

**CENTRAL NEW YORK**



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

**Meeting Minutes of May 18, 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			
Eaton	Charles	Associat Member	Cortland			X	
Eckstadt	Tamara	CNY REMSCo Staff		X			
Egan	Pat	Member / County Coordinator	Oswego	X			
Emmons	Jerry	Member	Onondaga		X	X	
Flynn	Shawn	Associate Member (voted in 5-18-2010)	Tompkins				
Flynn	Susan	Member	Tompkins	X			
Foster	Linda	Member	Onondaga	X			
Fricano	Lon A.	Member	Cayuga	X			
Gleeson	Tim	Associate Member	Onondaga		X	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					X
Jones	Jim	Oswego County Coordinator	Oswego	X			
Kehoe	Eric	Associate Member	Cayuga				X
Loomis	Robert	Member	Oswego	X			
Lynn	Harry	Member	Cayuga	X			
Markham	Joseph	Asst Med Director					X
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			
Potter	David	Associate Member	Oswego	X			
Price	Colleen	CNY REMSCo Staff		X			
Price	S. Lee	Associate Member	Cortland	X			
Procopio	Greg	Member	Onondaga	X			
Rotko	Roman	Member	Cayuga	X			
Scott	Jay	Associate Member (voted in 5-18-2010)	Onondaga	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: Okay, we're calling the May meeting of the Central New York REMSCo to order. Please take your seats. We apologize for the delay, but there was a lot of work that had to be done at committee level because of the move up that we'll talk of the awards nomination process this year so I welcome you to the meeting. I want to be sure that everybody has signed on the sign-in sheet. If not, please do even if you're not a member, we need to know that you're here and if you're not a member, there's a space you can state who you are affiliated with if you're with an agency. We appreciate that. This is National EMS Week and I'd like to take a moment to think about our own EMT Mark Davis from Cape Vincent Fire Department. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January '09 he responded to a call in the evening with the Cape Vincent Fire Department to DDD, drug-related incident, and during the course of that incident was shot with a high powered rifle. He lost his life in a line-of-duty death. On Wednesday, tomorrow, at 11:00 at the Empire State Plaza he will be going on the EMS Memorial there, tomorrow, that we have only had in place since 2004. So I'd like to start this meeting with a moment of silence for the family of Mark Davis.

(Moment of Silence)

Darby: Okay. We got a proclamation from the Governor. It has 7 "whereas's" and 1 "therefore." We'll do a paraphrase and state, stated or proclaimed that May 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> is EMS week for the State of New York. I will pass this around so that you get a chance to see the Proclamation and we'll have it in the office on display. Seven "whereas's", 1 "therefore." The minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup>

REMSCo meeting have been distributed and I'm looking for any corrections, changes, additions. They're word for word out of the web cast and we haven't had a whole lot of corrections lately. Then I would look for a motion. Mr. Butler, Penny Shutts, and second. All in favor of accepting the minutes.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Treasurer's report will be taken care of under new business, #11, if we get to it. They've come around in the blue books as is the correspondence in the last two months that have come into the office is in the blue book. If you would like to have a copy of any of that correspondence, just fill out the form in front of the blue book and a copy will be made for you. As we get down to the reports, the committee reports and the further business of this meeting, I'm going to ask that you clearly identify yourself for our stenographer into the microphone. So if you want to speak, we'll move the mic the closest that we can to you. These are not mics that amplify your voice. You still need to project and speak up. This is just for the purpose of the web casting and reporting. Having said that, the Chairman reports will be opened further in the meeting. I will move into committee reports and EMS Program Agency, my partner in crime here, Mark Murray.

Murray: Thanks. Mark Murray. Just a few things from me. Susie will have a report afterwards. We do want to bring up that last month that the Bureau from another region they checked with us for their CPA because we're doing such a good job and they suggest that we meet with us and we have taken care of that

so they might be using our method of doing the books since we do such a good job. Besides that, most of the report is going to be Susie's. We did finish the budget and training template and got that in on time. That took a few hours of our time to figure everything out, but it's enjoyable in the end. Last year our numbers are exactly right for the training template. The year before we were off a little bit so it's fun to see how we do on estimating who's taking courses, how many people, etc. That's all for me.

Darby: Questions for Program Agency? Legal Affairs did not meet. Membership Committee, Zach.

Menter: Zach Menter. A little activity going on. At our last meeting we discussed several applications for several spots. We currently have an open position for associate membership position for Onondaga, we have an open associate position for Cayuga and we have three open associate positions for Tompkins County. Last meeting we reviewed seven applications for Onondaga County. We felt as though the most qualified of those applications was Jay Scott, and we would like to bring him as a seconded motion to the floor for the Onondaga County associate membership position.

Darby: Okay, this is coming as a seconded motion from the Membership Committee of Jay Scott to fill an associate membership position for Onondaga County. Discussion on the motion? Discussion on the motion? One more time, discussion on the motion? Then I call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Welcome, Jay Scott.

Menter: And for the Cayuga County position we reviewed Robert Ryan. We got a lot of positive feedback on Robert, and we would like to send him – bring him to the Council as a seconded motion for associate membership for Cayuga County, that's Robert Ryan.

Darby: Okay, seconded motion again from committee for Mr. Robert Ryan. Discussion on the motion? Discussion on the motion? Discussion on the motion? Call the question. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

Menter: Okay, and the last applications that we would like to bring to the board tonight is for one of the three open associate Tompkins County positions. Sean Flynn. We've looked over his information that he sent us at the last committee and feel as though he would be a very good candidate for the position and we would like to bring Sean Flynn to the floor as a seconded motion for the one of the Tompkins County associate membership positions.

Darby: Okay, again from committee a seconded motion. Mr. Flynn for Tompkins County associate opening. That leaves still two more available for Tompkins County. Discussion on the motion? Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on Mr. Flynn? Call the question, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

Menter: Okay, with the new positions that are being filled there that we just voted in tonight, that leaves currently two open associate positions in Tompkins County which we have one resume for for one of those associate spots that is going around tonight in the blue folder for William Lawler, and we had some discussion on him tonight, and we will have some discussion at our next meeting and make a decision what we are going to do with that.

Darby: Okay. Any questions for Membership? Policy did not meet. Review and Comment.

Review and Comment –

Mr. Michael Addario.

Addario: Mike Addario for Review and Comment. For Review and Comment, we have two items, the first is correspondence from the Department of Health to NAVAC regarding revisions to their CON and that is in your blue book. And the second is a map. That's about it. It's a map from Tully Smith Ambulance ESC agreement. \_\_\_\_\_ which didn't happen so \_\_\_\_\_.

But you did have something to review.

Addario: It's a very nice map, yes. That's it.

Darby: Okay, we've heard yesterday that there are some potential CON expansions coming possibly before the July meeting so whether we receive them or not. \_\_\_\_\_ Any questions for Review and Comment? Hearing none, we'll move onto Training and Ed. We're busy \_\_\_\_\_.

DiGregorio: All right, as far as Training and Ed Committee, good evening, we have a lot for Training and Ed tonight starting with the Deb Duethorn Memorial Scholarship Award.

Speak up.

DiGregorio: Starting with the Deb Duethorn Memorial Scholarship Award, we had actually a flurry of several good candidates, including some last minute entries here in the last few days. Training and Ed did review them all and determined that the candidate that we selected for this – recommendation for this scholarship award is Joshua Calley from Marietta, runs with SAVES. So as a seconded motion we recommend awarding Joshua Calley.

Darby: Okay, this is a scholarship that represents a gal that did an awful lot for EMS in this region and we could spend the entire evening talking her accomplishments, but it remembers her each semester. We have a \$500 scholarship that we provide to somebody that is doing an education career path in either EMS, law enforcement, nursing or a firefighter, Deb was all of that. So we have an EMS candidate here, Joshua Calley, from Marietta with SAVES.

DiGregorio: With SAVES, he's got aspirations to be currently enrolled in trying to earn his RN and also has aspirations to be a paramedic and is active in SAVES as well as – I believe he is a leader, or is in a leadership role with their youth program.

Darby: Good, Deb was also an RN I forgot to say that. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Call the question, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions?

DiGregorio: Moving onto Regional EMS Awards. It's that time of year again when we need to – we have a selection of candidates this year. A little bit

disappointing we don't have as many applications and as many candidates as we hoped for usually, but we do have several. Starting with, just going through, in no particular order, EMS Communications Specialist of the Year, we have \_\_\_\_\_ we recommend Kelly Allen from Oswego County.

Darby: Kelly Allen, Oswego. A seconded motion from the Committee. Any discussion on Kelly Allen from Oswego? Any discussion on Kelly Allen? Call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: Nominating a candidate for the Weber EMS Leadership Award, we have one application, one nominee, and from committee we'd like to recommend Susie Surprenant for the EMS Leadership Award.

Darby: There'd better be discussion on this one. She's not perfect. Seconded motion. Any discussion?

Foster: Linda Foster. Can you read us some of the application, please.

DiGregorio: What would you like to hear? Reason for award nomination. Susie is one of those people who works hard, continuously to improve the EMS profession and service it provides in the community. She always has an optimistic output. She never has anything negative to say about anyone or anything. \_\_\_\_\_ 100% she undertakes. \_\_\_\_\_ She has the way of reaching the best outcome for everyone concerned with little dispute or confrontation, and she accomplishes this while avoiding limelight herself.

Darby: Any other discussion?

Foster: Well, that's the leadership role \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Director, correct?

Darby: I saw her as a leadership role as a management supervisor of Rural Metro/Eastern and also NAVAC Colleen, you need a microphone.

Price: I would say not only – throughout her career she has shown leadership, mentoring, it's the total package. This is not just one job, one agency, this is all of them.

Darby: Tony DiGregorio.

DiGregorio: Tony DiGregorio, while having seen Susie work direct and indirect with county government, city government, she's outstanding, never overwhelming on any body. She treats everybody as equals. She does an excellent job with getting a point across without being temperamental like I could be sometimes or \_\_\_\_\_ anything as well as accepted by the county and I think well deserving of this award all around, not just what she does for the Program Agency. She represents EMS with best foot forward, and I don't think we could get anybody else right now that can do the same.

Darby: Any other discussion? Mr. Butler.

Butler: I have to agree with what Tony just said.

Darby: With what he said.

Butler: With what he said, all right.

Darby: Further discussions? Mr. Fricano.

Fricano: To the risk of stimulating \_\_\_\_\_

Darby: I think it's time to call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Next.

DiGregorio: The next award is Educator of Excellence, we had two applications, one of them and this was kind of a difficult choice for us, we had a combined application for Al Tompkins and Richard Weslowski and we also had an application nominating Jeffrey Jones. On discussion, there was great things to say about both candidates and the decision from the committee is that Jeffrey Jones be recommended for the award.

Darby: Okay, come as a seconded motion from the committee. Discussion on Mr. Jones? Would you want me to have him kindly step out? I don't see any motion to that effect. Okay. Any discussion? Call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Next.

DiGregorio: EMS Provider of the Year, we have one application for James Collin from NAVAC. We'd like to go ahead and recommend him for the award. \_\_\_\_\_ EMT actively involved \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: Discussion on the motion? Linda.

Foster: (\_\_\_\_\_)

DiGregorio: Moyers Corners, actually there is some question about the Moyers Corners application. It's checked for BLS Provider of the Year, but it was six names in referencing one call. So the committee kind of wrestled with trying to decide or to determine what exactly how to deal with this and saw this more as an application for agency of the year because of the call. Generally we believe that the provider of the year wouldn't necessarily be for one event, but for the service of the provider \_\_\_\_\_. So we interpreted this application as an agency nomination, not a BLS Provider of the Year.

Darby: And considered it as an agency nomination – (\_\_\_\_\_)

Darby: Okay, remember that then.

DiGregorio: It was one of the applications that was considered, yes.

Darby: Further discussion on Mr. Collin. Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Next.

DiGregorio: A single nomination for Physician of Excellence and that physician is Dr. Daniel J. Olsson from committee with recommendation for Dr. Olsson to receive the Physician of Excellence Award.

Darby: Okay. That comes seconded from the committee. Any discussion? Remember that he is your Medical Director. Any discussion on Dr. Olsson? Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: This brings us to the last award for consideration that we have nomination which was Agency of the Year. We had two applications, one for the Cicero Fire Department where actually it was for three different events that people participated from the agency during the year and also Moyers Corners Fire Department for the incident, the application that we discussed just a few minutes ago. After review, the committee recommends Cicero Fire Department for the Agency of the Year Award.

Darby: Okay, it comes as a seconded motion from committee, discussion on Cicero Fire Department? Any discussion on Cicero Fire? One more time, any discussion on Cicero Fire? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: That's all our awards for the night -- for the year, and we also have for consideration in your blue book there's a series of course applications that you can reference, there's I think four or five of them there. We also have a CLI candidate who has completed his training and recommended for the REMSCo recommendation to the State for Timothy McKennon for certified lab instructor.

Darby: Timothy McKennon?

DiGregorio: McKennon.

Darby: This is one where the REMSCo Regional Council is making a recommendation to the State Council, State Council makes the decision. Any discussion on Mr. Timothy McKennon? What agency?

DiGregorio: The training center that he worked with was Onondaga County EMS, supervising CIC with Jennifer Jones and his clinical experience was with Fayetteville Fire and Rural Metro Medical Services \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: Any discussion?

I think that should be Jeff Jones, not Jen Jones.

Darby: As opposed to Jim Jones.

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Darby: I've never known Jeff as Jennifer. Any discussion on Timothy? Call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Abstentions? One abstention. Okay.

DiGregorio: Lastly for Training and Ed, we have two course renewals, the one is an organization that we refer to Central New York REMSCo, Inc., the paperwork appears to be in order and we recommending passing on our recommendation for their renewal to the State.

Darby: Their renewal requires a signature from REMSCo to be forwarded to the State. Any discussion on Central New York REMSCo's renewal? Any discussion on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

DiGregorio: The last renewal is from SUNY Upstate Medical University, another short form renewal, it appears to be in order without omission, and we recommend it for approval for the State.

Darby: Okay, SUNY Upstate for renewal. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on that motion? Yes.

Scott: The short form is a misnomer, it is not short.

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Darby: Call the question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

That's all for Training and Ed.

Darby: That's enough. Thank you.

Wallis: Before we move on.

Darby: Microphone.

Wallis: Norm Wallis from Oswego County. Warren, this is the second year in a row that the Educator of Excellence we have received the team of Dick Kozlowski and Al Tompkins, and the only thing that's really discounting them is the fact that they have been nominated as a team as opposed to an individual. Certainly this is not taking nothing away from Jeff Jones or last year's Educator of Excellence either, but we do have and these folks have received multiple nominations again this year, is there something that we can do to recognize each gentleman, because they do a tremendous amount of EMS teaching in our communities and they are responsible to help serve by the great number of people in our profession and I certainly think that they are also well deserving of some form of recognition or at least from maybe this Council to open some discussion or something to recognize these folks that give a lot of their time and effort to do this.

Darby: I hear from what you're saying and I think the State Council Peer Committee would have the same problems with multiple people for Educator of the Year, that's not been done since I've been there for a team and Dick and Al are a team. I'm a product of that, I took their course. They do a very good job and probably do out of all the course sponsors for basic EMT level the majority otherwise so it would be interesting how to recognize them. Mr. Butler.

Butler: Do we have any money in the budget that we could give them a gift certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Darby: Okay.

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Darby: That could fit. That could fit.

Butler: I make a motion \_\_\_\_\_.

Seconded.

Darby: It would be coming from the floor at this point. Mr. Cousins, do you want to be the one that makes the motion?

Yes.

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Darby: Is there a second? Discussion on the motion. This is an award that isn't given every year, but it was

award that we put in place upon of the retirement of our good Dr. Michael Jastremski, and we have \_\_\_\_\_. Yes. Jay Scott.

Scott: Jay Scott, Upstate Medical University. As the one that nominated Dick and Al as the Educator of Excellence Award, I would be happy to reconsider my nomination for Mike Jastremski for the Excellence Award.

Darby: Okay. Linda Foster.

Foster: That award \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: The only thing that's like that at the State level is the Commissioner's Award, those are given once in a while. Any further discussion? It would save you the tickets to go out to dinner, too. Hearing no further discussion, I'll call the question. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. Any other questions for Training and Ed? We'll move onto County reports. I'm going to jump to Onondaga County first, Tony DiGregorio – Ways and Means Committee, Mark Murray. Paul Cousins.

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Cousins: The only thing I have is the Glow Golf this year is September 17<sup>th</sup>, it's a Friday, it's far enough away that we should be able to make more teams. It's a good time. The weather will be good. That's all I have.

Darby: This is really one of the major EMS fund raisers we have for times and I know it is rare when we don't have a State budget in place and it's what kept us going the last time and may be what keeps us going this time so it's important that we get involved in this, as Paul said, it's fun. If you're a lousy golfer, no problems, it's in the dark. It is a lot of fun. You can get competition between agencies. We could maybe come up with a NAVAC/NOVA.

Oh, my God.

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Darby: (\_\_\_\_\_) and the 17<sup>th</sup> would be a good night to do that and help Central New York EMS at the same time. Colleen.

Price: For the folks who haven't been there before, you could also bring the littler ones because they do have mini as well as regular golf.

Darby: So it is – the miniature golf is excellent there. You'll find Dr. Olsson and I on that. Okay, thank you. Moving onto County reports and I'm going to ask Tony to be first because he's got another obligation tonight. Tony DiGregorio, Onondaga.

DiGregorio: Tony DiGregorio, Onondaga County. And I know I'm dressed to kill here.

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DiGregorio: EMS Week. Basically for Onondaga County, we're going to have a lot of changes and this is a little bit different from what I wrote – currently, we are going to be losing our commissioner of the 911 system, John Balloni, who has done an outstanding job for us over the last couple of years. He is actually being taken away by our Sheriff even though he moved to Onondaga County Sheriff's, now he's going to work for them. We also have lost our deputy commissioner who managed to get a commissioner's position in Virginia, I believe.

Darby: Fairfax, Virginia.

DiGregorio: Fairfax, Virginia, so we will have a period of time between now and when they announce our new commissioner which will be Captain Bleyle, Manlius PD, who is going to be taking over and I believe the start date is sometime June. In the interim, Carl Lazell from Brewerton, who is one of the senior personnel will be the interim commissioner while we have this transition. It comes at a time when our radio system has finally come into its own. Syracuse Fire was the last agency to come on board and they came on today and it was painless, however, by the face on my cohort over here that there might be some issues. We have had some issues –

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DiGregorio: We have had some issues with the system, however, we have been able to correct those issues and those haven't been corrected to a satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_ are being addressed and we seemed satisfied with that. So the 911 system is a little bit in influx, but our radio system is up and working so we're happy with that. We have a new

agency, ambulance agency, not that it's new in Onondaga County, TLC Medical Transportation Service, is going to be rejoining us in Onondaga County as an ALS transport as well as BLS transport agency. The EMS agencies within Onondaga County are attempting to work with TLC. There was a meeting yesterday morning at the 911 Center and with TLC's guidance as well as the guidance of all agencies within Onondaga County trying to make this as painless as possible. I know that seems impossible. I know that seems to be worded politically correct, but they are attempting to do that and EMS agencies are attempting to work with them so that we can make this added resource beneficial to all EMS agencies \_\_\_\_\_. We also have this Friday at OCC, we'll be doing an active shooter exercise. This active shooter, to let you know, because we have had some issues in the past where the students up there as well as nearby personnel got on Facebook and others on Twitter and started making something into nothing one day, they thought they had a mass murderer around running OCC Campus. The information officer at OCC and OCC security have been trying very hard to plan this for the last couple of months to inform the public, inform the OCC students \_\_\_\_ this is an exercise, an exercise only. It will start at 8:00 a.m. and it will conclude somewhere around mid afternoon. So there will be actually two shooting specific areas that it will take place. It will involve fire police, EMS as well as emergency management who will be participating. So if you're up in that area and see a lot of commotion this is to explain. And I will entertain any questions.

Darby: Questions for Tony?

DiGregorio: Onondaga welcomes Jay Scott.

Scott: Thank you.

Darby: Cayuga County. Roman?

Rotko: \_\_\_\_ couldn't be here. Not too much going on. We seem to be having a seasonal increase in \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually we were able to \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: Any questions for Cayuga? Down to Cortland County. Microphone.

Duell: Bob Duell, Cortland County, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, our LAPC Committee held a multi-agency table top drill at SUNY Cortland. It ended up being an MCI incident and combined with a Haz Mat incident. The plans were utilized. We had approximately 12 agencies

participating and turned out very well. It was kind of a disturbance at a fall football game between Ithaca College and Cortland and it led into unhappy losing students that created quite an interesting event so that's how we handled that. We're also hosting the Senior Games at SUNY Cortland June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. We're always looking for volunteer EMTs to help us out with that event. We'll put it on the web site. Anybody that is interested and can spare a day or so to help out would be greatly appreciated. And our county is still working on our radio system. We're expecting an RFP due back from the consultant the end of this month and then that will be approved and then go out to the vendors and hopefully back by September. We're still unsure whether we're going to go with a 7 or 800 system or join analog with the Onondaga County with a UHF direction. That's all I have.

Darby: Questions for Cortland? Oswego County.

Jones: Jennifer Jones – good evening everybody, Jeff Jones. This is my first full time at this meeting. I am the EMS Coordinator for Oswego County now \_\_\_\_\_. In Oswego County we had our third annual EMS banquet on Friday night. It was very well attended. A number of awards were given out and a good time has had by all. It was a good chance for everybody to get together and celebrate some of our victories that we have had since last year. I have been in the position now, EMS Coordinator position now for about seven weeks and still getting my feet wet, meeting everybody and trying to understand the lay of the land. We did a combined course sponsor meeting with both the City of Oswego who is the course sponsorship in our county and RCIC from Oswego County to develop our summer, fall 2010 training schedule so we're doing that and getting that underway. We, too, are working on our radio system. We will have essentially a clone of the Onondaga system, it's in the works, it's funded, it's happening. We have an EMS radio working group that is getting together once a month. Our next meeting is tomorrow. To decide on what this is going to look like, feature sets on the radios and all that sort of thing. One thing I would like to bring up is a reminder to folks, talking with Dana Jonas in Albany, there is the requirement that is going to affect everybody who has radios under 512 megahertz, the narrow banding that has to be in place by the end of 2012. Right now most folks are giving estimates of 1 to 2 years to relicense, if you haven't begun to relicense your radio that isn't narrow banded you're going to be in trouble at this point. Anybody who has got a 155, 340 or 295 or 280 or 355

or whatever, those all have to be relicensed, every ambulance, every base station so if it's not on your radar screen, Dana Jonas is a good resource for that and he'll help you and again it's a looming deadline as we speak. And the last thing I wanted to bring up was I brought a guest this evening, Jeanine \_\_\_\_\_. Jeanine is the paramedic education coordinator for SUNY Jefferson County Community College. She's coming here to talk about a possible thing we would like to do, a possible collaboration with Jefferson County, and if I may, we can bring that up at new business.

Under new business.

Darby: Very good. Questions for Oswego? Thank you.

Okay, Tompkins County, Beth?

Harrington: Do you want me to bring up the thing we talked about?

Darby: As far as Tompkins County, yes.

Harrington: Okay. I wasn't sure if you wanted it here or new business.

Darby: That would be fine.

Harrington: I'm sure that most of you are aware back in February a letter came out from the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General sent to agencies, EMS agencies that bill and in the bottom line it basically said if you are going outside your primary territory, in other words, mutual aid, and you're billing Medicaid that they were going to start viewing that as fraud. We have some agencies, perhaps more in our county that were targeted specifically, received further letters and it has caused just detrimental patient care issues \_\_\_\_\_. When we went to EMD several years ago, we looked at the State regulations, specifically Section 800.21 and developed our policies, our dispatch, our central dispatch policies, we have a county wide mutual aid plan \_\_\_\_\_ ambulances will have to call in and tell us \_\_\_ with EMD if we do what is an ALS call and they only have BLS staff we start a mutual aid and significantly reduce prolonged response times and now we have agencies that are no longer responding or refuse to respond because they are being investigated by OMIG for billing fraud, and it is a tremendous patient care \_\_\_\_\_. And I don't know what involvement the Council has to have. I have written letters to \_\_\_\_\_, everybody I could think

of. It's just the worst problem that I have seen in EMS in New York State since I've been involved and that's been a long, long time. The bottom line is that it is a patient care issue. And it's simply – I've spent a long time talking with John Morrissey who in between our conversations had talked to Lee Burns and I believe I am fairly accurate including this, the line for the Bureau of EMS is agencies should continue to do what is reasonable for good patient care, but we cannot comment on what OMIG may do about that. So that leaves, a patient dies in the field waiting for care and that leaves everybody else caught in the middle. And so I bring it back to this Council. I don't know where we go from here, but I personally believe that it could crumble the foundation of EMS in this State which is built on a lot of volunteerism.

Darby: Okay, this particular letter which was sent to Mr. James Sheehan, and there is no date on the letter, but your email to me was the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Is it the same day as the letter?

Harrington: Yes.

Darby: It is in the blue books. I would ask you if you want a copy of that \_\_\_\_\_ Review and Comment and next week we have the State Council and several of OMIG members are going to be present there. We can ask questions around that, but we can act upon any motions after Review and Comment has had some time to digest this issue. The letter is very clear and concise as to the issues blatantly as we see it and you had some good examples of what they could be doing to the system so let's open it up for discussion in our July meeting once Review and Comment has had it \_\_\_\_ correspondence.

Harrington: I just wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ I have been researching this, the party line seems to be that if you go mutual aid then everyone should then apply for a CON. Now, I can't imagine and John was telling me, I really don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ was, at the time that he was talking to me which was about a week ago, they had 16 CONs land on their desk. But mutual aid is inherent, you're going to go outside your territory. I mean that's what it's all about to give care to the patient and to suggest that the solution to this is that everyone does a CON is absolutely ludicrous.

Darby: I think the same Mr. Morrissey told me once that frequent mutual aid to the same area would raise the particular plight that a CON expansion may be necessary, but there were no numbers to what that

frequency was. This might drive that or see where that goes.

Harrington: And you're correct, that there is no very clear cut measurable objective of what is routine or not routine. There is nothing in the regulations that limit mutual aid calls. It talks about the closest most appropriate ambulances. We're now having to send an ambulance almost twice the distance away to try to get there so every time we put another ambulance on the road at speeds we're increasing the risk for accidents patients are not getting care. We had a full arrest where mutual aid was refused, I mean and I understand why they did it because that can ruin them financially and put them out of business and then we have nothing and I mean I can't believe – I know \_\_\_\_\_ Rensselaer County and to me that is just a horrendous problem that needs to be addressed for the issue of patient care.

Darby: Okay, what else in Tompkins County?

That's all.

Darby: Okay, Mr. Fricano.

Fricano: Let's see you're describing this issue medical aid being withheld now is that you're saying? Because organizations have been intimidated by the State. I don't think we should wait for \_\_\_\_\_. I think that there are things that you can do. What I would do I would make sure I sent a letter to every family that was denied medical aid with a carbon copy of them explaining to them why lifesaving medical aid was withheld from them during their emergency and I think that the county out to file an Article 78 against the State immediately to put a stop to it, don't sit on this. If it was somebody in my family's life that was put at risk for something like this, I wouldn't wait around a month to do something. What are we here for? Eat meals and tell jokes or are we here to preserve life. The State of New York doesn't get this. They have conflicting regulations. They're doing things that are disrupting the delivery of emergency medical care and that's something that requires immediate and decisive and forceful action or we should just all go home and watch TV.

Darby: I appreciate your passion. However, we have a letter that said that that's something we're going to do and I've not seen any action in that regard yet. We've got a State Council meeting next week so we can get some more information on it and I don't want to be a REMSCo running wild card if you will before

we get all the information so I will again ask that you keep that information digging happening, but at the same time let's get all the information before we start to make a decision –

Fricano: How about the family of the guy who was in cardiac arrest?

Darby: Any other discussion or question for Tompkins? Okay. We'll move onto Central Office. Susie Surprenant.

Surprenant: Susie Surprenant for the Central Office. As you saw, we were required to put in our short renewal form for our specialty course sponsor which was completed and forwarded to the State as well as a copy to the local regional office. The other thing, we had several of our course sponsors requesting the need for more CLIs so we're scheduled for a prescreen and a CLI course this year. We did hold a prescreen on March 30<sup>th</sup> and we actually had 20 candidates go through the program and the CLI course was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and we had 19 students complete it. We actually had one individual out of the New York City area come up for it and I'd to thank and Paul and Colleen, the instructors for the course, as well as Ken, John Morrissey and Dick Klozowski. The other thing we're slated for is a CIC class coming up on November 13, 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> so we're looking for candidates for that because we're also in need of CICs to hold our classes within this region. CMEs, we had an original evaluator course at the end of March in Cayuga County and we are also planning original ones in the remainder of 2010 in Onondaga, Oswego, Cortland and Tompkins. EMS Call Review was held by Dr. Seth on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Rural Metro. Another is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at Rural Metro and for anybody that doesn't know about EMS Symposium, that is being held tomorrow – or May 19<sup>th</sup> and I'd like to thank St. Joe's and Upstate for their support, also Rural Metro and Central New York REMSCo were also sponsors and at last count they had over 140 people signed up for the course and the Sim Center is full with 24 in the evening so Jay and I will be very busy tomorrow. And Dr. Olsson will be also helping with the Sim Center in the evening so we've got not only hospitals, but the Program Agency staff helping with this. The other thing, our third quarter deliverable report went into the Bureau on time so we met that deadline. Warren will also discuss a letter that the Program Agency, that was addressed to me, you will find it in Section K of the blue book and he will go into details of documentation that we were ask to submit concerning

the Council. That has been submitted and I have not heard anything. The Program Agency Committee also decided on a vendor for the employee handbook. That handbook will actually be done for the corporation which is Central New York REMSCo, Inc. which has two contracts with the State, one being the Program Agency and one being the Council and that will be for our compensated as well as our volunteer members, all of which, sitting in this room. So that will be working with Paychex to get the completed. Dr. Olsson is working this evening, but he asked me to let everybody know that at SEMAC next week he will be putting in three protocols for revision. They were voted on and approved at the April 8<sup>th</sup> REMAC and they are acute respiratory distress, pulmonary edema protocol, including CPAP and updating the interfacility protocol for nitro drips and critical care and paramedic level. So he will be giving the presentation at SEMAC and training to get approval for those as well. And I'll Colleen do the Coordinator report. I just want to thank this Council and Training and Ed for the nomination. I sit around the room and it's kind of ironic my first two partners happen to be sitting in this room, Jay Scott and Troy Hogue, and at the time I started at Eastern, my supervisor was Paul Cousins, and the operations manager was Warren so it's kind of ironic how things come full circle, but I want to thank all the EMS professionals, many of you who sit in this room that have influenced my career in this region, when I was a green paramedic on a davenport at University. Thank you.

Darby: Let the record show she's still wearing green real well. Two other things maybe, Susie. CQI questionnaire.

Surprenant: Yes, the Program Agency Committee wanted to hold a CQI survey so that went out in an email to all, over 2800 providers in our region and we have a electronic survey going out right now through a monkey survey and we'll be collecting those results, that survey is open until the end of the month and then we'll be reviewing that documentation and forwarding that to Dr. Olsson and REMAC as well, and that's it. Oh, Warren and I also met with McNeill and Company, who have our liability insurance for the corporation and they're affiliated with ESAP and one of the interesting things that they've been developing and this will be affecting both fire and EMS education is they're having a lot of new program for online education and they wanted to discuss with us the ability to do regional CMEs to see if this would count for non-core hours and it would be under operations, it would be for safety, and Warren is

going to bring this up to the safety tag. I'm going to be discussing it with the program directors next week, but anybody that is a customer of theirs would be able to use this program. There are presentations on there for backing prevention, intersection prevention, back injuries. There is also stuff on the fire end for haz mat. They've also included some other additional education so they're writing more online education, in turn will be able to give regional CMEs at least, so we will be presenting that. Right now they're the only vendor that we know of that's doing online education of this sort with regards to safety and injury prevention. If there is anybody else, since we can't support one vendor, if there is any other information out there on other insurance companies that have such a program, let us know so we can share that with the rest of the State. That's it now.

Darby: That's enough. Questions for our Executive Director? Moving onto Coordinator's report. Colleen.

Price: Short and sweet this morning. We have only two open cases that were open in Onondaga County and they're pending. \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: Questions? Any questions for our coordinator? Moving onto PAD/epi. Tammy?

Eckstadt: Tammy Eckstadt with PAD and epi reports. We have one new original application, that's Baldwinsville Fire Company in Onondaga County. We've received an update from Ithaca Fire Department in Tompkins County \_\_\_\_\_ and a reported use for AEDs is on the last page and that's \_\_\_\_\_ size paper. So we came up from 425 last month to 426 and that's just because of the condition of the one in Onondaga County. As far as epi, we have a total of 79, a new one in Baldwinsville Fire Company and a new one in Cayuga Fire Department so that brings our total up from 10 to 11 in Cayuga County and 28 to 29 in Onondaga County for a total of 79. That's all I've got for today.

Darby: Questions for Tammy? Moving onto the New York State EMS Council, again that would be next week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Most of the committees are Tuesday, there's one finance committee meeting on Monday night. The directors of the Program Agency will be there Monday throughout the day. Tuesday all of the committees will be doing their committee. Wednesday morning at 9:00 will be the State Council meeting prior to supper. So it's an open meeting, the committees are, too, you're welcome to come, Crowne Plaza, Albany. Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday. I don't see a State Health rep here, is there? We'll move onto old business. Old Business?

Foster: This might be, this is Linda Foster, Beth was talking about this letter she wrote, I've checked both blue books, it's not in the blue books so Beth has said that she will email it to everybody.

Darby: We can put it out to the entire Council membership via the office. It came in yesterday so it didn't get into the blue books in time. Okay, any other old business? Moving onto new business, treasurer's report first. It's in the front of the books as they came around, it's the financial statements of what has happened since our last meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ for a motion. Roger Paolini moves it. A second to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Addario.

Addario: Sure.

Darby: Any discussion on the motion? Everybody scratch your nose. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Other new business. Mercy Flight Central gave notice to the clearinghouse that they're looking to have a new AMS site days, at least Monday through Friday and that would be Watkins Glen and that would be \_\_\_\_\_ since the start, the tragedy we had down there so they feel that's for their third ship, it may be the appropriate place to put it and we're in the process of setting of that with the Air Medical Committee and hopefully we will have that in place soon with the grid, etc., at the clearinghouse so Watkins Glen for Tompkins County folks, they have an air medical sitting there ready to go.

DiGregorio: Just to clarify, Warren, that's in addition to –

Darby: That's correct, that's in addition to the two, the Canandaigua main operation and the Marcellus here in southern Onondaga.

If they're not committed to a race, also.

Darby: Sure.

I mean there's some limitations \_\_\_\_\_ race course.

Darby: Other new business? Mr. Butler, microphone.

Butler: I'd just the Council to recognize Rural Metro for an award that they got. I know I'm the competitor \_\_\_ a very nice award, Mike did a nice job and it's really good for EMS – good job.

Addario: Thank you.

Even I can talk to him about it.

What award?

Butler: Business Council Award \_\_\_\_\_.

Addario: It was an award for leadership in Greater Syracuse. They honor various community leaders. One of the categories was business leadership so it was recognition for that.

Darby: Okay, this year the Vital Signs Conference has been moved up from October to August and it will be for the first time ever in the Big Apple. So it would be Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, and Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>, and they have special rates and for New York City prices it was amazing and I think that's why it got hooked up, it had the ability to get the hotel for that \_\_\_\_\_. It will be a good Vital Signs Conference and the reason we did as much work as we did tonight on the awards is that we have a deadline of 1 June which is a couple of weeks away to get the State awards and we'll take our regional awards and renominate them as State awards coming from this region and so that's reason we took so much time with that tonight and that will occur before June 1<sup>st</sup> we will have that there. Other new business? Yes. Jim Jones.

Jones: Thank you. Good evening again everybody. I'm going to turn this over to Janine. We are going to be looking for a decision from you tonight if possible with regard to utilizing the distributive learning process in Oswego County for the Jefferson County Community College Paramedic Program and I'll Janine have the microphone.

Janine: Hi everyone. Thank you for having me here at your meeting. Basically the proposal is to do a hybrid course, part distance learning, part physical attendance somewhere in Oswego County, a location yet to be determined. The distributive site would be at Jefferson Community College. It would be our traditional four semester program with the first semester leading to intermediate certification. The

second semester leading to critical care certification and the final two semesters bringing the student onto the paramedic level. Students would attend lectures at the Oswego site via distributive learning, cameras, microphones and would attend labs and exam sessions at JCC. I have some program information –

Darby: Hold on just a minute. The process within the Council has always been that you come into committee first, Training and Ed Committee has got to deal with this before it comes to Council for any kind of a vote. We did get a letter this week from you indicating the idea, it sounds interesting, we need to look into. The committee may be meeting before the July meeting. We have committee meetings every month available and so you may want to be discussing with Lee that opportunity between now and then. Our next Council vote for items coming out of Training and Ed would be the July meeting which is also our awards meeting and our picnic, if you're going to pick a meeting to come to that's the one to be at. So I would ask you to hold that. You're welcome to give that kind of information to Training and Ed folks tonight.

Thank you.

Darby: Jay Scott.

Scott: Jay Scott, University Hospital. When we started to do our distributive learning paramedic refresher class from this region, we're actually in our fifth year of it now, it's becoming an intermediate, critical care, paramedic refresher program. The New York State EMS Department of Health was very specific with us that we couldn't compete with outside regions to run a distributive learning program. They were very concerned that the training dollars from other regions would be funneled into our region and give us an unfair advantage so I'm opposed to the fact that if this is approved at the State level then I can go ahead and advertise my paramedic refresher class across the State and compete with everybody, why not. I just don't think it sets up a good model for progress. If you want to talk about a paramedic program and the one that we propose to start again in September of this year, it's going to be announced, it's a little premature to starting complaining, but we're getting there. I'd love to talk about maybe cooperative efforts, but to talk about distributive learning programs, funneling our training dollars to outside regions I just think that's a bad model and it opens up doors across the State for many different colleges and many different programs \_\_\_\_\_.

Darby: That's why as the new associate member from Onondaga County you're on the Training and Ed Committee.

Thank you, sir.

The distributive learning model is being done by – I couldn't specify which two, but at least two community colleges in New York State already so it wouldn't be precedent setting, but certainly is a concern arguably.

Darby: I would be interested before we go to Albany next week to have knowledge of which two they are so we can say that it is already out there.

Jones: And I'd the group to consider, Jay, certainly a valid concern. I would like to think though that this should be looked as adjunctive rather than competitor. That we would be looking at perhaps different sets of folks that might be looking for this, that the two programs are significantly different in terms of how they are distributed both geographically and in time, and I think as we have further discussions on this which I realize that we need, I hope that we can look at it from the perspective of offering the most options to the most people and not limiting ourselves so I look forward to working with you and Janine on this. This just kind of came up last minute admittedly, but we felt that it was an appropriate time to broach this here anyway so that we could begin the discussion so we will starting doing that.

Darby: Any other questions?

Potter: More of a comment. Dave Potter, associate member, Oswego County, more with what Jim Jones was saying and from my personal perspective being a paramedic student that drove from Parish area, originally the Sandy Creek area to go to Utica to get my paramedic program due to not only the high volume of students that were going to Syracuse, but also at the time that I did get a chance to take the class it was not offered, I definitely think that we do need another option in our area that's closer to home. And again with the competitive thing, I understand everything unfortunately in this world revolves around the all-mighty dollar, but for me as somebody that spent a long time driving back and forth to Utica, including during the time when my wife was in labor, which was a lot of fun, I definitely see a need. In talking to some of the students this year alone, I've had four paramedic students that have been \_\_\_\_\_

from three different colleges. I definitely think there's going to be a need further down the road as people decide they want to move on from the basic level or the intermediate or critical care level on, I don't feel that one class in our region is going to be able to hold the volume as much as multiple ones could. We already have quite a few that have gone – even when Syracuse was \_\_\_\_\_ went to Utica just based on the fact there wasn't room at the one class or these individuals and I don't think – again, I think we definitely need to look at all options possible to make this education available to people, you know, based on their needs so I definitely think it's a good option to at least keep open minded, I mean, even if it something we have to do facing the money problem, that's the least of our worries. We need more providers and we need quality providers so I definitely think that's something we need to keep an open mind on.

Darby: Thank you Mr. Potter. Colleen.

Price: As a CIC in the region and a paramedic instructor doing a refresher at a community college right now, I certainly believe that all \_\_\_\_\_ should be considered, but I also understand that we have several community colleges in our area that this has not even been approached to do that are directly in our region that are already doing some of this \_\_\_\_\_ and I think that it would be a kindness and consideration to approach Cayuga Community College, Tompkins Cortland Community College to see as they are our direct benefactors for many of our emergency service providers.

Darby: Lee.

Price: Yes, as Training and Ed Committee chair, I think I can wrap this up really quickly by saying that this is not the first time that this region has faced this type of situation. It's actually \_\_\_\_\_ and the decision – I know the Training and Ed Committee and the greater REMSCo is all about keeping providers educated and the best quality of care out there, and our decisions in the past have gone both ways with respect to that, and I believe that before we pass this thing out tonight, give us some time to look at it, talk to the agencies involved and evaluate what exactly we're considering here. We can give you real good information in July so that the decision that is best for the EMS community.

Darby: I agree with that wholeheartedly. Those that are not in Training and Ed still have the opportunity to meet with Training and Ed as a member of this

Council so when they meet we'll let you know \_\_\_\_.  
Okay, any other discussion? We had a received a letter from the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to our office dated April 6<sup>th</sup>, we got it April 12<sup>th</sup>, and it said that the Bureau was currently conducting an investigation into a complaint filed with this office through the New York State Office of Comptroller. The complaint surrounds perceived conflicts of interest within the makeup of the Council. To adequately address the complaint, they are requesting that we provide them with the bylaws of the Council, also request a membership roster for the past eight years. The roster needs to include each individual's name, position, affiliation and date of employment. We have assembled that information with your help that we had Tammy send out to all of you, these spreadsheets have been built to be able to show all them one spreadsheet and we're looking for your comments to assure that it was accurate information. We're still working on that, it's a work in progress, but we did respond back to the office on May 5<sup>th</sup> with a letter and a package, that whole package is in your blue books in the back. If you want to read the package here, we've got them here tonight. If you want a copy of it, just fill the form out in the front. Mr. Cousins?

Cousins: Does that reflect whether people belong to more than one agency?

Darby: It doesn't initially, although we are making our spreadsheet reflect that and calling primary and secondary agencies so and there are several of the same discipline, you may have somebody in two or three different EMS organizations or you may have a fire, EMS and a law enforcement mix so we're going to try to catch all of that on a spreadsheet. They didn't ask for that. They just asked for affiliation and we took the primary one initially and we did it under Article XXX's description of what the different affiliations could be so there's no unique identification at this point. It may come to that in the future and your board will deal with that if and when it does. Sue Derbyshire.

Derbyshire: Sue Derbyshire. Was there any indication as to who this complaint was from or the basis of it?

Darby: It was an anonymous complaint. No name and we wrote a letter back asking for the complaint to see what it was and it was anonymous, in fact we have a copy of that complaint.

Derbyshire: Is that in the blue book?

Darby: Yes, that's in the blue book.

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Foster: Well, what I was going to say to them was we really need to get copies because this actually calls us frauds. It is terrible what it accuses this Council of.

Darby: Mr. Murray.

Murray: I am complaining about the Central New York EMS Council. That Council is dominated by one paid ambulance company, TLC. The decisions of the Council are always what TLC wants. The judge in the NAVAC case said that they have conflicts of interest. They don't make good decisions. They don't follow the State law. It says that they must have four term limits. The video on the web pages that blasted the judge. They aren't even taking him serious. I'm putting a copy of the judge's decision in this envelope. I don't have a copy of the NAVAC paperwork for the case, but I bet they would give it to you if they asked. This is ruining the volunteer ambulances in Syracuse and someone needs to fix it.

Darby: And again it is an anonymous complaint, no signature, no identifiers.

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Darby: They can act on anything they wish to act on, but we responded with what they asked for. We will be certainly working with them if they ask for more, but that's the extent of it. We needed to have you aware of it. Again the complete correspondence – all the correspondence is in the blue book. Sue Derbyshire.

Derbyshire: Okay, let me get this. They are acting on an anonymous complaint.

Darby: That's not uncommon.

Derbyshire: Right. Should we turn this over to legal counsel?

Darby: I don't think we want to do that yet, no. Okay, because we don't want to encumber moneys that we don't have for legal counsel.

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Darby: Susie Surprenant.

Surprenant: The letter wasn't addressed to me to provide the documentation. I did show at the last meeting of the Program Agency Committee the documentation. I was asked to get a copy of the complaint. The complaint actually came through the Comptroller's Office who we know controls our contract and our purse strings and they forwarded it to the Bureau of EMS to investigate.

Darby: So again next week one of the things that we will be doing is asking for more insight while we're sitting with the Bureau people side by side in committee meetings and see if we can some more information. But at this point any agency will react to complaints that aren't sign. In fact law enforcement keep asking for people if they can do it anonymously and this is just one of those that's coming through the EMS side. Okay, anything else for new business?

Surprenant: Warren.

Darby: Susie Surprenant.

Surprenant: As we know, our July is held at Arrowhead and it's the award banquet and Linda has asked that we take a survey to see if we want to do the traditional, we've had the last few years with roast beef and a formal meal or go with picnic type food, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and take a vote from this group if you want to go with the traditional meal or go with picnic-like food.

Darby: We've actually done it both ways. Years gone by we've had tube steaks and chopped steaks and we had chicken one time, we barbequed some chickens. So we can go either way, the last couple of years we did do the formal smashed potatoes as my daughter would say and roast beef. We're looking for your direction because next meeting is that meeting and we need to order \_\_\_\_\_. Lon Fricano.

Fricano: Motion made for picnic food.

Second.

Second.

Darby: Third, fourth. I have a motion and four seconds. Any further discussion, Mr. Butler?

Butler: Can we have an open barbeque?

Darby: It was actually a closed igloo.

Cousins: (\_\_\_\_\_) group of people that are going to do this instead of the office staff?

Darby: Yes, the people that have been supplying our food provides this.

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Darby: Sue Derbyshire.

Derbyshire: The history for this for you who don't know, this started out with us bringing out our own food and eating in Tony's parking lot out of the trunks and the tailgates of our cars.

Darby: Yes.

Derbyshire: It was just a way to let off steam one time a year to go into it, so I think that's what Linda was going for. It started out historically as a "picnic" and we'd like to go back to that.

Darby: It moved to the dinner part kind of when we were doing the awards ceremony at the same event. But there's no reason why we can't do it with picnic food. It looks like we're going to have a vote in just a minute, but if you want to say some more.

Foster: Linda Foster. The reason I brought this up to the board is was I had a number of people come to me, you know, not everybody is feisty enough to bring up situations, but I am so – what a surprise – so anyways a lot of you said you wanted picnic food. I personally like watermelon and ice cream and chicken and all that kind of stuff.

Darby: Okay, we'll call the question. The motion is for picnic food made by Lon Fricano, seconded by half the room. All in favor signify for saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

TLC got its way again.

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Darby: All right, for the record, we have one proxy tonight, but we had no vote. The record says that Dave Cotter is the proxy for Dr. Jerry Evans. Anything else for the good of the order?

Motion to adjourn.

Second.

Darby: One quick good of the order point. John Minerst in our Central New York Onondaga County EMS got involved with a table saw last weekend and mangled his right hand. He's six weeks immobile as far as the hand is concerned while the bones reheel and then they'll go back in and do some more work. So keep him in your prayers. Having said that a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Darby: Lon Fricano. Seconded, Penny Shutts. All in favor?

(Ayes)

Respectfully Submitted,

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