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Mid-Hudson Ambulance District Q1-2025 Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2025

7:37 PM, held via Zoom videoconferencing

Video Recording of Meeting

MHAD Chair Dr. Robert Seebacher, OVAC Chief Nick Franzoso, OVAC Chairman William Hanauer, Ossining Town Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman, and OVAC Board Member Dave Levitt were present.

Village of Ossining Mayor Rika Levin, Village of Ossining Manager Karen D'Attore, Village of Ossining Trustee Liaison Robert Fritsche, New Castle Town Administrator Robert Deary, Assistant to Town Administrator of the Town of New Castle Lauren Cascone, OVAC Medical Director Dr. Emil Nigro, Dr. Shalom Sokolow of Phelps Northwell, New Castle Town Administrator Jill Shapiro, OVAC Treasurer Alex Beck, Village of Croton Manager Bryan Healy, Croton Chief of Police Russell Harper, Village of Croton EMS President Bill McCabe, Village of Ossining Citizen Representative Susanne Donnelly, Dr. Barry Geller of Phelps Northwell, and Village of Sleepy Hollow Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio were absent.

OVAC Chairman Hanauer, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

The meeting minutes from the Mid-Hudson Ambulance District Q4-2024 Meeting on February 6, 2025 were tabled.

OVAC Chief Franzoso provided the committee with an update on COVID-19. COVID-19 cases are low in number. OVAC continues to have PPE available. Supervisor Feldman spoke about dental patients having COVID. OVAC Chief Franzoso spoke about seeing a number of flu cases. MHAD Chair Dr. Seebacher echoed seeing flu cases as well.

OVAC Chief Franzoso shared statistics from the First Quarter of 2025. He spoke about the paramedicine program and how it has evolved over the past few years. May 18th kicks off paramedicine week. Northwell is having a walk to raise funds. He also spoke about the number of cases of overdoses in Sing Sing Prison as well as the number of cardiac arrest cases occurring there. MHAD Chair Dr. Seebacher asked if Narcan is available at the Sing Sing Prison. OVAC Chief Franzoso said that it is available.

OVAC Chief Franzoso spoke about the new ambulance agreements being worked on with Sleepy Hollow and Croton. The Village of Croton is adding an extra EMT to its contract.

In new business, OVAC Chief Franzoso spoke about EMS week happening this year from May 18th to May 24th. A new ambulance marine unit has been rolled out at OVAC. Training has been ongoing. OVAC is working with the Village of Ossining, Ossining Police Department, and Ossining Fire Department on the new ambulance marine unit. He also spoke about Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg's office getting OVAC funds for a new ambulance. OVAC Chief Franzoso also discussed working on a \$50,000 grant from Senator Pete Harckham's office. He also thanked Supervisor Feldman for her help with a grant application for capital improvement funds from Congressional funding. The Village of Ossining is currently working on rezoning parking spaces for only ambulance parking.

In continuing business, MHAD Chair Dr. Seebacher discussed the MHAD bylaws. The goal is to make sure that OVAC is running appropriately. He is looking to speak with an accountant to review OVAC's account and expenditures. Additionally, Supervisor Feldman and OVAC Chief Franzoso discussed possible volunteers to step into the vacant role of MHAD Vice Chair.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2025 at 7:30 PM. Meetings will continue via Zoom videoconferencing.

OVAC Chairman Hanauer made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM and Supervisor Feldman seconded.