Meeting Summary

TCCOG Rural Medical First Response and Transport Services Task Force

Department of Emergency Response Conference Room

January 25, 2017

Present: Irene Weiser, Lisa Holmes, Joe Mareane, Patrick Brunner, George Tamborelle, Edward Kokkelenberg, Bill Goodman, Lee Shurtleff, Marcia Lynch

5:12 Irene Weiser opened meeting -Minutes from the last meeting have not been completed.

March meeting dates are scheduled two weeks in a row, everyone agreed to change the March meeting date of March 14th to March 8th.

Irene went over the topics from the last meeting. She added a couple of topic items: Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance and the changes in administration and what impact this will have.

The importance of this task force is to figure out some solutions and possible new directions. Irene would like to have the group pair up and pick a topic we would like to discuss for agenda.

Who are some experts and resource people who could eventually help us on some of the topics?

* Rebecca Brenner- Cornell- Dan Klein suggested maybe she could help with public policy areas and supply us with a student who could help do some research/surveys for us.
* Mental Health- Frank Kruppa, Director of Public Health and Mental Health. Frank can provide assistance as they may be embarking on emergency response teams and may interface with EMS. Funding- Disrip; Angela Sullivan -Alcohol and Drug Counsel
* Recruitment- Johnson School at Cornell-program for recruitment and retention. Someone that may be experts in generation recruitment- Amy Hendrix- Youth Services ; Generational differences- Kate Supra
* Training- EMS instructors from TC3- Office of Fire Prevention Control- Lee and Coleen Price; Doug Gordner and Tom Bashner; Magnus (?) from Cornell. George Jacobson- Danby; Sue Pernot- Central New York EMS Counsel- continuing education requirements, costs, trends
* Dan Lamb- Professor at Cornell-Engage Cornell- surveys
* Regional or Statewide- Dr. Caprio, University of Rochester, Community Telemedicine Project; Health Planning Counsel Board- Human Services Coalition- representatives from the hospital, community providers who have a stake in the health care system- meetings are open to the public, meeting held 2nd Monday of the month at noon- meets at health department- There are speakers on certain topics- Lisa H. can share if they will have speakers that our group may be interested in
* Cayuga Medical Center- Medical Director, Dr. Koch and/or Justine Baldwin (Shaff); Irene says she will update the group on her conversation with Deborah R , CMC Director of patient services
* Billing, Insurance and Legal -Syracuse lawyer, Brad Binsky, volunteer fire department laws; Mark Butler-State Fire Instructor -Contractual issues, etc.; Terri Hannigan; John Morrisey- regulations and laws on Insurance and Billing- Tim Bangs; Kevin Wescott
* Law Enforcement- Are they responding? Do we need to involve for discussion about cross training?
* Survey’s- Jasmine Miller-Cornell-Survey Research Institute

Lee will handle the month of February, which will be focused on the basics.

After we have discussed the basics, we will move on to discuss recruitment and retention, and so on.

We need to discuss legal and regulatory issues- maybe we can get Mark Butler to come in for a meeting in March.

George, Marcia, Doug and Brian Wilbur (if he is up for it) will come up with a structure for the recruitment and retention discussions for March.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 pm

Next Meeting scheduled for February 14th, 2017