

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2023 Informational General Membership Meeting
Date: June 12, 2023

Officers:

President Fiona Witkowski	PRESENT
Vice President Thomas Lemp	ABSENT
Secretary Ryane Como	ABSENT
Treasurer James Mallilo	PRESENT
Jeffrey Daniels	ABSENT
Robert Franz	PRESENT
Eric Kramer	PRESENT
Lehti Laas	PRESENT
Chief William Connolly	PRESENT
First Deputy Chief Kathryn Donegan	PRESENT
Second Deputy Chief Dale Bartolomeo	ABSENT
Third Deputy Chief Keith Rubenstein	ABSENT
Chief Dispatcher Melissa Anastos	ABSENT
Sunday Co. 1 Captain Marissa Lindner	PRESENT
Monday Co. 2 Captain Lily Poplawski	ABSENT
Tuesday Co. 3 Captain Brandon Eybergen	ABSENT
Wednesday Co. 4 Captain Dominic Heavey	PRESENT
Thursday Co. 5 Captain Jacqueline de Bruin	ABSENT
Friday Co. 6 Captain John Stevens	ABSENT
Saturday Co. 7 Captain Matthew Philip	ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 1931 hours

Acting Secretary Lehti Laas reported to President Fiona Witkowski that the required quorum of 50 members are present per the sign in sheet (eligible members 47). Therefore, this will be an Informational General Membership meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Jeffrey O'Neill - Let us take a moment to honor our brave Troops who continue to fight overseas.

Presidents Report - Fiona Witkowski

The President and the Officers and Committees have posted all reports on the white board instead of giving oral reports. Any questions regarding the information on the white board should be asked when that office gives their report.

Tonight's Guest – Member Joseph Grant #1304

Joseph delivered an emotional and heartfelt message thanking HCFAS members for their kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness during his recent kidney transplant surgery and throughout his recovery. We extend our blessings and prayers to him during this phase of his healing.

Condolences, Prayers and Sympathies:

It is with great sadness that the Operational Officers and Board of Directors announce the passing of Nancy Rubenstein, mother of Keith Rubenstein #1154. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Keith and his Family during this difficult time.

President Fiona Witkowski – Report Posted

New Medical Director

All the paperwork has been completed and we now have a new Medical Director: Dr. David Neubert. Dr. Neubert will be attending the July General Membership Meeting to introduce himself. I received a cordial letter from Dr. Brandler saying how much he enjoyed working with us at HCFAS.

Building Improvements

Work on the replacement of the air conditioning units has been completed in time for the hot weather. Thank you to Roger Winter for all your hard work.

Work has begun on repairing the roof. This is expected to take about three weeks. Thank you again to Roger. Thank you to Jeff Daniels for your help in making the roofing contract more comprehensive.

Suffolk County Heroes Breakfast

All squad members are cordially invited to attend this event which is being held at the American Air Power Museum in Farmingdale next Tuesday, June 20th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please email Erika.Hershberger@suffolkcountyny.gov no later than June 16th to reserve your seat.

Acting Secretary's Report – Lehti Laas

No Quorum – The April, May and June Minutes will be presented at the July 2023 General Membership Meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Report – James Mallilo – Report Posted

TREASURER'S EXPENSE REPORT

May 06, 2023 - June 08, 2023

6000	EMS	\$	8,045.61
6100	Vehicles	\$	14,074.55
6200	Building	\$	13,522.99
6300	Utilities	\$	5,573.79
6400	Communications	\$	679.35
6500	Accountant	\$	
6600	Insurance	\$	27,323.99
6700	Office	\$	1,729.27
6800	Uniforms	\$	2,297.69
6900	Members Inspection	\$	836.10
7000	Training	\$	2,897.96
7100	Public Relations	\$	
7300	Subsistence	\$	4,384.84
8000	Medical Cost	\$	2,525.00
8605	Member Services	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,039.04</u>
Total		\$	84,930.18

Chief's Report – William Connolly – Report Posted

Greetings Members,

Please join the Officers, Board Members and myself in welcoming our new Medical Director, Dr. David Patrick Neubert, MD.

Dr. Neubert is an attending emergency room physician at Mount Sinai South Nassau in Oceanside, New York. In addition, he is the Director of EMS and the emergency Medical Director of the Town of Hempstead and the Medical Director of Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Dr. Neubert is personable and has a plethora of knowledge. He will be riding the ambulance with us from time to time. If you would like to meet Dr. Neubert he will be attending out July GMM on July 10, 2023;

The Officers and Board greatly appreciate all your dedication and hard work making HCFAS the premiere volunteer organization on Long Island. Our EMS week began a day early with our Open House on May 20, 2023. I would personally like to thank our Open House Chairperson, Michelle Franco. Michelle and Noah Ramos posted the Open House flyer in 143 businesses. Michelle's efforts made our first Open House since 2019 a great success. Thanks also to the Hands-only CPR committee members: Matthew Philip, Colin Weigele, Odaly Velazquez and

Sofia Mercuri for providing training at the Wellness Fair at Huntington High School on May 20, 2023.

I would like to thank Eve Pollack for hosting a CME on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 on behalf of the Suffolk County Regional EMS and HCFAS. I would like to Congratulate Joe Savaglio, Bob Biersack, Alex Mullen, Hank Waldron, Brandon Eybergen and Ann Schwartz for their CPR saves. Congratulations to ALL!

On Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who gave their lives while serving in the Military so that we may live and be free. This year we participated in local Memorial Day events. On Sunday, May 28th, we attended the Town of Huntington Wreath Ceremony where our own Paul Kelly #634 gave an address. We marched in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 29th. Thanks to all those who participated and thanks to Brian Canty who organized the Breakfast.

If you can donate Blood, please sign up for our annual Blood Drive in memory of Brian Plante which will be held on 6/17/23. You may sign up directly here on the following link: <https://donate.nybc.org/donate>. Also, you may call Carolyn Plante at (631) 316-5627 and reserve your spot.

On July 4th we will be participating in the annual Eaton's Neck Fire Department Water Balloon Fight/Parade, so if you are up to the challenge, start preparing your supplies.

I was invited by Supervisor Ed Smyth to participate in the Huntington Station Downtown revitalization Initiative (DRI). The DRI is a local planning committee. This is funded by a 10 Million dollar New York State grant. Our first meeting was on May 22, 2023. You may access the States website here: <https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative>.

The Town of Huntington has announced on May 18th the launch of the Office of Film and Television Department with Joe Schramm as Director. This is part of the revitalization project to bring the film industry to Huntington Station. We're hoping they'll be our new neighbor. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

First Deputy Chief – Kathryn Donegan – Report Posted

Welcome to June! This year is just flying.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped out at the Open House this past month, especially to Chair Michelle Franco and her team!

Standby season is HERE! Look out for emails and sign ups in the ready room if you are available. Great way to earn hours and get out into the community.

We are now in the final month of the second quarter of the year, and everyone needs 48 duty tour hours per quarter. The quarter ends on 06/30. Please remember to finger in and out on the SAME SHIFT. If you are going to miss a shift, plan to make up the hours by coming in early and staying late or doing another shift entirely. If you are unsure about hours or about if you need to submit any adjustments, reach out to your day captain or myself. PLEASE CHECK YOUR HOURS REGULARLY AND SUBMIT ADJUSTMENTS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Please be sure to check with your captains if you are planning on taking any type of leave so they can arrange the proper paperwork to be completed.

There is still **HIGH NEED** on a multitude of shifts if you are available. Consider doing one overnight a quarter or even setting up an alternating overnight with someone else! We have the same crews coming in consistently and while we appreciate them, it is not sustainable long term to expect 3-4 overnights out of them each week.

If you need **laminated copies of your license or any** certifications, please leave a copy of them in my mailbox with a note and I will get them back to you ASAP. If you are interested in becoming a driver OR a driver trainer please let me know. If you are interested in becoming a driver please leave a copy of your license in my mailbox.

If you have any concerns, please reach out to your captain or appropriate chief so we can assist you in a timely manner. We are always happy to answer questions and address concerns, but we must be made aware of them first. It's important to follow the communication chain of command so issues get handled accordingly and in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our organization, our members and our community. Stay safe, especially on the roads in these upcoming summer months and be kind to one another.

Second Deputy Chief – Dale Bartolomeo – Absent - Report Posted

Apologies for missing tonight's meeting, I have to work.

- **ESO/PCRs** – PCRs should be completed no later than one day. If the patient dies, it **MUST** be completed within 4 hours of completion of the call.
- When PCRs are not completed in a timely fashion, vital information can be left out, forgotten, and put our agency at risk when the state comes to audit us. PCRs should ideally be submitted/completed before leaving the hospital. I understand this is not always possible; however, it is unacceptable that some members do not close their PCRs for days or even weeks.
- PCRs need to be written professionally and with enough information to allow the hospital to understand what is going on with the patient.

- The QA/QI committee reviews PCRs and will continue to reach out to those who consistently fail to include pertinent information.
- Insurance is REQUIRED. DO NOT simply select UTO just because you do not feel like obtaining insurance information. If you cannot obtain insurance information please state as to why it could not be obtained at the end of the narrative.
- **EPCR/ESO** - Questions or Issues? Please email epcr@hcfas.org
- **Review Trainings** – This month's topic is on New Trauma guidelines. Thank you Melissa Anastos for putting this together.
 - Please remember to stay up to date on review trainings.
 - If for some reason you fall behind, do NOT do more than one review training in one day.
- **EMT/CPR Cards** – Pursuant to Article 1 SECTION 3 of the By laws
 - a) These By-Laws follow the convention that "he" means "he or she".
 - b) "**Properly certified**" per Article I, section 3b of the By-Laws" means:
 1. For members accepted **Prior to January 1, 2016**, possessing a valid an American Heartsaver First Aid Online certification and a BLS CPR Card, or a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification.
 2. For members accepted **After January 1, 2016**, possessing a valid BLS CPR card until receiving their New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) or higher certification in accordance with Article III, Section 2.

So, if you are a member and joined prior to January 1st 2016 You must have and maintain either an EMT certification **OR** Both a AHA CPR Card and AHA First Aid Card. If you joined after January 1st 2016 you must maintain a EMT Certification.

Article 3 Section 2 of the By laws

All members, except Administrative members or members designated as permanent dispatchers, accepted after January 1, 2016 must be enrolled into a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) class within eighteen (18) months of their date of acceptance, and must have obtained a New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) certification within three (3) years of their date of acceptance. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the loss of membership. Administrative personnel and members designated as permanent dispatchers shall pass through all steps in the

membership application process except, they will be exempt from the New York State Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) certification requirement.

NEW EMTS – Please remember to submit a copy of your EMT card to me so we can keep it in your member file and update SCM and ESO.

- **Please also remember that before you start ACLing you must complete the BLS Credentialing and submit the completion certificate to me.**
- **Keep an eye out for emails about upcoming BLS 12 Lead and CPAP classes.**

NEW Equipment – in the ready room there is a new BVM and Traction splint we are looking into switching to. When on shift and (check-outs are complete) try and familiarize yourselves with these items.

Third Deputy Chief – Keith Rubenstein – Absent - Report Posted

Hello everyone,

I want to start off by saying thank you to Tiffany White, Kenny Cadet, Captain Dominic Heavey, Andrea Golinski and Bob Franz for making the trip up to Albany to support Danielle Fuoco as her Mom, Captain Alison Russo whose name was put on the Tree of Life Memorial upstate. The new 2-15-17 made the trip upstate as the ambulance was named in her honor. That following evening it was placed in service.

If you look at the new 17, it has two plugs, please keep both plugs plugged in to the ambulance. It will stay in North 2 where the proper connections are. Another thing about the ambulance is that the A/C will run to keep the whole box cool in the back instead of only the drug refrigerator. Additionally, it is also normal to find water under the vehicle.

Please remember as it gets warmer it is important to keep hydrated.

I also want to thank you for doing back up calls and extra shifts.

Keep up the great work and as always, anyone with any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Drive Safely!

Chief Dispatcher – Melissa Anastos

Melissa Anastos Happy June and Happy Memorial Day Weekend. Be safe out there.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Memorial Day parade, but I thank everyone who is able to attend.

Year to date, effective 5/25/23, we have had 2,387 calls with 7 Signal 24's. Last year for this same time frame, we had 2,322 calls with 38 Signal 24's. You all are really doing an outstanding job at answering up when needed.

Our 24 rate is still very low at 0.29% and our "2" times have remained steady at just over 3 minutes.

The majority of members who answer up to pages continues to be the same people over and over. I thank you all for answering up and for helping HCFAS and our community.

If anyone is able to answer up at times and you need a pager, please contact me. Also, if anyone has a pager they no longer use, please return it. We are also in great need of members to do extra shifts.

Please check your email, as we send out a needs list each week and would love to have you.

Dispatchers:

- Please remember to page out for ALS if there is no Medic on shift for all Charlie, Delta, Echo calls.

- When paging, please remember to wait about 30 seconds between each page.

For All Members:

- Please try to keep your transmissions simple and quick. The longer you are on the air, the less you will be able to hear others.

If you need to contact me for anything, please email me.

Company 1 - Sunday Day Captain Marissa Lindner – Report Posted

Happy June!

I would like to start off by thanking all my Company 1 members for another amazing month. Thank you to Jackie de Bruin, Alex Hastava, Jake Levinsky, Jeff O'Neill, Matthew Philip, Lily Poplawski, Tom Schirripa, John Stevens, Hank Waldron, Barry Winter and others for Your help on Sundays during April!

Sundays are in need of some help during the next few weeks!

A Full Crew is needed for the 0700 Shift

A Full Crew is needed for the 1100 Shift

A Driver or Crew Leader is needed for the 1500 Shift

A Crew Leader or dispatcher is needed for the 1900 Shift

A Dispatcher and Full Crew is needed for the 2300 Shift

Company 2 - Monday Day Captain Lily Poplawski – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Marissa Lindner

Hi Everyone!

Thank you all for a very successful May! We have unfortunately had our first 24 today 6/12. It was our 5th alarm and was actually 24'd back to us and we were able to complete the call anyway (so 24 free in my heart). Thank you to everyone who has answered up on Monday, you truly are the backbone of this day. I would not be able to be so successful without all of your support. That being said we have CONSTANT need for help EVERY week. We cannot rely on the same 4 people to answer up consistently. Please pickup a shift or listen up if you are able.

0700 Shift: CL (Bi-weekly)

1100 Shift: 2 FULL CREWS

1500 Shift: CL

1900 Shift: DR

2300 Shift: 2 FULL CREWS

Please be sure to complete checkouts of your rigs and PCRs prior to calls. Please get them done in a timely manner as this is part of the patient's hospital chart.

Thank you all for your consistent hard work and dedication on Mondays - Please be safe and I look forward to seeing you all around at some point!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns you can reach me at Monday.Captain@hcfasg.org or my personal cell 631-374-5663

Company 3 – Tuesday Day Captain Brandon Eybergen – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Marissa Lindner

Happy EMS week!

Thank you to everyone for all that you do. You continue to make our department a shining example of service to others.

Pray for our members and their families who we have lost since the last EMS week.

Tuesdays have been doing well thanks to the continued success of Company 3 members and Company 8 members.

Many thanks to the members who also go further for our department by doing extra shifts when needed. Tuesday would be nowhere without the extra help of Barry Winter, Hank Waldron, Matthew Philip, Jackie de Bruin, Shannon Gore, Natalie Amaya and Lily Poplawski.

The Tuesday 2300 shift still has no permanent members. Consider coming in occasionally and help the department on Tuesday 2300 shift.

I'd like to give a big Congratulations to the following members who were recently recognized by REMSCO for a CPR Save. Congratulations to the crew of Bob Biersack, Joe Savaglio, Dispatcher Anne Schwartz, Paramedic Alex Mullin and the crew of Joseph Savaglio, Henry "Hank" Waldron, Brandon Eybergen and Dispatcher Fiona Witkowski.

Thank you to Chief Connolly for being able to be there with us for this great occasion.

Company 4 - Wednesday Day Captain Dominic Heavey – Report Posted

First, I would like to thank all Company 4 Members for doing a great job in the month of May.

Just so everyone knows on May 10th, 2023 between 7:00 AM on Wednesday morning and 7:00 AM on Thursday morning we completed 32 calls with no 24. Great job done by all.

To all the Members who came in to help out on Wednesdays, I thank you all as well. I know it is a little late, but I hope everyone had a very Happy EMS week and everyone received their Gifts. If you did not get a gift, see one of the Officers.

As everyone is aware, your second quarter will end on June 30th, so please make sure you have your finger reads completed and placed in the First Deputy's Mailbox.

If you need to make up some hours, come in on Wednesdays or contact any Captain who would love to see you. The State of New York Emergency Medical Services Memorial Dedication Ceremony was held in Albany on May 23, 2023. At this service there were 8 New Yorkers who were honored.

Company 5 - Thursday Day Captain Jacqueline de Bruin – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Marissa Lindner

First, I would like to introduce 3 new Thursday members. First, Sofia Mercuri, the newest addition to the 1500 shift. She's breezing through dispatch training, is already coming in on other days and is surely an excellent addition to our HCFAS family. Suzanne Philip, another new 1500 member and Lauren Groser, our newest 0700 member. They had their first day Thursday the 25th (the date this article is due) and I'm sure will do extremely well.

Also, congratulations to Sean Delle, our 2021 Probationary Member of the Year for officially being off of probation!

Thursdays have been 24 free so far, thanks to the dedication of our Company 5 members and the members who come in from other days to help. Special thanks to Barry Winter, Dominic Heavy, Kenney Cadet, Casey Stone, Hank Waldron, Tiffany White, Shannon Gore, Bedel Saget,

Melissa Anastos, Ryane Como, Casey Orr, John Stevens, Pat Donegan, Matthew Philip, Andrew Taylor, Steve Benjamin, Will Burton, Jake Levinsky, Lily Poplawski, Marissa Lindner, Natalie Amaya, Brandon Eybergen, Michelle Franco, Noah Ramos, Izzy Cortes, Bobby Loysch, Brian Canty, Liz Mohr, Sean Delle, Suzie Martin, Annette Hershkowitz for staying for an extra shift, coming in for an extra shift, answering up and anything else that helps Thursdays run so smoothly.

Myself and the other Officers appreciate it, but most importantly the selfless dedication of our members ensures that when someone calls 911, the members of our community that we serve get the help they need.

Consistent help is needed. 0700 full crew, 1100 (2) Crew leaders, 1500 Dispatcher and Driver, 2300 (2) Drivers. Any help is much appreciated. As always, be on the lookout for openings in the schedule and if you're able to even fulfill a partial shift, don't hesitate to reach out!

Keep your eyes peeled for the classes being offered by the Ambulance Orientation Committee! This month, the classes are 'Oxygen Administration' and 'Splinting'. Each will be offered twice, with the first class being this Saturday 1130-1330. This is a great opportunity for new members, new EMT's and anyone who wants to refresh skills they haven't been able to use as often as they would like. For probationary members, this counts as an event to get off of probation. Please reach out to Jake Levinsky or Brett Dowler, the co-chairs of the committee or any Day Captain for more information!

Finally, I want to express condolences to the Brenner family and gratitude towards every member who showed up to grieve Martha Brenner's passing. A great loss is felt throughout our community but the gift of her legacy is also present and will continue to persist as we do what Martha did best, operate and respond to help those in need.

Thank you again for your continuous hard work. Stay safe and see you all soon!

Company 6 - Friday Day Captain John Stevens – Absent - Report Posted

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is gearing up for an enjoyable summer.

A special thank you to those of you that repeatedly answer up and come in for extra shifts. It's appreciated more than you know. Matt Phillip, Jackie de Bruin, Andrew Taylor, Bob Biersack, Paul and Alex Bayer and Tiffany White, just to name a few.

Congratulations to Katherine Bonilla #1695 on passing her dispatch test and starting her ambulance orientation. We're excited to watch you begin your journey.

As always, help is needed throughout the day on Fridays:

0700 Shift – Dispatcher
1100 Shift – Full Crew
2300 Shift – 2 Full Crews.

Please reach out if you are able to help cover any of those shifts

Company 7 - Saturday Day Captain Matthew Philip – Absent - Report Posted and Given by Captain Dominic Heavey

Good Evening Members,

Thank you to Alex Bayer, Paul Bayer, Ex-Chief David Kaufman, John Stevens, Jackie de Bruin, Jake Levinsky, Natalie Amaya and Dany Portillo, Luke Towers, Suzanne Philip, Bronwyn Kelly, Sofia Mercury and Kevin Solano for helping out on 2300 shifts this month.

The Saturday schedule is looking good. There is an open spot for a CL on the 0700 shift as well as a Driver and a Dispatcher every week for the 2300 shift. An overnight shift is a good way to catch up on hours or gain LOSAP points. If anyone wants to come down for a shift, contact me at (631) 559-5989.

Finally, we had no 24's on Saturdays this month.

Delegate & Committee Reports:

LOSAP 2022 Points – Bob Franz

July 12, 2023 Golf Outing – Drawing at the June General Membership Meeting – Bob Franz

The Hubbinette Cowell Associates' 38th Annual Golf Outing will be held Wednesday July 12, 2023 at the Hamlet Wind Watch Golf Club Shotgun start at 8:00am followed by brunch and awards. A drawing is not necessary to decide a foursome since only 4 members have signed up for the drawing. Congratulations to John Palmieri, Betty Wood, Andrew Giusto and Tom Schirripa. I hope you enjoy the event.

2023 HCFAS Scholarship – Deadline July 1st – Bob Franz

The Board of Directors approved the awarding of up to six (6) five hundred-dollar (\$500) Squad scholarships to be given to any non-probationary HCFAS Squad member in good standing or a direct family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister) residing in the same home as the non-probationary HCFAS member in good standing. A drawing will be held at the July 2023 General Membership Meeting to select from those applicants who have applied to Director Bob Franz as of July 1st with the appropriate application form, as supplied by HCFAS, and with the required qualifying evidence. Director Franz will receive from the Chief, a declaration that those

applicants are non-probationary Squad members in good standing or family members of non-probationary Squad members in good standing. These scholarships are to be an incentive for the applicants, who must submit documentation (academic transcripts) of at least a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding school year. The applicant must have been enrolled for and completed a minimum of six (6) college credit hours per semester (a minimum of two semesters is required) or the equivalent period at a vocational school. All 2022 scholarship winners are not eligible for the 2023 scholarship drawing. The application form is included in this Pulse and is posted on the bulletin board and website. The form can also be found on the mail folder counter at the Squad. Incomplete applications submitted to Director Franz will be returned and not processed – all required documentation must be attached. All 2023 winners will be precluded from entering the drawing the following year.

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association Scholarship-Deadline August 15th – Bob Franz

The NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association scholarship application can be found on their website www.nysvara.org or on the bulletin board & must be received by August 15, 2023 (applications postmarked later than the deadline August 15, 2023 will not be considered). This scholarship is open to squad members and post 215 members. Each year the NYSVARA provides up to three \$500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit as determined by The Scholarship Committee of the Association, whose decisions are final. Applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing and graduating in June of the year applying or an adult member furthering their education. Applicant must have applied to and be planning to enroll and pursue a course of study in an accredited college or university.

Legislation -Bob Franz

The 2023 NYS Legislature Session adjourned this past weekend. Two bills were passed by the Senate and Assembly in the last week of the session. Bill #S1466 / A0250A This bill authorizes payments to non-participating providers of ambulance services licensed under article 30 of the public health law. The effective date is January 1, 2025. The bill will be delivered to the Governor in the coming months for signature. Variations of this bill have been introduced in the legislature for the past 10 years. Insurance companies will have to send ambulance service bill payments to the provider of the services not the patient.

Bill S6749B / A6683B This bill will establish a community-based paramedicine demonstration program to operate with the same flexibility authorized under Executive Order Number 4 of 2021, and in the same manner and capacity as currently approved for a period of two years. (Governor Hochul issued Executive Order 4 declaring a statewide disaster emergency due to health care staffing shortages across the state and has continuously renewed the order from 2021 to the present. The Executive Order is expected to expire later this month.). The effective date in the bill is immediately upon being signed by the Governor.

While this legislation is not the comprehensive approach to mobile integrated health care ultimately favored by NYSVARA, it does establish community paramedicine in NYS statute for the first time. This will allow existing pilot programs to continue and create space for additional programs. The legislation does require the convening of stakeholder advisory panel to make

recommendations to the Department of Health on regulations and guidance on standards of care, permitted tasks, and training.

Many thanks to the NYSVARA and the HCFAS legislative committee for their timely effort to pursue the passage of these bills and to everyone who sent correspondence in support of the bills.

Benevolent Committee – Brian Canty – If there is a need from any member please contact Brian Canty for assistance.

Fund Drive Committee – Mary Brenner/Joan Florio - As of 5/30/23 the Fund Drive has collected \$44,956.00. The 2nd mailing is expected to go out on or about the 10th or the 15th of this month.

Pulse Committee – David Mohr – All Reports and Articles are due the 25th of the month.

Special Events Committee – Brian Canty – Sign-Up sheets for the Annual HCFAS Picnic will be posted in the Ready Room.

Stand-By Committee – Kenney Cadet – Please check the Sign-Up Sheets located in the Ready Room. Any assistance for upcoming Stand-bys will be greatly appreciated.

In Closing:

Has everyone fingered in?

Thank you to those who have helped prepare tonight's dinner:

Social and Kitchen Committees: A Special thanks to Lisa Mohr, Bob Biersack, Angie Kalodoukas, Carol Nucci, Gregory Orr, Christy Stiles and Kevin McCann

New Business:

Mary Sisinni notified the members that the refrigerator in the kitchen is leaking.

Mary Winter Stated that the Day Captains are doing an amazing job and they are working very hard trying to fulfill their shifts. She suggested, if everyone can do at least one extra shift per month it would be very helpful to the Day Captains.

Old Business: None

Various Raffles:

\$25 Amoco/BP Gas Gift Card – Paul Shapiro

599 **\$25 Gift Card Cheesecake Factory** – David Mohr

600 **\$25 Gift Card Target** – Christine Tedone

601 **Bottle of Red Wine** – Sean Baccus

602 **Bottle of Red Wine** – Karen Martin

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605 **Members in Attendance:** Eligible Members 47, Probationary Members 6, Total: 53

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614 Respectfully Submitted,

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616 ***Christine A. Tedone***

617 Recording Secretary

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619 ***Ryane Como***

620 Secretary

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