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REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL Serving, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego & Tompkins Counties

Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Addario	Mike	Member	Onondaga	X			
Bitner	Chris	Associate Member	Onondaga	X			
Butler	David J.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Calley	Brian	Member	Onondaga	X			
Cousins	Paul	Member	Onondaga			X	
Darby	Warren R.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Derbyshire	Susan	Member	Onondaga				X
DiGregorio	Anthony	Member	Onondaga	X			
Duell	Robert	Member / County Coordinator	Cortland	X			
Eckstadt	Tamara	CNY REMSCo Staff		X			
Egan	Pat	Member / County Coordinator	Oswego	X			
Foster	Linda	Member	Onondaga	X			
Fricano	Lon A.	Member	Cayuga	X			
Gleeson	Tim	Associate Member	Onondaga			X	
Green	Jason	Associate Member	Cayuga				X
Hansen	Patricia	Member	Cortland	X			
Harrington	Beth	Member	Tompkins	X			
Hogue	Troy D.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Jones	Jeff	CNY REMSCo Staff					
Kehoe	Eric	Associate Member	Cayuga				X
Loomis	Robert	Member	Oswego				X
Lynn	Harry	Member	Cayuga	X			
Markham	Joseph	Asst Med Director					
Marko	John	Member	Onondaga	X			
Martin Reed	Laura	Member	Cayuga	X			
Menter	Zachary	Member	Oswego	X			
Merrill	Peggy	Member	Tompkins			X	
Morrissey	John	NYS DOH		X			
Murray	Mark	Member	Oswego	X			

Olsson	Daniel	Medical Director		X			
Paolini	Roger	Member	Onondaga	X			
Pinsky	Brad	Associate Member	Onondaga				X
Potter	David	Associate Member	Oswego				X
Price	Colleen	CNY REMSCo Staff					
Price	S. Lee	Associate Member	Cortland	X			
Procopio	Greg	Member	Onondaga				X
Rotko	Roman	Member	Cayuga	X			
Shurtleff	Lee	Member	Tompkins			X	
Shutts	J. Penny	Member	Oswego	X			
Suriani	Sammy F.	Member	Onondaga				X
Surprenant	Susie	Associate Member/ CNY REMSCo Staff	Oswego	X			
VanEtten	Doug	Associate Member	Cortland	X			
Wallis	Norman	Associate Member	Oswego				X

Darby: Onto the agenda that you have in front of you. I would please ask every body that is here even if they're not a member of the Council to sign the attendance sheet. It's at the door on the way in so that we can have a record of your attendance here. We will look to the minutes of the January 19th Council meeting, the first of the year of 2010 and ask if you had any additions, corrections or downright praise for the stenographer off of the webcasting who took the minutes word for word off of that. If not, I'm looking for a motion to accept those minutes? Okay. Zach makes a motion and Brian Kelly seconds that motion. All in favor of accepting the minutes from January 19th signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Are there an abstentions? Carried.

Treasurer's report, we'll deal with under new business under #11. Correspondence. The blue books are coming around. A couple of things that are in the blue books, one that we're going to deal with under new business. A letter that's in there asking for a letter from us and also we received a letter dated 3 February from the Bureau of EMS, it's in section D for David, I made that up David, but there's where you're going to find it in the blue books and the letter is stating from the Bureau that the New York State

Supreme Court on the 18 of the December 2009 has issued an order to the Bureau to reinstate the TLC Medical Transportation Services, Inc. CON for the County of Onondaga. And so they're in the process and I believe a BLS CON is in place as we speak, the 8th of April, as the letter goes on and directs them to come to the region and the REMAC to get the ALS privileges, the 8th of April which is our REMAC and they will be looking at the letters that have been submitted for that particular level so congratulations TLC on another matter. The rest of the correspondence that we received are in the blue books and we will move right into committee reports. EMS Program Agency, Bob Duell, for Mark Murray.

Duell: Bob Duell, Program Agency. Just a couple of things. The January financials are in the blue book for your review and the February financials will be finalized as soon as our accountant is able to do it. The other thing is that the Council and Program Agency budgets were voted on and they're being presented tonight to the Council as a seconded motion. That's all I have at this time.

Darby: Okay, have they been distributed or –

They were right by the sign-in.

Darby: Okay, they were right by the sign-in. It comes as a seconded motion for the particular budget. It's a seconded motion, we'll go right to any discussion on the budget. You've got the papers. Hearing no discussion, do I have a motion to second the budget as presented? Tony DiGregorio. Beth Harrington seconds the motion. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? That's it for Program Agency. Legal Affairs did not meet. Membership, Zach.

Menter: Okay, Membership _____, one thing that we determined after the last meeting that Greg Procopio's attendance for 2009 did not meet the requirements of new our by-laws for three absences. So we sent him a letter the same as we had sent to Brad stating that if he did not wish to be active that we're going to bring it to the Council as a seconded motion to have _____. He responded to us. His response, he requested that the Central New York Regional EMS Service and Membership Committee remove him from membership discharge due to his 2009 attendance that was not conforming to the by-laws. He took a position that Upstate Hospital which he was appointed for _____ very difficult for him to perform those requirements. He states that in 2010 he sees a lessening in demands which will increase his ability to participate and meet our attendance requirements. In discussion with Membership, we feel as though this is the first time that there has ever been any problem with his attendance all the years that he has been here and we'd like as necessary to the Council as a seconded motion to keep him on the Council.

Darby: Okay, we also got a call that he's working tonight, but he got a break, and he's here. Greg has been a very active member of this Council, all the way back, at one point he was our Executive Director for the Program Agency. I guess we can take it as a seconded motion from the committee to continue that

membership position for Greg. Is there any discussion on that? All in favor signify by saying aye?

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstention? Next.

Menter: Also, for Membership, there is a folder going around tonight with, there are some resumes in it we reviewed. I believe there are seven resumes and cover letters in there. Oh, it's right there waiting to be passed around. On the front of the letter, on the front of the envelop it does show all the openings that we do have, currently we have one opening in Cayuga County for an associate position, one opening in Cortland County for an associate position, an associate position is open in Onondaga. Oswego was full. And we have three open associate positions for Tompkins County. We have a pending application for Cayuga which we reviewed tonight and I guess, it sounds like we're going to be receiving another one from Cayuga County before the next meeting and we have one pending for Tompkins County. We also reviewed seven resumes for the open Onondaga County position which is an associate position, also. A lot of good candidates. At the May meeting we are going to bring our choices to the Council as a seconded motion so nothing to vote on tonight as far as that. That's for all Membership.

Darby: Okay, questions for Membership. The resumes are going around, take a look at them. Our next Council meeting they will be coming with a motion back to the table for a vote. Lon, is that a question?

Fricano: No, just relaxing.

Darby: Okay, moving on, Policy did not meeting. Review and Comment.

Addario: Review and Comment had one piece of correspondence. It was correspondence with BOH to TLC that we were talking about, other than that we have nothing.

Darby: A long time since we've been able to say that. Okay, questions? Training and Ed. Tony.

DiGregorio: Tony DiGregorio filling in for Lee Price. We've got a few things. One is a letter from our president indicating _____ the upgrade that SUNY is looking for for their ACS refresher course to include their sponsorship, that's on file. We also have a change in course sponsorship administration from Syracuse Fire Department. The main reason is because they have a change in chief officer to Mark McLees as well as their liaison's name which is Nicholas Pagano in place of Bill Blair who has retired and that is _____. We have two CLI letters for two CLIs that have completed their training and they are looking for recommendation. Both are from Oswego County EMS as well as – let's see, James Cronk Oswego County EMS, his level of certification is critical care, it's says critical so I'm just adding the care to it because I don't know – training center Oswego County EMS, Dana Oliver is the certifying CIC, ____ Ambulance, McFee Ambulance is where this individual has done his clinical experience. In speaking to, not only the person, in speaking to Oswego County, they highly recommend them. The committee also does.

Darby: That comes as a seconded motion to recommend for CLI position to the State, James Cronk of Oswego County EMS. Discussion on that motion. Zach?

Menter: I know James. I recommend him.

Darby: Any other comments or discussion on that?

Fricano: If Zach recommends him, I'll recommend him, too. I don't know.

Darby: The echo in the back there also recommends him. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay, what's the second name?

DiGregorio: The second one is James Baxendale, B-A-X-E-N-D-A-L-E. He resides in Clay. He has paramedic level. Training Center Oswego County EMS and SUNY Upstate, supervising CIC Norm Wallis, Jr., clinical experience through North Area Volunteer Ambulance, better known as NAVAC. I know Jim personally. Jim is a deputy coordinator for Onondaga County's emergency management. He is also our leader for the CISD team and he has done quite a bit for us during the course of the year. I think he would make an excellent CLI, and I believe that there are others in this room that also know Mr. Baxendale and it would come out of the committee as a second, but there can be some discussion on this as well.

Darby: Seconded motion from committee. Discussion? Sue Derbyshire.

Derbyshire: I have also worked with Jim. He is my partner at the dome and he is a superb paramedic.

Darby: Chris Bitner.

Bitner: I was going to say the same thing. An outstanding individual, will be a great instructor.

Darby: Jay Scott.

Scott: I'll triple that.

Darby: We've raised it to the level of three now.

The same.

Darby: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay. Tony.

DiGregorio: The other things that we have, Training and Ed was tasked with reviewing the requests from the counties for what they would want to spend their

\$1200 for on training materials and/or services. From Tompkins County, we have a request for the annual \$1200 funding to CNY Counties to be approved for the use of sponsor an EMS training day in Tompkins County, be coordinated through Tompkins County CQI Committee and they indicated that the check should be made out to Tompkins County CQI Committee. Do you want to do these individually or can I just –

Darby: You should do them individually.

DiGregorio: Okay. We'll go through them. I have had a conversation with Sue for Onondaga County, Onondaga County is looking to use their \$1200 towards a teaching day, also, between SUNY Hospital and St. Joe's. We're under the impression that they're going to be doing a combined teaching day, this is open to every one which we feel will probably extend over to the other four counties as well and should they do separate ones, we would just suggest that it be split evenly to support those training—teaching days.

Darby: This is the \$5,000 that we set aside of our \$25,000 grant for training, and we break it out evenly amongst the five counties because we had some more money in our budget this year we raised that to \$1200 per county and that is why you're hearing these numbers over the \$1,000, but we need to vote on these today because it's this year's budget which ends the 31st of this month. So let's vote on the Onondaga County one. I think we should probably do them individually.

DiGregorio: Okay, so you want to go back to Tompkins first?

Darby: Tompkins, first, yes.

DiGregorio: \$1200 for a teaching day.

Darby: Okay, Tompkins is coming seconded from the Training and Education as a motion. Tompkins wants to use that \$1200 for a training and education day. Any discussion on it?

Surprenant: Warren, I would just say that's what we did when we got it last time and we vouchered the CQI Committee because if you make it out to Tompkins County it disappears in the general fund.

Darby: Understood. Each county has their own way of being able to receive these kinds of financial support. We want to be sure it gets to training for EMS, that's our goal. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Next county.

DiGregorio: Onondaga County, teaching day for EMS.

Darby: Okay, again a seconded motion \$1200 for Onondaga County for a teaching day for EMS, coming up in a couple of months or just shy. Discussion on that motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Tony, next one.

DiGregorio: The next one is Oswego County, asked for a _____ sounds mannequin which was 920 and they also had something for 323.28 which I believe is a portable suction? Is that correct?

That's correct.

DiGregorio: Okay, their total comes out to be \$1243.28. It's my understanding that the 1200 is the limit and the 43.28 would be responsibility –

Darby: Have a bake sale to cover it. Any discussion on that motion? It can be used for training equipment as well. Training is the key word here. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: Next, this one is from Bob Duell.

Darby: Cortland.

DiGregorio: Cortland County, they also are asking for equipment. They have Little Annie quad for 729.95 and LifePak 500 trainer as well as the LifePak 500 AED trainer for 324.95. The pads would be \$10, they didn't really total each individual one, but total is \$1204.85 and once again the 4.85 would be the responsibility of that county.

Darby: Discussion on Cortland's proposal? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: And these were not really done in any special order so I don't want anybody to think that Cayuga is the last one that I'm reading and was done on purpose.

_____ is on record, go ahead.

(_____)

Cayuga County has requested also training equipment and a projector remote for 461.17, lateral baby Ann infant mannequin CPR 314.50, Little Annie and CPR mannequin 338.30 and Laerdal Little Annie airways 46.75 for a total of \$1,160.72.

Darby: Discussion on that? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Next year we will have at least \$1,000 per county available

again so be thinking, beginning of the next budget year for the Council. Anything else, Tony? There are also five courses that are being done which are being done by Syracuse Fire Training with Ken Young. They're available, also, in the blue book. And we're all set.

Darby: Questions for training? Moving on. Ways and Means did not meet. Moving onto County reports. Cayuga, Jason.

Green: Roman couldn't be here tonight. They're at a – he's at a radio meeting and that's pretty much all of his report. They're working on a radio system, trying to determine what's going to work best both with respect to operability and will meet the needs of all the entities and also what is financially possible, the price tag is the big stumbling block right now. That's about all that's going on.

Darby: Questions for Cayuga? We're going through the turning on the switch. Tony will probably report on that when we get to Onondaga County. Cortland County, Bob Duell.

Bob Duell, Cortland County. Just a couple of things. We're going to have an MCI drill on Wednesday, May 5th. It's going to be up at SUNY – the incident is going to be at SUNY Cortland, but we're going to have a table top drill I should say, not full scale, it's going to be at our Regional Training Center and the other thing is the same with Cayuga we're going through a large radio system project. We have a consultant that is going to make a presentation to our legislature the 25th of this month as to a couple of different options we can go and a preliminary price tag. I think – yes, I'm pretty sure they're going out for an RFP by the end of May so we should have a price back by September 1st of what this is going to cost, but as with all the other counties it's a several million dollar project. That's all I have.

Darby: Okay, any questions for Cortland? Onondaga. Tony D again.

DiGregorio: Tony DiGregorio. Anybody going into these radio projects, open your pocketbook because they'll tell you one price. Ours ended up being \$34,000,000 and as was actually reported by Warren, which I appreciate telling me last month – two months ago, our system presently is in the process of working. We have law enforcement, has received their portable radios, most of their mobiles are being put in as we speak. I think the Sheriff's Department is geared to finish up by April 4th I believe is the date. They'll all have their mobiles as well as their portables. Fire service and EMS have been given the training, it was four days of training for "Train the Trainer", and they were able to get their portables from – or should be able to get their portables from United Radio and start their training. The "go date" is April 20th as a switch over for the EMS and fire. The portables will be there. All the mobiles will not be in by April 20th. There's just no way that we can accommodate all the apparatus that is out there as well as the ambulances. Some ambulances have decided to keep their Legacy radios because of those that do outside our county so they will be able to hopefully find some place for that to happen. United Radio has indicated that they will work in any way they can to accommodate all requests given the space that they're given. So far we've, and Warren can back me up on this, and others that have seen the radio systems, we still have very good reception no matter where we are so far. When we did our testing about 3200 sites, zones, mile by mile and we managed to accomplish 2800 of them and most of the readings were in the area of 4 to 5, 3.4 being what we were looking for and anything less than 3.4 was questionable. We had I believe four sites that were questionable. Granted we're waiting for the foliage. We don't really believe it will make much of a difference, but then again until we actually have that foliage we won't know, but the system does seem to be working and whatever problems that we have come up with have been dealt with and dealt with in a way that it has been accommodating so we're hoping that the same will be true for fire and EMS. Other things that are going on in the County, we have a number of drills that are going to be coming up. We finished doing one for the Dome because of the

NCAA which will be here. They are preparing as they do every year that they have it here to make sure that they're up to speed should there be an issue. We'll be doing an "Active Shooter" drill sometime in May at OCC. The preliminary meetings for that are this week, and we'll be meeting up there to see what we have to do to accomplish that. We also have the Jazz Fest coming at us. At that point in time we have the Feds and the State are going to be looking at our radio system at that time and seeing just how well we do with the radio procedures between all public safety agencies and we're hoping that we pass. Even if we don't pass it may be helpful to us because it will possibly give us a little grant money. Other than that, we're moving on and our office was officially, our office being Emergency Medical Services Bureau was officially transitioned over to Emergency Management. I say our office, I was the only one that was transitioned over. We lost the Assistant Director's office and basically I'm an office of one residing in Emergency Management as their Director of EMS Bureau. Courses that we do have suffered a little bit only because we don't have the personnel right now, but we are working towards doing that a little better. We have worked with Jay Scott trying to get the regional concept going and hopefully that will move forward. I did have a conversation with Lynn Shepard today. She by invitation to add Emergency Management Commissioner Pete Alberti and myself meet with her. She is the new community relations person that was hired by Dr. McCabe to try to better the community relations with University Hospital and part of the conversation evolved around EMS and how can they better serve EMS and surprisingly some good things may come out of that, but she was also told that she should probably talk to others within the community so I threw a number of you under the bus, hopefully we'll call you, including Sue. So basically we're trying to move forward. Any questions?

Darby: Hearing none, we'll move onto Oswego County. Pat

Egan: Pat Egan, Oswego County. Tonight I am delighted to announce and introduce the new Oswego County EMS Field Coordinator, Jim Jones, highly

qualified, we're delighted to have him as part of our team. He starts on Monday, and I've got a long list so that's wonderful. Welcome, Jim.

Jones: Thank you.

Egan: Also, we _____ advisory council will be sponsoring the third annual EMS banquet on May 14th. We are looking forward to honoring some highly qualified and dedicated EMS providers. For a nominal fee, anybody here is certainly invited to join us. Additionally, Oswego County is in the throes of establishing a new radio system and since Jim Jones is radio literate well beyond I am he will be representing the EMS community and advocating for radio capability for EMS as he has already started to do actually so I'm grateful for that, also.

Darby: Questions for Pat or Jim? Welcome.

Jones: Thank you very much.

Darby: The _____ buzz word for today is radio systems, we're hoping from the Onondaga perspective that we were able to talk and work with from the field any of our four connecting surrounding counties and we just heard that all of them are working on radios projects. Tompkins is one county further away. Tompkins.

Well, our radio system has been up for almost 16 months now. We not only have law enforcement, fire and EMS, we have all three of the colleges on it. We have public health on it. We have the TCAP and transportation system. People can buy into it as a user group and we have not found anything wrong with it yet. We're actually on the next phase and that's looking at the mobile data system, especially for law enforcement and we're also, I think we're in the final bidding process for a brand new pad system that will integrate a lot of those functions that we're building into the system so we're delightful and ours was \$20M plus.

Darby: That would be the FCC remanding project which I think has to be accomplished by 2011, is that

is pushing a lot of these projects along. We have radios coming up that will become anchors for I hope _____ because they won't be able to be used _____. Questions for Tompkins County. Thank you, two, for making the trip. Onto Program Agency Central Office. Sue.

Surprenant: Susie Surprenant for the Program Agency. We held a CIU on January 23. We had 17 people in attendance. We also have a CLI prescreen scheduled for March 30th which is one person shy of having a fully class. The maximum that we can have in that course will be 24 and the CLI if all people pass their screen is scheduled for April 10th and 11th. This year we were only slated for the CIU and CIC. We had two municipal fire departments request if we could have a CLI since they were able to send people, but who were not able to travel outside the region. Looking at the numbers and the fact that these two agencies, Syracuse Fire and Oswego Fire Department, are also course response we decided that there was enough of a need within the period and with the people within it we were able to fill that class. The CIC is still scheduled for November 13th, 14th and 16th, and already Dr. _____ has already expressed interest once he gets his CLI to get into the CIC so we've got some CLIs that recently have been approved in our region that are going after the CIC which is well needed. Also, the master schedule for 2010 for anybody that is not able to meet our dates for CLI or CIC, the schedules for the six regions are combined for the third year in a row. The blank CME books are on the web site under forms. The scenarios were sent to all the evaluators in the region. We also had, we had a suggestion from Al Tompkins who is a long time EMT and CIC in the region for the development of a BLS page on our web site. The region has approximately 2,000 BLS providers and he felt that if there was one page on the site that BLS providers could visit to get all the information that they needed on BLS protocols or any other information that we could provide that so if there are any CICs or BLS providers that would like to see specific things on that, just let me know and I'd be happy to follow that. Our second quarter deliverables went out January 31st. We received our check in four

weeks which is standard which is nice to see. Some regions when we met at the end of February in Albany have seen a delay, what we're finding out it is not so much the funding right now, but you have to have the paperwork exactly like what the State requires as well as the financials to back up your voucher. So we have not had an issue with that. Our check is coming in on a timely basis, four weeks has been standard for us. Also, we sent medical director verification forms to ALS agencies as well as a face sheet of what we have in the data base for their agency. One of the things that was required in our deliverables is keep up to date information of all our agencies within in the region. We're starting with the ALS agencies. We've given you ____ what we have in the data base. We've expanded that now to also include the medical director information as well as CQI contact because those were actually kept in separate spread sheets so we have combined that data base so we have one shop stopping for agency information so in the protocol mailing we included the letter, the spread sheet, the medical director verification form so those are due back on March 31st and then we're going to start with the BLS agencies of which there is about 110 in the region so our goal is to get all the updated information in our data base. Moving onto the Medical Director, Dr. Olsson, is not able to be here tonight. At the January REMAC meeting the protocols that were approved were changes for acute respiratory distress, pulmonary edema which are now including CPAP and interfacility protocol. Those were voted on at the January REMAC. They are currently out for comment and review and they are due back for the April 8th meeting we will have a final vote there, if that passes, we will be on the agenda for SEMAC in May so our goal is to have that approved in May, barring any changes, onto the calendar for SEMAC with the budget so that we can get those released in June and our goal is for those three pages that would be affected we would have one sticker for each of those three pages. One of the goals that we have this year seeing the previous protocol books with multiple stickers, one of the goals that I told Dr. Olsson we would have is a book that had no stickers, but we felt that with the addition of CPAP and changes

interfacility that's an increase in the quality of care that our patients are going to get that it's well worth the effort and that's all I had.

Darby: Questions for our Executive Director. So the Medical Director is working and is unable to be here tonight. Coordinator's report.

Price: Colleen Price, Central New York EMS.

Darby: Microphone.

Price: Colleen Price, Central New York EMS, only three outstanding pieces. One for Oswego County, one for Onondaga County, one for Tompkins County. That's it.

Darby: Questions for Colleen? PAD and epi report, Tammy. Microphone coming your way.

Eckstadt: Tammy Eckstadt with PAD and epi report. For PAD, we've got eight new sites in the various counties starting with the City of Cortland Youth Bureau, Cortland County, and the County of Oswego which has ____ sites, each of them has one AED. The YWCA of Cortland _____ Onondaga County, they sent that in as an update. We didn't have a file for them so that it came in as a new original notification. Mercy Health and Rehab Center in Cayuga County, Tactair Fluid Controls in Onondaga County, Ithaca Fire Department and Tompkins County and James P. Reagan ____ Onondaga County. We've got several updates from the City of Auburn, ____ Fire Department, Central New York Transportation Authority, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Auburn ____ School District, Warners Fire Department, and includes ____ Fire Department and so we've got a total of 425 PAD agencies now. Cayuga County has 45, Cortland has 32, Onondaga County 259, Oswego County 53 and Tompkins County 36.

Shocking numbers.

Eckstadt: And on the last page of the report _____ for the period. For epi, we've got just one

new EPI site First Aid and Rescue in Cayuga County is new. Cayuga County has 10, Cortland County has 5, Onondaga 28, Oswego 20, Tompkins County with 14 for a total of 77 epi sites.

Darby: Questions for Tammy on either PAD or epi? Thank you. We're in much better shape now knowing where they are. I appreciate your work on that. New York State EMS Council came together, it was actually a three day program because of the amount of work that needed to be done. So Tuesday the 23rd through Thursday the 25th. As you remember back on February 25th is when the State got hit with that storm so they pushed everything up and we did all the work on the 24th and some of us stayed over, some of us tried to get back ahead of the storm. That particular Council meeting is where we were dealing with the NAVAC appeal with the NAVAC CON back in January and if you remember in our January report, here back in January of '09, remember my report here was that they could either send it back to Council here for a vote, revoke here or they could deal with it at the State Council. The Systems Committee, the EMS Systems Committee met on the 23rd, the evening of, and walked through the process and heard the issues that we had with respect to that CON and they brought to the main Council SEMSCo meeting the next afternoon a seconded motion to grant the two areas that were not the medical center, but the other two areas that were in that CON as a partial award of that particular application, and the State Council voted on it and it passed. This Council voted no based on our vote here on that particular CON so that appeal is over and done with. We also received, and you probably saw that in the news, the final judge's decision in regards to the Mercy Flight Central lawsuit that we've been talking about for approaching three years now. It was served on – the paperwork was served on us as a Regional Council in the spring of '07 and the crux of the lawsuit was that Mercy Flight, the plaintiff, felt that there is Federal rule and law that requires if there is a commercial air medical service available that they get the call, whether or not they're the closest available and our medical direction all the way back to our first Medical Director, Dr. Petrefsky and followed by Dr. Olsson's medical

direction was the closest available appropriately staffed air medical service whether it was commercial or a public aircraft such as the State Police or Air One should get the call to get the patient to the trauma center generally speaking in as quick a time as possible and that was the position that we took. There were four defendants in this lawsuit, the State Police, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, the Central New York Regional EMS Council, us, and TLC Emergency Medical Services, which were doing the clearinghouse work pro bono for this Council, so it was this Council who was providing the TLC lawyer for this particular case and we finally got, back in August of '08 we had our first time in court that was in Western District Court in Rochester because the corporate headquarters of the plaintiff's was in Canandaigua and that was in another Federal District, even though everything they were complaining about allegedly was occurring in Northern District here where we live and work. We went over. The judge dismissed the State Police and this Council because we are a State organization, but that's all he had the ability to do. He had no ability to dismiss TLC which was a local business in the Northern District or the Sheriff's Office so they sent all the paperwork over to the Northern District and we were expecting from that August date in '08 to be called on when the calendar came up to again argue the case in front of our own district court here. As it turned out, the judge, Judge Fred Scullin, the Senior Judge of our district did it with all of the previous paperwork that had been submitted by all the counsels on both sides and I have the entire decision here. It's 20 pages with no pictures. You're welcome to see it if you want to read it, but I'll read the conclusion, which is the 20th page, this Court hereby orders the Defendants' motion to dismiss granted in its entirety. The Defendants at this point were still the State Police and us as well as the two that had not been dismissed previously so it was all four again. It also read as the plaintiff's cross motion, they wanted to amend their complaint and that's denied as futile and the court order, the Clerk of the Court to enter judgment in favor of the Defendants and close this case. I love those last three words. So the case is closed. We got a call from Mr. _____ out of Mercy Flight Central to discuss the issue

of Mercy Flight not getting calls and you remember, we in the _____ Committee reported back to this Council that if they don't call in that they're in service they don't go off the grid, but they go to the bottom because we're going to call those that we know are available and in service first, and we've been doing that since the middle of October when we were told by Mercy Flight they weren't going to call in any more and we had discussion because that Friday last week we had a crash that had entrapment. It was taking some time for the party to get out of the vehicle and as a result, they were asking for Air Medical, this was at Soule Road in Northern Clay in Onondaga County and they went down, the clearinghouse went down through the grid and found that the closest available that they had in service was coming out of Sayre, Pennsylvania and it was dispatched and sent. The extrication took quite a bit of time so there was not any time wasted as far as the patient was concerned, but they did get there for the packaging and bringing the patient into Upstate Trauma Center, but that was again just an indication of why we bring in an air ship so far away into Central New York if in fact Mercy Flight was in service so we had that discussion and as a result of that discussion, indicated that he would be having a dispatcher call into the clearinghouse their availability and I have checked with the clearinghouse and they have been calling in so if they call in and they're up and we prefer they do because we want the closest available and that's all there is at this point. He said on camera that he may appeal this, so we may not be done with litigation yet, but I hope so. We need to keep the air medical service under the direction of Dr. Olsson with all of our resources, not just some of them. New York State Health Department, we have no representation here tonight so we'll skip right down to any other old business. Hearing none we're going to new business. The treasurer's report is in the front of the blue books and you've all had a chance to look at that. Can I have a motion to accept the treasurer's report?

Addario: Sure.

Darby: Mike Addario. Second, Sue Derbyshire. Any questions on it? Discussion on it? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. We got a letter from a Dr. Christopher Sperano of Apaulis, New York, which is up near Albany, _____ area code, and he introduces himself and says he is an interior firefighter with the Apaulis Fire Department for the past nine years, he also the last year and a half has been teaching an autism first responder lecture for the Schenectady County with the support of the fire coordinator of that county, Chief Thomas Woods of the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, gave him the opportunity to speak to the State Fire Instructors on the same subject in July and October of 2009. Recently the New York State Department of Developmental Disability Finding Council I should say has released a grant to educate first responders on all developmental disabilities and you'll find that release under H in the blue books from the State. The Albany Chapter of the Autism Society of America has contacted this writer of this letter to help them to receive their grant and educate the State's first responders, that is fire, EMS and law enforcement. Chief Woods agreed to help with the implementation of this program throughout the fire service and now he is contacting all 18 EMS regional councils for the same kind of support. Development of curriculum training, train the trainer model finance will be carried out by the grantee with collaboration with the Office of Mental Retardation Development Disabilities under the New York State Developmental Disability Planning Council. He's looking to get this grant which is a three year grant. He also points out that he is the father of a 6-year-old – 7-year-old boy who is autistic so he's got a special place in his heart for this particular kind of training anyway. This grant is an opportunity that many have been waiting for. If it is done correctly, it will effectively educate the State's first responders on a much needed yet often neglected topic as a first responder how to recognize and then how to deal with those types of disabilities as you're dealing with whatever the injury or illness is that we

in EMS would be dealing with so he's asking for a letter of support from the 18 Councils and Central New York being one of those. The problem is the grant RFP is due by March 26th. I told him we would be coming together on the 16th and I would read the letter into the record and see what the pleasure of this Council is whether you want to do a letter of support for this particular grant or not.

Foster: So moved.

Butler: Second.

Darby: Linda Foster and Dave Butler seconds it. Discussion on the motion? This would be a letter of support. Hearing none. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. You received when you came in from Tammy a booklet that is from the Charities Bureau and it's a booklet to help boards and councils such as ours, that are not for profit corporations for the State of New York to understand and carry out our responsibilities financially, it's there to protect us and be sure that we're within the law with respect to that. It is recommended that we pass this booklet out to all of our Council members which is what we have done and now we're passing out a sheet that we're going to ask you to print your name and sign it with today's date that you have this booklet so that we can keep that ____ if we are asked by the Attorney General who may be some day in the near future a governor of this state that we had this particular thing on record. Tammy is passing them out right now. It just requires a printed name, your signature and the date, it will be kept on file with one of these booklets in the EMS Office.

Not that we agree with it, just that we received it.

Darby: Just that you received it, that's all it is.

Okay.

Darby: You received a copy. There is no pictures in this 20 pager either – 18 pages. When you have completed it and received it, completed the signature portion, please pass it back over to Tammy on this side of the room. The 16th of March, 2010 is the date, and we will – that is St. Patrick's Eve. I work for an Irish Sheriff and he says it's St. Patrick's Month.

That's okay.

That's why he has so much time off.

Darby: Don't I wish. As those are getting signed and being sent over to Tammy, is there any other new business to be discussed by Council? Yes.

Foster: Linda Foster, secretary, to read the proxies into the record. Pat Egan for Penny Shutts, Robert Duell for Douglas VanEtten, Lon Fricano for Laura Martin Reed, Dave Butler for Patricia Hansen.

Darby: Let the record show. Any other new business for the good of the order? Yes. Grab a microphone.

Addario: I just wanted to get the word out about our EMS PCR review that the Upstate EMS fellow and residents are putting on. Susie, I believe we have a date coming up at the end of this month.

Surprenant: Yes.

Addario: Rural Metro has been in good attendance, but I haven't really seen many providers from other agencies there. We were ____ to get 5 or 6 docs who are presenting cases from the dispatch all the way to the hospital and disposition so I think our providers could really benefit from _____. That's it.

Darby: Okay. Any other announcements or discussions for the good of the order? Yes, Lon Fricano.

Fricano: Motion to adjourn.

Darby: Motion to adjourn. I've got a second by Beth Harrington. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes).

Darby: Be safe tonight. Keep upwind from the corned beef and cabbage.

Respectfully submitted,

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