

CENTRAL NEW YORK



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

Meeting Minutes of July 20, 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	X	
Cousins	Paul	Member	Onondaga				X
Darby	Warren R.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Derbyshire	Susan	Member	Onondaga	X			
DiGregorio	Anthony	Member	Onondaga		X	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			
Flynn	Shawn	Associate Member (voted in 5-18-2010)	Tompkins				X
Flynn	Susan	Member	Tompkins				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	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, I'll call the Central REMSCo to order for July 20th. Has everybody that's here signed in? Anybody need the sign-in sheet? The minutes of the May 18th Council meeting were sent out. Is there any corrections, additions praise for the web cast so that we get it word for word? Do I have a motion to accept the minutes as written? Roger Paolini . Second to that motion. Mike Addario. Any other discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Treasurer's report is in the blue books, they're coming around. Be sure to take a look a look at that and we'll act on that under number 11, new business. Correspondence is also in the blue books so take a look at that. There is one piece in there – that is not in there I should say that we will be sending out to you this week out of the office so you get a chance to see it. It is a response back from the Bureau of Emergency Services and the Bureau's house attorney. _____ regarding the complaint, the anonymous complaint that we spoke about back in the May meeting. We responded to that complaint and they've given us after reviewing the alleged conflict of interest complaint, they have seven points that they want us to address in our new by-laws _____. We will be bringing that to the attorney. We want you to see the issues. These are issues out of the old by-laws because the new ones aren't in place yet so we responded to the old by-laws and they are not in the blue book. All other correspondence is. We will send you via e-mail a copy of this particular July letter. I should put into the record that we do have some proxies here. We have Susie Surprenant as a proxy for Tony DiGregorio. We've got Lon Fricano a proxy for Brian Calley and we've got Dave Butler a proxy for Trish Hansen. Is there any other proxies? Okay. I'm going to leave my Chairman's Report to the very end. Going onto committee reports. EMS Program Agency, Mark Murray.

Murray: Mark Murray. We didn't do too much tonight except discuss the complaint again. We discussed the CQI survey. Because of the indepthness of it, we're going to put that off for a little while so people can read it, and we talked a little bit about Glow Golf which is September 18th. It's a

Saturday night this year. Hoping to get more teams. We've got some registered for the mini-golf already, and we'll have some future updates on them. That's about all for us.

Darby: Questions for Mark? Legal Affairs did not meet. Membership, Zach.

Menter: Membership, Zach Menter, tonight we did not have too much going on at all. No new applications. We have one open Cayuga spot, two open Tompkins County positions, all associate positions. That's all for membership tonight.

Darby: Questions for Membership? Okay, moving on. Policy did not meet. Mike, Review and Comment.

Addario: In Review and Comment, we just had five volunteer CON surrenders, actually they appear to date back to 2006, 2006 through January of 2010. They include Carrier Corporation, Minetto Volunteer Fire Company, Sennett, New Hope Fire Department. Aurelius Fire Department, and that is it.

Darby: Questions for Review and Comment? You get a good picnic meal into them and they're done. Training and Education, Lee.

Price: Lee Price, Training and Education. We do have a few things for the Council tonight. First just a comment on course applications. There are several of them that have appeared that are in your blue books if you're interested to see where they are. We have several – since it's July there are some course sponsor renewals starting with Onondaga County's long form renewal. Upon review, the committee recommends that the Council recommend that it be approved at the State level. Onondaga County.

Darby: That's a seconded motion that comes from committee. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions?

Price: Next up for renewal comes out of the City of Auburn for a BLS course sponsorship, again reviewed the paperwork and it appears to be in order so the committee recommends that the region – excuse me, REMSCo recommends that it be approved to the State level.

Darby: Again, a seconded motion from the committee, this is Auburn, any discussion on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

Price: We also have a long form renewal from the City of Oswego, again it appears to be in order and satisfactory so we recommend that the Council recommend the State approve it.

Darby: Okay, a seconded motion from Committee, discussion? Oswego. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

Price: The last renewal is a short form renewal out of Cayuga County, again it appears to be in order. We recommend that it be approved.

Darby: Okay. Once again seconded motion from Committee. Discussion? Cayuga. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried.

Price: The last thing we have is a continuation of something that came up during the last meeting regarding a distributed learning course sponsor from outside the region wishing to present a distributed learning course within our region and time ran out for that particular course sponsor for the plan to start one this fall. However, it does raise a conversation that Training and Ed Committee is going to be looking into. What criteria we should be considering as a Council going forward for these types of requests and whether – what the best action is in dealing with them because I suspect with the growth in distributed learning and we've also run into similar circumstances with and without distributed learning courses being proposed in our own region so we're going to look into the possibility of recommending to the Council that we establish some sort of criteria or protocol that we would consider when these requests come along. So we'll probably be getting together here in the next – between now and the next meeting to discuss it and hopefully have some further information for you in September.

Darby: Questions for Training and Education? Thank you. Ways and Means, we already discussed that, as Mark said at the Program Agency Committee, that Glow Golf is our big event of the year and we believe – well, we've used it a couple of times right now we still don't have a State budget _____ dip into _____ keep us healthy as an office. It's important that we keep that fund there. The Glow Golf is a fun night out and I'd love to see where the agencies bring in their own team. Let's compete against each other. NAVAC, NOVA.

Foster: Yes, with clubs.

Darby: No, no, no. Not unless they glow. That would be a great time to get some camaraderie against our own agencies and have some competition amongst our own agencies so think about that. We're also talking to the hospitals trying to get the hospital EDs to get involved and get a team out and again no matter how bad your swing is it's in the dark, who cares. Mark.

Murray: I've started making calls for the sponsorship, but the other thing that we can always use is prizes and we try to stay in groups of four because we give everybody a prize, if you've got t-shirts you wanted donated, anything in fours. We'll really don't care what it is, you're going to get a prize. Everybody gets a prize that night. So anybody that can come up with prizes is fine, too. Again if anybody knows any sponsorship, we sort of go back to the same people all the time and call. Rural Metro's come through every year for us. But anybody that wants to sponsor even \$100 would be great and it is our extra fund if things go wrong with the office. Without it a couple of times and we couldn't go anywhere and Glow Golf is what does it.

Darby: This time it's on Saturday, the 18th of September. We're trying Saturday night as opposed to Friday night to see if we can get more people involved, but again this is the one major fund raiser that keeps us healthy so it's important that we get involved and be a part of it. For those of you that don't like the big course, the miniature golf course is there, too, and Dr. Olsson has always been beating yours truly and his partner, but I think I've got him beat this year, just because of moving the date he's on one of those education trips again. Again we encourage all of you to be involved with the Glow Golf. Saturday the 18th of September. County reports. Cayuga, Roman.

Rotko: Roman Rotko from Cayuga County. We've had serious MVAs and serious calls over the last couple of weeks. I think a couple of weeks ago we had four Medivacs in the county within a 12 hour period. People aren't being careful out there and our most recent call was an MCI with 15 patients and 1 DOA in the Town of Fleming and it was a short bus that had senior citizens and handicapped people inside. It posed quite a challenge for the responders, but they knew that they were outnumbered and they called for help so we had the city out there and all surrounding units and it worked out very well. The ER shakeup at the hospital has taken its toll. We've got three physicians left from our original staff. Everybody else is a new contract physician or physician's assistant, nurse practitioner that's coming in. The first day was last Monday. I happened to have the misfortune of being a patient at the hospital that day. Nothing serious. And what they promised a quick turnover in patient care in and out quickly was anything but. So we'll see what happens at a later time. The Great Race is coming up in two weeks so we'll be busy with that. And I'm looking for mass fatality plan, if any counties have one that's already in their books, I'd love to get a copy of it. We don't have one in our county yet. That's it.

Darby: Any questions for Cayuga? Onondaga has one, it may not be updated, but it's in there. Cortland County.

Duell: Bob Duell, Cortland County. June 8th to 13th as I mentioned before we held – the Senior Games were held at SUNY Cortland. Everything went well for those days involved until the last day that a bike race over in the Town of Virgil and we did have one accident, a biker was hurt very seriously, critically, but later found out he actually was able to email us not too long ago, he's making a recoverable recovery so we're very fortunate there. RFP for a new 7800 radio system was released two weeks ago. We had a mandatory pre-bid vendors meeting yesterday and it's all still on track for a bid opening on September 10th so that we can inform the county right at budget time what this is going to end up being. One of our Council members, a long standing Council member and our representative from Cortland County, Trish Hansen, is recovering from major surgery right now. She has been out of work for a while and I'd like to see if the Council could send her something. I think it would be appropriate. She is doing well, but she is in a lot of pain, but I mean she's making a recovery so it will be a while before she'll be active. I believe we have a basic refresher EMT that was scheduled to start September 8th in Cortland, our next course, and I'm going to let Doug talk about the E-learning system we have.

VanEtten: Doug VanEtten, associate member from Cortland. Warren mentioned at the last meeting that McNeill Company is promoting their E-learning. We run a bi-monthly, every other month meeting for the Cortland County EMS Advisory Board. McNeill is going to present at the August meeting of the Advisory Board on their E-learning program. The information is pretty self-explanatory, but they'll talk about some of the other supports that they can have there. The date on that is August 16th at 6:00 pm at the Cortland County Regional Training Center. We'll get an email to you, Susie, so you can get it up on the web. Thank you.

Darby: Questions for Cortland?

VanEtten: And the Jets are coming back. _____

Duell: I should have remembered that. SUNY Cortland, the Jets camp is coming back to Cortland this year fortunately and it starts August 1st. There's going to be a major green and white game they call it on Saturday, the 7th. We expect a lot of people to be there. TLC is coordinating this on the EMS side for the college and we'll our MCI capability set up and hopefully there won't be any problems like there wasn't last year. It's a going event fortunately. That's it.

Darby: Any questions for Cortland? Onondaga? Tony D couldn't be here because of another conflict so we have the report from him. Onondaga County has had the pleasure of hosting several major events so far this summer. The city maintains its share of shootings, stabbings and main stream issues. It keeps our public safety brothers and sisters busy. On the 25th of June 2010, the Syracuse Jazz Fest was held up at Onondaga Community College again. Our county's emergency communications plan was evaluated by team members of the United States Department of Homeland Security who came into the event and looked at how it was being operated, and the command post, Office of Emergency Communications, OEC, and the first goal established by the national emergency communications plan, NECP reads by 2010 90% of all high risk urban areas designated within the urban area security initiative are able to demonstrate response level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies. That was a perfect event to show them that. Our office received a copy of the draft, after-the-action report and it states, it states the Syracuse urban area has successfully demonstrated response level emergency communication as outlined in goal 1 of the NECP. Team work of all agencies involved is what made the evaluation a success, shows what we can accomplish when we work together. That's Tony's report. Any questions for Onondaga that I might be able to field? Oswego? Where are you, there you are.

Jones: Hi, everybody. Jim Jones here. And I'm now a county coordinator, relatively new at it. Pat Egan behind me has been the acting coordinator for quite some time. In that role she was elected to represent Oswego County in the Program Agency. Since I now have the role we did a little vote tonight and I'll be the Program Agency representative for Oswego County. Pat has – cannot imagine not coming here and joining you periodically for these regional meetings, and I am certain that she'll be back. And she's welcome right, Warren?

Darby: Absolutely.

Jones: Any time.

Darby: Absolutely.

Jones: Good.

Darby: Once a member always family.

Fricano: (_____) web cast.

Jones: We do have significant emergency department construction going on at Oswego Hospital which has really been affecting us all. I'd have to say, I think Oswego's done a really good job keeping the EMS providers informed of changes and actually maintaining a pretty good attitude in spite of significantly less square feet during the construction period. They are doing the construction in place contiguous with the emergency department so they're getting close to the end. It's been a long ride, but it's going to be a nice ED and kudos to Oswego for taking good care of us. We, too, are going into the digital radio system that Onondaga has. I was talking to the 911 Director today, the steel has

been ordered, radios are just about ready to be ordered. He anticipates handing out radios probably first quarter of 2011, perhaps a little bit later than that, but we're certainly on track for less than a year to begin seeing that system. Oswego County is a course sponsor collaborating with Oswego City as a course sponsor. So we've got a bunch of courses coming up this fall and they're on our web site and Susie is good enough to put them on the CNY web site as well. We're also going to be doing – not a CLI course, but a lab instructor course, kind of an intermediate step to get some folks available, develop a cadre of lab instructors, helpers, and patients so on and again that is a good step for those folks who want to take the next step and go to CLI. We're trying to be very active at recruiting lab instructors, certified lab instructors and grooming certified instructor coordinators because that's something we're low on across the board at this point. And we do have Harbor Fest in Oswego coming up this weekend and it brings about 300,000 people into the city between Thursday and Sunday. The brunt of that is essentially borne by the City of Oswego, but obviously we do have a lot of people coming and going so our other corps are geared up and ready for the influx of people. Any questions for me? Thank you.

Darby: Okay, the Oswego caucus as Jim pointed out met and they have voted to have him take the seat that is the member representing Oswego on the Program Agency Board or Committee. That is a vote that we bring back to Council so it comes from the caucus so I ask for a motion to move that. Dave Butler. Looking for a second. Penny Shutts. Any discussion on that motion? You will complete the term which goes into 2011 at that position as the coordinator, the EMS Coordinator for Oswego County. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Okay, Tompkins County.

Merrill: Peggy Merrill. The Coordinator has nothing to report at this time, but as everyone has been receiving emails, Beth is still following up on the letter that she presented at the last meeting and she's getting some answers – well, not answers, she's getting some responses.

Darby: Okay, any questions for Tompkins? Moving onto Central Office. Our Executive Director, Susie Surprenant. Find a microphone, Susie. Also, EMS Leadership Recipient 2010.

Surprenant: Just want to update you on the specialty courses. In March we held the prescreening for the CLI, and in April we held the CLI class. What we uncovered was, guess what, April was the start of the State budget or we would have liked the start of the State budget so that's the first time we're seeing an effect with our funding sources is right now our CLI reimbursement for that class is being held up because the State does not have a budget. So for the other course sponsors in the room which you may see if you're holding a summer course and if it is started and stopped in this fiscal year your funds are also going to be held up. And what I was told until there's a budget it will delay any of the education course sponsor funds. So we're the first ones that I know of that have experienced that so I just want – anybody that's holding some EMT classes or refreshers this summer be weary you may not get readily reimbursed in a quick fashion. The other thing, we also at the last SEMAC meeting, there was a request to say when is the next regional faculty course being held, and what we were told by Karen Meganhoffen is that there is no money in the budget for that and how that affects everybody is the specialty course that is required of us to have so many regional faculty, in turn we produce more CLIs and CICs which help all the course sponsors. So as we know our regional faculty has dwindled over time due to deaths and we are not the only region seeing a decrease in the regional faculty, but until there's money in the budget, I don't expect a class any time soon. Our short form renewal was given to – hand delivered on June 30th to the State. Actually it was due June 30th and we handed it in when we were in Albany at SEMAC and apparently the State has misplaced it and I know they had to

get the envelope because ours was in there with EMSTAT's so and I know Jay has already gotten a letter of reply. So John and I are going to track down where they lost it in the State Bureau of EMS. The nice thing is that we have a copy on file. The EMS Symposium that was done by Upstate and St. Joe's was held on May 19th. There were 112 people that attended and I assisted with registration and also in the Sim Lab and we did all the certifications through the web site and I want to thank the sponsors of that and we were one of those sponsors. Because of the continued support that has been able to do with no cost to providers which in turn Crouse has jumped on the band wagon and will be sponsoring an EMS teaching day on September 30th. They will be getting a flier out to us and it will be free as well, and they wanted to let everybody else know that they don't want to compete with the other hospitals, but they want to offer a CME session in the spring and one in the fall so it helps people with CMEs. I thought that was a very good idea on their part. There is an original evaluator class being held on July 29th. We still have seats available so please call the office. We've also, since we've had more interactions with hospitals and requests to put information out to providers, just like we have developed a web page for medical directors, we also now have one for the hospitals. Crouse recently did an EMS survey, that is up there. They have a new EMS room opening September of this year so there's a diagram on that and when we get the flier, we will have that information on that. We've offered that to the other hospitals, if there is any key information that they want to get out to providers, whether it's about construction or a survey they're doing that there's one spot that you can look on the web site for that. And then the other thing, anybody, as we said with McNeill, anybody that is a customer of McNeill is able to use that on-line EMS training and there's also fire training as well available for on-line and that is free to any of their customers. In June of every year as most Program Agencies, we always act for an advance on our contract. Due to the end of the year, fiscal, monies are running short and as Warren said, the fund raiser is what keeps our doors open at this time of year so I thank everybody for supporting the fund raisers in the past and hopefully in September as well. One of the other things that occurred in the end of May, we have a web site host company that was in the midst – that we've been using for 5-1/2 years for emailing and posting our web site, and they've been transitioning companies to their new server. The nice thing is they transitioned us on May 27th and told us after the fact that they were doing it. Of course, it was Memorial Day Weekend, we've got CMEs coming due so what we ended up doing was making sure that everything was across and all the stuff that needs to happen in the IT end of things so all the links that we have established created. The other thing we know is we have a large data base with all agency information, 2800 providers information, CMEs, that's contained in that large data base that sits there. They happened to upload – back up that was 2-1/2 weeks old so we had to work with our web master and actually get the correct backup uploaded so no data was lost. And in the 5-1/2 years that we've used them they've had very good service. In the last month actually month and a half their service has not been very good with this new server and trying to work through with tech support and getting things worked with them, the decision I have talked with the board is we're looking for a new host company to transition to because these are – we're running our business on the site and this is unacceptable from a business aspect and a customer aspect. So when that happens we'll let providers know because it's going to take a whole day where that web site will be down so that we can transition to a new vendor. It has also affected emails. They are now limiting us to 500 in an hour and if we send out one newsletter we can get locked pretty quickly as per Tammy's experience three times. The other thing as Warren stated, we did get a reply letter from the Bureau of that complaint. I will be working with the Council to send a reply to Ms. Burns. That's all I have.

Darby: Questions for our Executive Director? Moving onto our Medical Director, Dr. O.

Olsson: Just a couple of quick comments. The protocols went to the SEMAC at the last meeting and after a more than our inordinately lengthy unnecessary discussion they were passed. There's been incidental or anecdotal reports of crews coming the VA looking for orders. Don't, please. The VA is a receiving hospital. Yes, there are Upstate physicians that are there. However, their status has not

changed. Everything goes through the resource hospital. They will often times monitor, occasionally a nurse from the VA will interject a comment that may or may not be appropriate, but I didn't say that, and the physician at resource will have to resolve that. But please do not call the VA looking for orders. They are to monitor the transmission and that is about it. There are several tidbits. Susie may or may not know it yet, but there is in her email one of the, hopefully one of the last drafts of a regional memo that we've put out in the past and it will address such things as the medication shortages, rumors about designation of various facilities for specialty services, things along that line, a outline of the SEMAC events and the such. So be looking for that and I think that – hopefully it will answer more questions than it will create. So that's it in a nutshell.

Darby: Questions for our Medical Director? Colleen, Coordinator's Report.

Price: _____ cases pending at Tompkins and Onondaga Counties. Oswego, Cayuga and Cortland are clear.

Darby: Questions for that complicated report? Tammy, PAD, epi report.

Eckstadt: Tammy Eckstadt with PAD and epi report. PAD has been pretty lively lately. We've got 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – 6 new notifications. Cascades Indoor Water Park in Cortland County, Challenge in Ithaca which is in Tompkins County, G.A. Braun, Inc., North Syracuse in Onondaga County, Davis Standard in Fulton, Oswego County, Longley Jones sent us in three sites, two in Liverpool – four sites, two in Liverpool, one in Camillus, one in Dewitt, in Onondaga County all of them, and the Regal Cinemas in Ithaca in Tompkins County. There are more coming in process. We have up to dates from Interface Solutions in Fulton, Therm, Inc. in Ithaca, Country Weight Insurance in Syracuse and City of Auburn in Auburn. We now currently 45 sites in Cayuga County, 33 sites in Cortland County, 262 sites in Onondaga County, 54 in Oswego County and Tompkins has 38 and on the last page we have, the large sheet that has all the reports of use, there were five of them for this report. And then epi in contrast has no changes at all. It stayed the same from the last report. And that's all I've got.

Darby: Questions for Tammy? Pretty active, we've got 432 PAD agencies and 79 epi for a five county region. New York State EMS Council, it's the last meeting of the year 2010, they went to three meetings this year. This will be October 5th for committees, it's a Tuesday and October 6th for SEMSCo which is a Wednesday, at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. You're all welcome, it's an open meeting, loved to have you there. Number 9, New York State Department of Health. We have Mr. Morrissey.

Morrissey: John Morrissey, New York State Department of Health. A couple of issues we've seen in the Syracuse Region I need to advise people. We have recently in a neighboring region had a strong arm attempted rip off of a narcotic safe off an ambulance. They were unsuccessful. We have police and law enforcement currently looking at that and being handled through BCS. One of the watch words that I need to be saying to agencies is this, we focus our security procedures around our narcotics or our part 80 substances and please everybody's doing a great job, you know, we're working that way, but please people have to lock the stuff up and keep it locked up. At the hospitals if you use it during a call you either lock it back up in the vehicle or you carry it on your person. You don't leave it on the crew bench and we've recently had pursued enforcement in parts of New York State, I believe there's correspondence that's been -- a lot about that. We're deadly serious about that and I will ___ you need to be aware of it and we're looking at that issue. To that end, narcotic security. People, we used to have Nubain issues, as some on the REMAC will well remember we had Nubain issues. The new drug of choice is now etomidate. Okay. And please if all sudden where etomidate usage is going through the roof or, gees, we're going and restocking etomidate, really need to be asking what's going on here. Etomidate has been at the source of a number of diversional or

attempt diversions around the region so I just encourage everybody if you would keep an eye on your atomidate. Okay, a couple of other changes that have happened. One, we've been _____ by the Comptroller's Office as a Bureau, we are increasing our frequencies of long form course sponsor audits. Instead of doing them every six years we will be doing them every four years so effectively every other cycle will be a long form cycle or audit and that will involve a full on sight and that's to be looking at how the money is being spent and also compliance for what's going on. The Governor's Office signed off a new bill that allows A-EMTs to draw blood in the context of a DWI case at the request of law enforcement. There are a number of things, issues that come up associated with this. Lee and I are working on some issues related to that. There are some other issues that are ongoing and we don't have a lot of answers related to where does the REMAC fit, where does Medical Control _____ because it's there. We would like to believe that it fits in the context of part 80 and Article XXX, that there's physician oversight, you can't be A-EMT in New York State without having that, but our attorneys, Corporation Counsel for DOH are looking at that and we'll have some answers I would assume by next State Council meeting, but people are calling with questions and we don't have answers yet. It was just passed this week and we're figuring it out. Drug shortages, as everyone is aware there have been a number of drug shortages. I will tell you right now in our 14 county region, in the North Country it is not bad. In Binghamton it is not bad. In Utica it is down right desperate for things like dextrose, things like Lasix, things like epinephrine and the shortages for some of them will be relieved through the Federal web page and if you would please take a look at that if you don't have done so to see where things are going. They should be relieving some of that probably here in the end of summer, end of August, first part of September, but we are anticipating some of these shortages going well into the fall. As an example, Midstate has changed, they literally have no Lasix left and have changed to another form of diuretic and that went through on an emergency approval, it did not need State Council, that's well within the discretion of the chair of the REMAC, where the REMAC is the committee to change the formularies to deal with this. As some will remember, when we first started this current Gulf War we had a shortage of Valium and Ativan was the drug that was pushed out in a similar fashion in that time frame so this is nothing that is unprecedented. A lot of people were nervous about that. Again, whatever Dr. Olsson wants to do _____ going to do and he'll work it out at the next State Council meeting, that's where are with that. We have had – I'd like to just take a moment and point out that we had a very tragic death in with an in line of duty firefighter up in Oswego County a few weeks ago. I'd like to say that I was thoroughly – I was asked to assist by Jim Jones and I was thoroughly impressed with how the county came together, all county agencies, both for the units that were up in the City of Oswego, we literally took over _____ duty EMS for the Oswego Fire Department during the wake and calling hours and the Fulton Fire Department came up and manned the fire house for the firematics side and I tip my hat to Jim Jones and all the units, directors of operations, Zach is here, but I won't list them, but everybody came together beautifully with conference calls and it was a well done event. Oswego Fire is very thankful for doing that. The last thing I just mention, Susie alluded to it earlier, Albany does not have in Albany in their files at the moment as of 06/30/2010 Onondaga County EMS Bureau's course sponsor renewals, Central New York EMS's and Groton's. I'm making phone calls and I'm finding we submitted or got copies and I'm not sure exactly what happened, but we will be endeavoring to fix that or if there are Regional Council copies I may ask for those just to kind of move this along, but in any event, thank you.

Darby: Questions for Mr. Morrissey? Okay, onto Old Business. Is there any old business? Going once, going twice. New business. Treasurer's report. It came around in the blue books. Is there a motion to accept?

Paolini: So moved.

Darby: Moved, Roger. Second, Lee. Any discussion? Penny Shutts?

(_____)

Darby: Do you amend your motion to accept?

Absolutely.

Darby: Corrected, thank you, Sergeant at arms. All in favor of accepting the Treasurer's Report signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Other new business? Bob, you recommended that we do ____ for Trish?

Duell: Yes.

Darby: Do we have a motion for that? _____ Mike, a second, Bob. All in favor?

(Ayes)

Darby: We can have a fruit basket or something that she can use at home as she is recovering. Dave you can help us facilitate that.

(_____)

Darby: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Trish good and welfare. What else for new business? Has anybody picked up a set of keys from out back from the Program Agency Committee meeting? There's a set of keys missing. Okay, if you have, please bring them to me or somebody's going to bring me home. All right. Our next meeting is September 21st. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Be safe.

Paolini: Motion to adjourn.

Darby: Motion by Roger Paolini, seconded by Dave Butler. All in favor?

(Ayes)

Respectfully submitted
Tamara Eckstadt