

## **Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes August 12, 2019**

Present: Christopher Howard, Devon Navarro, Dennis Quinn, Dana Smith, John Mahoney, Chris Maeder, Cathi Tegtmeier, Laurie Colgan

Minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Old Business:** Reports from our sub committees were given.

Public Information Committee: Cathi worked with Loren Petrella regarding the survey, (see attached) which will go out this week at 2 picnics. From there we will use survey monkey for the survey. The survey will be open for 3 months. Once we compile all of the results, we will decide what our next move will be.

Elected Official Education Committee: Meetings for this committee will take place shortly.

The Northeast RFP: Dana and John met with the Vendor (NDP) and involved municipalities. This was to try to negotiate pricing, etc. NDP was resistant to negotiation, possibly because they were the only bidder. NDP finally said they want a 5-year commitment from this group. An agreement was finally made. NDP will rewrite the proposal with changes and as the municipalities being one contract.

- There was a comment that the municipalities have become more involved due to this issue.
- Q-Have these municipalities considered making an ambulance district? A-yes but now that they have a 5-year agreement they have that time to work on that.
- NE will still have trouble with the Tax Cap.

CGR Contract/Visit: See attached Slide Show.

- A meeting was held between CGR, DCER, and Deputy County Executive O'Neil. The committee agreed that they would like to develop a survey for providers. We might ask CGR to do that.
- Q-How do we change EMD protocol? A-Identify and purchase an alternate product.
- John will find out the #s of comparable 911 centers to see how many P1 and P2calls they go on.
- Dana would like to have a meeting with Lee Byrnes from CGR.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:** Wednesday, August 14th is our Budget Review. Dana will identify projects and budgets for EMS Service.

There are 2 areas in the county that are particularly troubled. They are the City of Beacon and the Northwestern part of the county.

One idea for the NW part of the county is to create an intermunicipal agreement between Rhinecliff, Rhinebeck, Tivoli, and Red Hook. We would use a consultant to help us with this agreement.

CGR is going to explore the County getting its own CON.

A discussion was about how to increase enrollment for EMTs and Paramedics. We will possibly create a focus group to work on recruitment. CGR might be able to help with this.

To Do:

\*John will Doodle Poll to find the best date for our next meeting.

\*Both Education groups will continue to work on their projects.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted:

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