

Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes November 18, 2019

Present: Dennis Quinn, Dana Smith, John Mahoney, Ken Roman, Christopher Howard
By Phone: David Violante, Chris Maeder, Cathi Tegtmeier

Minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

Review of Committee Goals: A follow up of our October 2018 meeting where the goals of the committee were discussed (See attached).

- Education Committees: Survey for general public has been approved and is live. Cathi to discuss later. Elected Officials: The towns of Northeast, Amenia and Dover were assisted by the Department of Emergency Response with the RFP and contract process for an EMS provider for their respective towns. CGR's ongoing efforts with survey and web site fit into the goals of the committee. The County Executive has proposed funds in the 2020 budget for a consultant to look at shared services for the Northwest part of the County for BLS coverage.
- Overall the committee feels we are still on track with the goals that were set in October 2018. Dana recommended that we review the goals following the results of the general public survey. CGR's ongoing efforts with survey and web site fit into the goals of the committee.

Public Information Committee: Cathi: Survey was approved and went live on November 20, 2019. It will remain active until February 28, 2020. Was announced by Press release, and social media. All paper surveys from the Senior Citizens picnic were entered into by committee members. Thank you to all who assisted

EMS Council Presentation: Dana reviewed with the committee the power point presentation that will be delivered to the Dutchess EMS Council meeting on December 4, 2019. Asked for input from committee members on the power point. All committee members will be invited to attend the presentation.

The Northeast RFP: Dana stated there is agreement in principal. NDP did not meet the insurance requirements. Dutchess County negotiated an agreement with the towns and NDP. NDP will cover 33% of the cost with the towns cover the remaining cost for the umbrella policy.

Hudson Valley EMS Summit: Dave Violante reports the follow up meeting from the February 2019 EMS Summit will be taking place on November 21, 2019 at the Hudson Valley Region's office. They are looking at moving EMS issues on a regional level.

Old Business: 2020 Budget proposals: There are 3 proposals in the County Executive's proposed 2020 budget. \$50,000 for a College and High School community outreach program to engage student to volunteer.

\$25,000 proposed for a consultant to look at shared services for the Northwest part of the County for BLS coverage.

\$50,000 for a County wide contract with spotted dog, an emergency response system, which will allow all departments to be on the same system at no cost to the departments. The vote on the budget is December 5, 2019.

Next meeting: December 16, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted:

John Mahoney

Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical Services

The *Mission* of the Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Emergency Medical Services is to work in a collaborative manner with stakeholders, to facilitate a pre-hospital system based on the principals of being *Patient Centered, Consistent, Reliable, Affordable, and Sustainable*.

The over arching *goal* is to *Bridge the Past to the Future* for Emergency Medical Services with in Dutchess County.

The *objectives* for the Citizens Advisory Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Advocate for methods to develop a coordinated emergency medical services system based on the recommendations as defined in the Taskforce Report of 2017.
- Identify community and provider expectations for the delivery of EMS:
 - Do they expect an ambulance with trained personnel; what level of training (BLS, ALS)
 - Importance or value on the quality on the care provided
 - Identify local communities ability and/or desire to establish and maintain an effective EMS response that is equitable
- Provide education and guidance for local leaders and EMS providers on current laws, regulations, mission of EMS.
- Identify models for the improvement of the provision of EMS that may be feasible within Dutchess County:
 - Inclusive of regulatory considerations
 - Identify shared services opportunities
 - Review emergency medical services data
 - Review best practice standards
- Provide emergency medical service updates and recommendations to the Dutchess County Legislature, County leadership and local elected officials.
- Evaluate emergency medical service systems outside of Dutchess County and New York State by working with other state, regional, county , national , and community programs.
- Increase community awareness of the EMS system and EMS providers in Dutchess County.
- Identify the benefits, feasibility, and the process of establishing an Emergency Service Authority in Dutchess County