

## **Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes November 30, 2018**

Present: Christopher Howard, Dennis Quinn, Dana Smith, Cathi Tegtmeier, John Mahoney, Jim Pearson (phone), Ken Roman

Due to the fact that members were missing from meeting an election was not held for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chair. It was asked what the election process will be. An email will follow with that information.

Town of Amenia was awarded a grant to study the possible consolidation of Amenia, North East, Village of Millerton, and Town of Dover EMS services. A meeting was held on 10/24 at the Amenia Town Hall to release and present this report. The next step is for the municipalities to make a decision. Dana suggested that all commercial ambulances see this study and offer input. All of these involved municipalities are in contract until 2019.

City of Beacon has asked for data regarding Beacon and Mobile Life. Plus Putnam County has also asked for data. This is because of the amount of mutual aid calls in these areas.

East Fishkill Fire district had a meeting with commercial providers because EF doesn't have 24 hour coverage. This needs to be addressed because the Town of Wappingers and Town of Beekman are complaining.

When Data is complete Laurie will share with group. This data is similar as in the EMS Task Force report but this is raw data. The new 911 Cad has a Decision Support Tool that we are learning to extrapolate and share data.

The Pine Plains /Stanford areas also have problems, however they don't have the call volume of the Beacon and Fishkill have. Pine Plains is considering hiring paid personnel, Stanford has no movement.

JH Ketcham is closing out their EMS at the end of 2018.

It was noted that sometimes independent solutions to these problems can cause more of a major problem for EMS.

We have been awarded a grant (from Dutchess County) in the amount of 150K to hire a consultant to investigate Establishing an EMS Authority. The consultant will work with this committee. At this time a consultant has not been hired.

Q-What role do we see for the Citizens Advisory Committee? Would municipalities take recommendations from the committee?

A-The goal is to communicate with the municipalities and investigate an authority. We will also need to figure out how to combine all the municipalities solutions.

A-An advisory committee is to advise and guide.

Q-How do we set the path to a coordinated approach?

A-By being informative and /or making a recommendation.

Q-How are we going to make the committee's mission statement happen?

A-We are behind the times in finding out what citizens of municipalities want.

Q-How do we find out what citizens want?

- \*Town hall meetings

- \*Dutchess County website

- \*Newspapers

- \*MRC Volunteers

- \*Office of the Aging

- \*County Executive

Dutchess County Emergency Response does not have authority to make any decisions regarding this, however, they will continue to report information and get input and feedback.

To Do:

- \*Citizens Advisory for EMS will continue to stay informed and do an assessment of data and develop ways to survey the communities.

- \*We will ask Larry Brody to make the committee a map of the county.

- \*Dana or Laurie will send out East Fishkill data.

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

- \*How are we electing officers?

Our next meeting will be held Friday December 21,2018 @ DCER from 11:30-1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

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