Westchester County EMS Advisory Board (EAB)

Notes from the February 11, 2014 Meeting

Location: Department of Emergency Services

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1833 hours – Chairman Faucher called the meeting to order. The November 12, 2104 minutes were unanimously approved

1839 hours – Chris Kalish presented the summary of the January 23, 2014 REMSCO meeting. Items discussed included:

- It was identified that Westchester BOCES had a number of deficiencies in their course sponsorship application. A meeting was held with NYS DOH BEMS, the REMSCO Chair and BICES to discuss needed corrective actions and then they will resubmit their application.
- NYS is still actively discussing the consolidation of EMS regions in New York State.
- NYS is actively reviewing the community paramedicine programs (e.g., paramedics giving immunizations, patient follow-ups, etc.). This concept is still pending discussions in the legislature.
- The NYS DOH has opened a call center to handle questions on EMS issues.
- Intranasal Narcan administration was approved by the SEMSCO and will be added to the NYS BLS protocols. Interested NYS certified EMS agencies should contact their local EMS
- NYS is running out of printed PCRs again. They are encouraging agencies to migrate to electronic PCRs platform.
- PES (EMT Testing Company) contract has expired. This will likely delay the next wave of original and refreshed EMT exams.
- EMS Memorial will be held on May 20, 2014 in Albany.
- New Stroke protocol is being considered.
• BLS glucometry is being reevaluated by the FDA, but there are questions about licensing, credentialing, and use as a laboratory diagnostic.
• Free-standing Emergency Department (FEDs) are being considered in NY.
• Westchester County Airport drill is May 3, 2014.
• Blast injury bags were developed at DES and will be added to the MCI trailers.
• Dr. Erik Larson was named as new Westchester REMAC chair.
• BLS CPAP is being piloted upstate.

The EAB members had significant discussion on the potential impact of free-standing EDs on the EMS system. Discussion was also held on the EMS impact of limiting field glucometry.

1908 Hours – New Business
The Medical Evacuation Transportation Unit (MET) will be delivered on Tuesday 2/19.
The County will be purchasing a Special Events MCI trailer that can be borrowed by EMS agencies in the county to support large events.
The DES Commissioner sent out email about radio system evaluation:
  o Within 5-10 years the trunk radio system will be at end of life.
  o A new system will require new radios and portables.

The next EAB meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2014.

1921 hours – Meeting adjourned.