

Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee Minutes

March 4, 2019

Present: Devon Navarro, Christopher Howard, Cathi Tegtmeier, Ken Roman, David Violante, Chris Maeder, Dennis Quinn, Dana Smith, John Mahoney, Mark Papish

Mark Papish M.D introduced himself to the Committee, as this was the first meeting he was able to attend.

North East Towns of Amenia, Dover and North East submitted their own RFP. Dana and John reviewed it with some recommendations on how to improve it. Changes were made and awaiting a review by the 3 towns and village on Millerton.

Consultant for the Emergency Authority: There was 2 respondents to the RFP. They were reviewed and a recommendation has been made. Awaiting on approval. Process for approving the contract was discussed.

East Fishkill Fire District has changed commercial providers. They have contracted with EMSTAR Ambulance. Presently on a 90 day trial basis.

EMS Education: General Public to begin with the East Side of the County.

Elected Officials and FD/EMS Leadership: Focus on the education of elected officials. Provide a condensed version of EMS Task Force Report. Provide information on timely and responsible responses.

NY State proposed budget would remove the Medicaid Crossover payments, which will result in loss of insurance reimbursements to Ambulance Service that bill. Dana is attempting to meet with local State elected officials to discuss.

Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council EMS Summit: Over 80 people from multiple agencies and disciplines attended the summit held on February 26, 2019 at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. The Participants were broken into groups that covered the discipline that their EMS falls into, County, fire, Volunteer EMS, Volunteer Fire, Municipal. Top 5 problems were identified by each group and possible solutions. A TAG committee is being created to move the project forward. Other Counties interested in

the Emergency Authority, discussion about strength in numbers, might be easier to get signed and enacted in Albany with more than just 1 county requesting.

Putnam County Mutual Aid into Dutchess: Primarily in the southwest part of the county that is covered by Beacon VAC. Beacon Ambulance was meeting with the commercial providers to see what greater assistance they may be able to provide. Discussed feasibility for shared service funding for Beacon and surrounding towns and villages.

Doodle poll will be sent out to see the best day and time for the following meeting.