presented by Bill Hughes
 - see attached
5. Regional Office Staff Report William Hughes
 - One article 30 action this quarter (NDP TOA). Next SEMSCO meeting Mar. 10th & 11th in Albany. Audit was completed in December. No findings nor questionable costs in the audit. Completed 2nd quarter deliverable reports. Several coronavirus updates issued by the state. Budget forum being sponsored March 5th at the Goshen library. Several agencies in region are required to do Medicare ground ambulance data collection. Ultimately every agency will be asked to do it. Webinar 2-3pm tomorrow on this topic. This is to ultimately adjust Medicare rates. EMS Workforce shortage document put out by the state council (SEMSCO).
6. QA/QI Report Jeff Crutcher
 - Transition to NEMSIS 3.4 complete, 3.5 update done. Developing reviews for specific call type reviews
7. Medical Director's Report Mark Papish, MD
 - No Report
8. Committee Reports
 - A) Training Committee David Violante
 - Committee met this week. CIU and CLI classes coming up.



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- New CME Program – BEMS is supporting a 6-month transition to the new program, Old forms and criteria will be acceptable if submitted by June 2020. CME manual updated and available on the Education page of the BEMS website. All forms are online. New CME forms can be mailed to Albany until electronic portal up and running.
- Statewide and Collaborative protocols should be the same everywhere now
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administrating providing grants for training and retention (ems.gov)

B) REMAC Mark Papish, MD Presented by Bill Hughes

- Protocol Meeting
- REMAC Advisories
- Stroke Center Designation – on hold
- Helicopter committee reconstituted
- I-GEL airway for BLS pilot will be presented at next state meeting

C) Transportation Committee Glen Albin Presented by Israel Knobloch

- Northern Dutchess Paramedics – TOA – covered above

D) Public Information & Education Desiree Leone- Stoll

- No Report

E) Policy & Procedures Committee Need a CHAIR

- No Report

F) Legislative & By Laws Albee Bockman Presented by Tim Egan

- By-law change proposed on committees. The by-law change has been passed unanimously.
- Legislative priorities are being worked on. Legislative Breakfast ruled out but will be putting together a booklet of NY EMS legislative issues (to be handed to the county reps and governments etc. by county EMS council members) to discuss these issues with them. Issues include Medicaid issues, dual signature legislation. 209-B is not included since there are multiple positions of the council members
- Legislative Bills
“Surprise” ambulance bill is being proposed. EMS for pet’s bill to allow EMS to care for injured pets if no human needs. EMS as an essential service doesn’t seem to be going anywhere in the legislature. If it does happen who pays for it. The brochure should be completed by next week.

G) E-PCR Committee M. Papish
No Report



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- H) Community Paramedicine T. Egan
- Met with assemblywoman Keri Warner on rural community paramedicine bill. She understood the committee's concerns about it locking out other non-rural new programs (existing ones would be grandfathered in)
 - Community Paramedicine conference March 20th at Mt. Sinai Hospital
- I) Awards Committee K. Lippes Presented by Rich Parrish
- All Hudson Valley awards need to be submitted by April 1, 2020. They will be reviewed by the committee winner chosen and submitted to NYS
- J) Nominating Committee Need a CHAIR
- Dee Sagendorph will chair, Nick Ruscieski, Joan Siebert, Dorothy Bailin, Bob Cuomo, Alex Rau and Terry Hamilton will help
9. State EMS Council David Violante
- Minutes were sent out from the meeting
 - NYS protocol development process – process to get input from region, sent out for input, then managed on an annual basis
 - Computer-based testing now done for CLIs and CICs and rolled out for Paramedics in January. Will be coming out at some point for EMTs. 20-some test sites around the state (nearest ones are in Poughkeepsie & White Plains)
 - Regional faculty job descriptions submitted to BEMS
 - State skills sheets must be used in CME skills verification
 - Vital Signs Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Saratoga
 - EMS memorial service is May 19th
 - Increase in BEMS staff and working on the backlog of things
 - Presentations and Discussions were held about problems with EMS providers mental health and EMS related suicides – Code Green campaign website <https://codegreencampaign.org/>. The Code Green Campaign® is a first responder oriented mental health advocacy and education organization
 - A medic sued a REMAC about removing his credentials (REMAC was following DOH Policy #14-01), as a result the current legal decision is that REMAC doesn't have the authority to remove the credentials, any disciplinary situations need to be reviewed with the state before taking action. The Agency Medical Director can take any provider offline.
10. Old Business
- BLS Protocol Rollout – not clear all agencies have completed it
11. New Business
- HV EMS Directions and Leadership Committee Update – Sharon Frazier
 - Vote – Northern Dutchess Paramedics TOA – covered above
12. Adjournment 8:13 pm
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