

Oswego County EMSAC
Meeting Minutes
10 April 2007

Note: Actions are in ***bold/italics***

1. Meeting called to order at 1906.
2. There were no issues for the open floor.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (Dec 2006) were received yesterday. Given this limited time, the minutes were not approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - Request from EMSAC from Lee Memorial to submit a resolution in support of continued operation and a rejection of the Berger Commission findings regarding the hospital. Motion to submit the resolution under EMSAC letterhead was approved.
 - Informational letter from Mercy Flight that notes the cessation of operation of medivacs from Fort Drum and consideration for use of Mercy Flight as an alternative.
5. Chairpersons Reports:
 - Will be integrated into the remainder of the meeting
6. Director of Emergency Management Report
 - County EMS received various supply and equipment (See attached). Significant discussion the disposition of these items. The following was decided:
 - ***Jones to see if a trailer can be obtained to act as an MCI storage point for the south east/north shore area.***
 - ***Norm will check with fire departments in that area to see if they would house this trailer.***
 - If a trailer can be obtained, the subject items will be stored in it.
 - If a trailer can't be obtained, the first five items listed (backboards, straps, cx collars (adult and peds) and head immobilizers) will be divided among existing MCI caches and the remaining items will be divided among the transporting EMS agencies.
 - Discussion regarding disposition of 10 800 MHz simplex radios (intended for use on "low power" channels for tactical communications).
 - ***Jones to resolve issues with chargers and place radios***
 - Five radios will be staged at Oswego City and five at Menter

7. Committee reports:

- Education and Training
 - Basic Original/Refresher ongoing in Pulaski. Very little attrition thus far.
 - Basic Original/Refresher will start in Granby later this year
 - County is exploring conducting CME core courses. They would charge for these, effectively looking for some portion of the reimbursement that goes to the CME agencies. This was suggested by NYS DOH and is done at other counties. The County will develop the details with NYS assistance, and will update EMSAC in the future.
- Communications
 - Met with 911 Center Director in March. The priority dispatch concept was explained. It was decided to present the program at the next EMSAC meeting.
 - There were no outstanding or emergent issues to discuss.
- Public Education
 - EMS Week is upcoming. Discussion of what actions can be taken to draw attention to that week. Pat noted that EMS had had some victories over the last year (at least 2 MCI's and the Feb storm response). Decisions:
 - Pat to develop a resolution for the legislature
 - **Jones to provide a press release**
 - **Jones and Norm to develop an acceptance speech for use when accepting the resolutions at the May meeting of the legislature.** It was agreed that the speech should emphasize the recent positive things.

8. Clinical Coordinators Report

- Revised protocols have been brought to REMAC and are enroute to SEMAC
- New protocol books will be printed and issued later this year

9. Fire Advisory Board report

- No representative present

10. Unfinished business

- Develop strategy on recruitment and retention. Sandi discussed a retention strategy session she recently attended. One of key points were to keep strategies for paid and volunteer staff separate. There was much additional discussion of strategies, but the group did not agree to any specific actions

11. New Business:

- Bob Loomis provided details on the priority dispatch system. This is a part of emergency medical dispatch provided by Medical Priority Dispatch System current being integrated into out county's 911 system. EMSAC is to provide a decision on whether or not to use the priority dispatch system. ***Each agency will check with their governing bodies and provide and answer on whether to adopt the system county-wide. If the decision is positive, EMSAC will provide resources to 911 to assist in its development.***
- EMS response to the February storm was discussed. Sandi offered thanks to Pat Egan for her agencies assistance during that time. Norm questioned whether we made best use of existing resources, and noted that the notification to county agencies informing them that out-of-county resources were enroute may have missed SOVAC.

12. Next meeting: North Shore on 6-12-2007 beginning early at 1830 due to the picnic.

- ***North Shore: meat tray and rolls***
- ***Menter: shrimp***
- ***SOVAC: salads***
- ***NOCA: something hot like meatballs or ziti***
- ***McFee: desert***
- ***Oswego Hospital: cold drinks***
- ***Oswego City: Chips and dip***
- ***Lee Memorial: plates, cups and plastic wear***
- ***Mark Murray: deviled eggs***

Attachments:

- Attendance roster
- Agenda
- E-mail to EMO listing equipment transfer