



HUDSON-MOHAWK REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL AGENDA
January 22, 2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approve minutes from prior meeting**
- IV. Announcement of excused REMSCO Members: Alan Bell**
- V. Executive Director's Report**
 - Training update – vouchered and received 12K from the recent fast-track class, more to come. The students are testing out regularly.
 - Winter 2024 REMO EMT classes have started (or will start shortly):
 1. SUNY Albany
 2. Skidmore College
 3. Glens Falls
 - AAREMS – DOH Webex on January 4th to discuss late payments. Dave, Jim Stairs, and I had a call with DOH to discuss the payment situation for the AAREMS contract (overdue for months). Deputy Director Steve Dziura and several contract managers for DOH participated in the call. Our frustration lies in the fact that we are dealing with at least four different contract managers, and these layers of bureaucracy create a scenario where we sometimes get several different replies to the same question. In the good old days we dealt with one contract manager, and it was simple to ask a question and receive a straight answer. It's not so simple now. All in all, I think the call was productive as far as process goes, but there's still no timeline for outstanding payments. One reassurance (if you can call it that) – we aren't the only ones in this boat. I spoke with other Director's that have shared the same frustration.
 - Related to the above (and this is confusing but it will be explained tonight) – as explained by DOH in order to be able to submit a voucher for reimbursable funds, the funds first have to be expended by AAREMS (expenditure-based). However, there are no available AAREMS funds because DOH has not paid any vouchers in nine (9) months. It is our recommendation that REMO loans AAREMS the money. Once this amount is paid to AAREMS, a voucher for reimbursement can then be submitted to NYS. Once the funds are received from NYS then AAREMS can pay the loan back to REMO (with interest). The amount of the loan is \$62,963 as per Dave's estimation.

- I attended the AAREMS monthly meeting on 1/18 in Johnstown, nothing to report.
- The Public Hearing for the Town of Ashland Permanent Operating Certificate was held in Ashland on January 10th. It was sparsely attended and there was no opposition to the application as presented. Myself and CON Cmte. member Steve Retzlaff attended, and Chairman Stairs and CON Cmte. member Jim Vena participated remotely. I served as Hearing Officer, and the Hannigan Law Firm represented the applicant.

VI. Chairperson's Report

VII. Issue Discussions

VIII. Operational Reports

- Medical Director (Dailey)
- REMAC/Academic (McHugh)
- Treasurer (Keeler)
- QI (Dailey)
- CON Committee (Stairs) – Town of Ashland

IX. Information Sharing

- DOH Disciplinary Actions:
 1. None
- Course Applications (informational)
 1. None
- Correspondence - none
- Committee Reports
 1. Executive (Stairs)
 2. Finance (Kroll)
 3. NYS EMS Council (Kroll)
 4. Nurse's (Cross)
 5. MCI (Keeler)
 6. Membership (Kane)
 7. Nominating (Fink)
 8. Awards (Brandt)

- County Reports

1. Albany (Wood)
2. Columbia (Meehan)
3. Greene (Near)
4. Rensselaer (Allen)
5. Saratoga (Weir)
6. Schenectady (Vena)

X. New Business

- Updated REMSCO Bylaws
- Budget amendment to allot funds for EMS Awards recognition
- Town of Ashland CON vote
- REMO/AAREMS operating loan
- Annual appointment of officers

XI. Old Business

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XII. Items from the Floor

XIII. Next meeting date - 2/27/24

XIV. Adjournment

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