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Hudson Valley REMSCO Meeting- September 16, 2020

Meeting called to order- 19:05

Moment of Silence for the those lost on 9/11

1. Roll Call- 21 members present- Quorum is 13 members
2. Approval of the minutes from May 20, 2020
3. Presidents Report- David Grass
 - a. Vice President- Richard Parrish- Closed out appraisal of Bill, Raise approved by the Executive Committee
 - b. Worked with David Grass on new performance plan for Bill and other turnover work
 - c. President- David Grass-
 - d. Will abstain from voting unless there is a tie
 - e. Executive Committee meeting on August 25th discussed future of the council
 - f. New Windsor CON extension update came in today
 - g. Richard Parrish will oversee committee chairs
 - h. Process if delegate/alternate is not on a committee:
 - Go back to county, ask to have replaced
 - Come back with ideas to the by-laws committee
 - By-Laws state- if member has three consecutive unexcused absentees the secretary should send a letter to the county council asking for a replacement.
 - Consider that it be amended to include alternates
 - By-Law change proposal for next meeting
4. Treasurer's Report Denise Montana
 - Treasurer's Report Attached
5. Regional Office Staff Report William Hughes
 - All meetings are currently being done by Zoom
 - In person visits to the office follow COVID 19 precautions
 - REMSCO contracts end one quarter before agency contract- given one quarter extension
 - Next year all contracts will start on July 1st and will be 2-year contracts
 - All contracts are in Grants Gateway
 - Many vouchers not necessarily all are being paid at 80% and 20% are being held in review They made be paid at a later date
 - This would include reimbursement for education vouchers also
 - None reimbursement or reduced reimbursement in vouchers to the Council and Program Agencies could result in financial hardship for the council quickly
 - Interim Guidance on Education released by BEMS
 - SEMSCO asked BEMS to send out COVID questionnaire to EMS Leadership
 - Next SEMSCO/SEMAG meeting in beginning of November



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6. QA/QI Report Jeff Crutcher
 - Region performance dashboard established including things like call volume, Narcan usage and other key indicators
 - If anyone wants a report contact Jeff to schedule a date and time to come into the office
 - All agencies must use electronic charting by 2021
 7. Medical Director Report Mark Papish, MD
 - See REMAC Report
 8. Committee Reports
 - a. Training and Education David Violante
 - Unable to do a CLI Class in the Fall- will look to do a CIC or CLI course in the Spring
 - Possible CIU in November – being done by Zoom
 - b. REMAC Mark Papish, MD
 - Stroke Destination deferred other projects deferred due to COVID 19
 - SEMAC say's if trained, EMS personal can administer vaccines, including CFR's and EMT's (waiting on commissioners' approval)
 - SEMAC keeping COVID Protocols in place
 - Looking at Viral Pandemic Protocol, changing medications
 - Ketamine Study- on hold
 - c. Transportation Committee Glen Albin

Report given by Bill

 - New Windsor VAC CON Expansion into Cornwall has been remanded back to the HVREMSCO. State will provide guidance, will be taken to the Transportation Committee
 - Temporary Certificate not possible from the HVREMSCO
 - d. Public Information and Education
 - No Report- This committee needs a chair person
 - e. Policy and Procedure Committee
 - No Report- This committee needs a chair person
 - f. Legislative and By-Laws Albee Bockman
 - Possible new directive to follow PPE Protocols; agencies being fined for not following guidelines
 - SB8196- Bill proposing tax credit for First Responders due to COVID 19
 - SB3526- Bill proposing direct payments during COVID 19
 - SB8034- Bill on pilot program on Traumatic Stress on First Responders
 - g. E-PCR Committee Mark Papish, MD
 - No Report
 - h. Community Paramedicine Tim Egan

No Report
 9. State EMS Council
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- SEMSCO minutes attached
- Terbutaline approved for bronchospasm
- Vaccinations by EMS Providers- submitted to commissioner waiting for approval
- Oral and Nasopharyngeal swabbing if trained- submitted to commissioner waiting for approval
- More staff has been added to the BEMS
- Weekly calls now biweekly- Leadership and Education
- Continuing to move forward on Computer Based Testing
- Vital Signs Conference will be virtual
- Changing testing based on scenarios rather than item based (e.g.- Traction Splint)
- 120-day extension for CPR cards through end of June. NAEMT 6 months

10. Old Business

Sharon/ Antony- EMS Task Force –

- COVID has impacted progress
- Funding Sub-Committee on Summit Task Force is working on a spreadsheet for financial planning for EMS
- Recruitment/Retention sub-committee producing draft pamphlets, flyers, presentations

Expiring Delegates/ Alternates

- Orange County- Ben Conques & Frank Cassanite
- Putnam County- Matthew Bondi
- Sullivan County- Mike Bruce & Mark Strauss

11. New Business

- Bill- Ambulanz NY2, LLC submitted application to upgrade from BLS to ALS. BEMS Deputy Director said Ambulanz' application should go to the NYS, they only need to meet the requirements of Article 30 and Part 800
- Bill- Helicopter Committee- Helicopter committee is looking to revise the Air Medical Service Guidelines
- Sharon- EMS Connections will be held November 12-14 and will be virtual
- David Grass- NYS is trying to consolidate program agencies. Time to rethink agency mission statement. Use to be enforcement agency.
- Maybe develop a TAG to work on mission and future directions, including current provider education and information
- Motion made by Nicholas Trio seconded by Tim Mitzel to create the- HVRESMCO Vision 2025 TAG- Passed. Tim Mitzel agreed to be the chair
- David Violante- Nasal Narcan expiration date extended one year- Including Narcan currently distributed.

9:30PM: Motion to adjourn made by Nicholas Trio, seconded by Tim Egan