



HUDSON-MOHAWK REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL MINUTES

February 28, 2022

6pm via Zoom (technical difficulties with recording)

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – *called to order by Chairman Stairs at 18:00 with roll call completed by Secretary Brandt (quorum present). Members in attendance: Meehan, Allen, Vena, Wilgocki, Dailey, Kroll, Cross, Brandt, Kane, Stairs, Lingenfelter, Bowman, Retzlaff, Walker, Bell, Fink, Rockenstyre. Guests: P. Brodie, A Knowlton, D. Romano, M. Ramo*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approve minutes from prior meeting-** approved unanimously
- IV. **Announcement of excused REMSCO Members:** Paul Sugrue, Dr. McHugh, Tracy Weir, PJ Keeler
- V. **Executive Director's Report**
 - Meeting with Terry Hannigan on 2/24 to finalize the consolidation Operational Agreement, and REMAC merger(s). *Awaiting Counsel's report.*
 - Teal, Becker, and Chairamontie have completed the 2021 audit. *Audit presentation to be scheduled at a future date.*
 - HVCC Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting on 2/23. At Deb Kuf's request I reminded the committee of our regional credentialing process and requirements.
 - 1) Training update – all 3 REMO EMT classes are underway, no issues to report. We'll be starting to plan for our summer session soon.
2) The REMO-sponsored CIU is scheduled for March 3rd, this is a virtual session and the class is full – based on popularity and demand we're working on a second class.
 - Reminder – the annual Sexual Harassment training forms are due for those who have not already submitted them
 - I had the opportunity to meet with Director Greenberg on 2/18 when he stopped by to observe our DOH EMT Bootcamp class (these classes have been well-received). I updated him on our merger proceedings and inquired about future contracts and payments post-merger, and he'll be looking into that for me. BTW – he fully supports the merger.

VI. Chairperson's Report

- *Chairman Stairs advised the council that he is awaiting a report from our counsel on the possible effects of the proposed EMS changes in the 2022 Executive Budget*

VII. Issue Discussions

- *None*

VIII. Operational Reports

- Medical Director (Dailey)
- REMAC/Academic (McHugh) – *no report*
- Treasurer (Keeler) – *no report, monthly financial report was distributed to all Council members*
- QI (Dailey) – *no report*
- CON Committee (Stairs) – *no actions*

IX. Information Sharing

- DOH Disciplinary Actions:
 1. Leeza Steciak, Syracuse, NY, NYSEMT# 436284 had her certification revoked effective 2/10/22 and she was assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000 – for violations of Part 800.16 (a)(1)(2) and (3)
- Course Applications (informational)
 1. None
- Correspondence:
 1. Letter from REMSCO delegate Steve Retzlaff expressing his desire to serve another term as an At-Large member. A *seconded motion was approved reappointing delegate Retzlaff to another term.*
 2. Email notification from interim Greene County EMS Director Patricia McAneny advising that a new director has been hired, with appointment expected next month. The new director will most likely be the new REMSCO rep for Greene County.
- Committee Reports
 1. Executive (Stairs)
 2. Finance (Kroll) – *report tabled until March meeting due to the Treasurer's absence*
 3. NYS EMS Council (Kroll) – *next meetings in April 2022 (4/12 & 4/13)*
 4. Nurse's (Cross) – *met on 2/24*

- a. *COVID inpatients: overall, NYS cases are trending downward*
- b. *Agency nurses: still being used, all hospitals are hoping to increase core staff to decrease use of agencies*
- c. *EMS: offload times improving, but still some extended wait times*
- d. *JCAHO: SPH had an unannounced visit*
- e. *MHU: Both SPH and CMH are challenged with pediatric holds*

- 5. *MCI (Keeler) – no report*
- 6. *Membership (Bowman) – acknowledged reappointment of delegate Retzlaff, in addition Membership Chair Bowman mentioned that the terms of several other REMSCO delegates will be expiring soon*
- 7. *Nominating (Walker) – no report*
- 8. *Awards (Brandt) – EMS award nominations are due to DOH by July 1st, and June 17th to REMO so they can be reviewed*

- **County Reports**
 - 1. *Albany (Wood) – no report*
 - 2. *Columbia (Meehan)*
 - 3. *Greene (????) – no report*
 - 4. *Rensselaer (Allen)*
 - 5. *Saratoga (Weir) – no report*
 - 6. *Schenectady (Vena) – representative Vena took a moment to recognize retiring REMSCO delegate Stan Wilgocki*

X. New Business

- *No discussion*

XI. Old Business

- *EMT course student payment plan(s) – tabled for future discussion*

XII. Items from the Floor

- *REMSCO delegate Lynn Kane (CIC) advised that she was unaware of the upcoming REMO Certified Instructor Update (3/3). The notice was posted on both the REMO website and Facebook page. Future notifications will also be sent to regional CICs. In addition – a second update TBA.*

XIII. Next meeting date – 3/28

XIV. Adjournment – approved unanimously at 19:00

Minutes per T. Mirabile

