

TCCOG Emergency Services Planning Committee meeting

8 May, 2020, Zoom Teleconference, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Attending: Rordan Hart, Irene Weiser, Beth McGee, Justin Vann, Dan Lamb, Mark Witmer

Discussion:

- How to increase support for rural ambulance/EMS service in rural New York.
- Constraint for rural municipalities is that call numbers/demand are not sufficient to support paid service.
- Trumansburg and Dryden ambulance have been compelled to expand their coverage to adjoining rural areas, where response times are then longer.
- Is developing a non-profit ambulance service a viable option?
- Can we develop career EMT positions for rural localities? This is ultimately a local political decision.
- What additional support we can develop for existing volunteers? Paid staff?
- Paramedics and EMTs typically cannot be retained because of low wages of these positions.

- Outcomes for June 5 meeting:
 - key points for recommendations to TCCOG for a resolution to NYS legislature for increased funding for paid staff for rural emergency medical services. Suggestion for increase in medicaid reimbursement rate for ambulance services. CHIPS or Transit Authority model?
 - Training/Consultation for TCCOG by Brad Pinsky (Fire Protection Contracts, rural EMS) - find out what he could offer and recommend and what it would cost.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 5, 10 am

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Next Full TCCOG meeting: Thursday June 25, 3 pm