

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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2 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Welcome, everybody. If everyone

3 could take their seats, I'd like to get started. It's a

4 little bit after one and we do have a quorum.

5 First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for

6 coming to this special meeting of the State E.M.S. Council.

7 I realize we all had to put our calendars on hold and take

8 time out to do this at the request of Lee, but it's an

9 important meeting in that we produce the budget and select

10 new officers for next year.

11 I wanted to start by saying a thank you in

12 appreciation to my first vice chair, Mr. Zeek, who was

13 probably one of the more active vice -- first vice chairs

14 in recent history for the council. And whenever I couldn't

15 get somewhere, he was always there. So thank you, Mark,

16 very much. I appreciate that.

17 I also want to thank the council and the bureau

18 staff. When my mom passed away, it was a difficult time

19 and I appreciate all the thoughts and the prayers and the

20 comments for that. And I really want to thank Donna, the

21 bureau staff, for her patience with me in this year,

22 because it has been a difficult for her as well. If it's

23 difficult for the chair, you can bet it's going to be

24 difficult for her.

25 From there, we would like to take a look and

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2 create a motion to approve the May 25th minutes. A motion?

3 **FROM THE FLOOR:** So moved

4 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Seconded? Any comments on them?

5 All in favor, aye?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Abstained? Okay. No's? Good.

8 **DONNA:** We need to do it by roll call.

9 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Not on minutes.

10 **DONNA:** Oh, attendance. Sorry.

11 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** We're all set? We need to do

12 attendance so, Donna.

13 **DONNA:** Tracey Abamont? Richard Brandt?

14 **MR. BRANDT:** Present.

15 **DONNA:** Daniel Blum?

16 **MR. BLUM:** Here.

17 **DONNA:** Lolita Compass? Dr. Cooper? Tim

18 Czapranski?

19 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Here.

20 **DONNA:** Warren Darby?

21 **MR. DARBY:** Here.

22 **DONNA:** Dr. Davidoff? James Deavers?

23 **MR. DEAVERS:** Here.

24 **DONNA:** Robert Diloggi? Donald DuVal? Donald

25 Faith? Lester Freemantle?

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2 **MR. FREEMANTLE:** Here.

3 **DONNA:** Dr. Funk? Henry Hoffman?

4 **MR. HOFFMAN:** Here.

5 **DONNA:** Dr. Kaufmann? Steve Kroll? Dr. Langsam?

6 **MS. BENEDETTO:** Nancy Benedetto.

7 **DONNA:** William Liddle?

8 **MR. LIDDLE:** Present.

9 **DONNA:** Kim Lippes?

10 **MS. LIPPES:** Here.

11 **DONNA:** John Malinchock?

12 **MR. MALINCHOCK:** Here.

13 **DONNA:** Michael Matrianni?

14 **MR. MASTRIANNI:** Here.

15 **DONNA:** Cheryl Mayer?

16 **MS. MAYER:** Here.

17 **DONNA:** Michael Murphy?

18 **MR. MURPHY:** Here.

19 **DONNA:** Michael Reed? Walter Reisner?

20 **MR. REISNER:** Here.

21 **DONNA:** Raymond Serowik?

22 **MR. SEROWIK:** Here.

23 **DONNA:** Storm Treanor?

24 **MS. TREANOR:** Here.

25 **DONNA:** Coleen Vesely?

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2 **MS. VESELY:** Here.

3 **DONNA:** Michael Washington?

4 **MR. WASHINGTON:** Here.

5 **DONNA:** Mark Zeek?

6 **MR. ZEEK:** Here.

7 **DONNA:** Roll call complete and we do have a

8 quorum.

9 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Thank you.

10 As you'll hear from Lee about next year's

11 meetings, one of the things to think about is, since many

12 of the council members attend a memorial in Albany, the

13 E.M.S. memorial, do we want to tie the main meeting with

14 the council with the memorial in that same week, so that's

15 something for you to ponder until that comes up?

16 We're going to have a very abbreviated agenda,

17 obviously, as you know, so we won't be doing committee

18 reports. I will ask second vice chair if he has anything?

19 **MR. ZEEK:** I have nothing to report.

20 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** First vice chair?

21 **MR. BRANDT:** Nothing, sir.

22 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Okay. Lee, bureau report?

23 **MS. BURNS:** Thought you'd get away easy; didn't

24 you? First of all, on behalf of the bureau and the

25 department, thank you so much for making the effort to get

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 2 here. We realize the hardship this places on all of you  
 3 who travel from great distances, and even those of you who  
 4 actually can just cross the street. But this is  
 5 unprecedented and we really appreciate the effort.  
 6 A couple of things, all of which are very  
 7 important. The first is that effective January 21st of  
 8 2012, there is a change in the SEMAC law. You have that in  
 9 front of you. The first paragraph is the current law. The  
 10 second paragraph is actually the change. And -- and the  
 11 bottom line in, you know, the cliff note version of that is  
 12 that the council is increased from twenty-nine members --  
 13 the SEMAC, twenty-nine members to thirty-one members.  
 14 Twenty-three members shall be physicians appointed by the  
 15 commissioner, including one from each REMSCO.  
 16 The current law says REMAC. And if you recall, we  
 17 have one REMAC in the state that represents three regional  
 18 councils. And so what this does is this allows a physician  
 19 representative from each of those geographies in western  
 20 New York.  
 21 The other thing it did was it added a position for  
 22 the chairperson. And so, that brings me to the second  
 23 piece to this, which I -- I -- I shared an e-mail note with  
 24 Ed Ronsky the other day, measuring the -- some of the  
 25 hardest things I had to do while in the two years he's been

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 2 gone, and this was really quite the top of it. As a result  
 3 of this change in law, the -- the commissioner appoints a  
 4 chairperson. Mark Henry has been chairperson of the SEMAC  
 5 for seventeen years. It is the department and  
 6 commissioner's position that Dr. Henry has served  
 7 elegantly, brilliantly, productively, and all of the  
 8 adjectives that you can think of to describe somebody of  
 9 his remarkable character and intellect. However, seventeen  
 10 years is a long time and now it -- it is time for a new  
 11 chair. And so to that end, we have put for nomination,  
 12 which requires vetting through the Governor's office, Dr.  
 13 Heydock, Tim Heydock from Westchester as the new SEMAC  
 14 chair.  
 15 So on my note to you all, we're throwing around  
 16 the possibility of a reception -- a farewell reception for  
 17 Dr. Henry on the night, January 31st, and the -- after the  
 18 SEMAC meeting here in which we would, you know, honor Dr.  
 19 Henry and his years of service. And quite honestly, for  
 20 those of you who have -- who have been around a long time,  
 21 and many of you have, Dr. Henry not only has he been chair  
 22 of the SEMAC for nearly seventeen years, he's worked in the  
 23 E.M.S. community on a state level probably for almost forty  
 24 years. He is one of the founders and developers of the New  
 25 York City advanced life support system, and a founding

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 2 member of their REMAC I think.  
 3 Is that right, Nance?  
 4 **MS. BENEDETTO:** Well, yeah, the predecessor.  
 5 **MS. BURNS:** Yeah. So Dr. Henry has -- has a  
 6 remarkable career in E.M.S. and emergency medicine. So  
 7 throw that around and we'll be reaching out to you  
 8 electronically both -- both the SEMSCO and the SEMAC to get  
 9 some opinion on that.  
 10 As a reminder I know this has gone out, the  
 11 nominations for annual E.M.S. awards are due in our office  
 12 no later than June 1st. We've been working with Mike Reed  
 13 and his committee. We would implore, beg, whine, whimper  
 14 all of you to keep this on your REMSCO's radar scope. We  
 15 need good nominations at the regional level. And actually  
 16 this year's nominations and awards recipients were  
 17 remarkable also as usual, so --.  
 18 You know, I -- I'd love to report positive things  
 19 regarding the state budget. There are -- there are not  
 20 any. Just to remind you, I know I mentioned this to you in  
 21 May, but now it is real, effective July 1st, no longer do  
 22 we fund our E.M.S. projects through Article Six, which is  
 23 the County Municipal Health Services plan. The Governor  
 24 removed optional services from the municipal health  
 25 services plan laws and so that took E.M.S. reimbursement

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 2 funding out of Article Six.  
 3 At present we are making absolutely every effort  
 4 to maintain funding levels for E.M.S. training. And many  
 5 of you are aware and agitated by our B.L.S. first response  
 6 survey. While we -- we don't apologize for that. We will  
 7 work with -- with -- we've been working with the regions.  
 8 We understand some of the road blocks, but the reality for  
 9 us is that we really need to know what our B.L.S. agencies  
 10 are doing out there because those people are a key part of  
 11 the -- the training, funding, mechanism. And so if we  
 12 don't know what the services are doing, it's very, very  
 13 difficult for us to articulate that up -- up the ladder.  
 14 For your January meeting, and we'll -- we'll  
 15 either provide it to you or get it to you electronically  
 16 before then, we have finally -- and we're very excited,  
 17 Mike Mastrianni. We have finally worked with our attorneys  
 18 to develop some regulation amendment, some Part Eight  
 19 hundred Amendment. We're very excited by it. Just to kind  
 20 of give you the -- the -- you know, the highlights, we make  
 21 a couple -- number of technical updates such as removing  
 22 basic to the emergency medical technician definition so  
 23 that it comports with the current, you know, post-1987  
 24 concept. The bulk of the regulations are really specific  
 25 to individual E.M.T. certification eligibility.

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 2 It better articulates eligibilities. It better  
 3 deals with individuals with criminal convictions, so that  
 4 it's not such a exhaustive, useless laundry list. And it  
 5 codifies the continuing medical education program. And  
 6 then it also defines things like state approved protocols  
 7 which have never been in there. It -- it defines the term  
 8 scope of E.M.S. practice. So it allows us to kind of take  
 9 the next -- next step forward in preparation for the  
 10 national E.M.S. education standards. It allows us to deal  
 11 with individuals who have violated regulations or have  
 12 criminal convictions.  
 13 So we're really -- actually we're very pleased  
 14 with the way it turned out. We think you will be also. We  
 15 think it will make it easier for services to manage their  
 16 people or not. We think it will be easier on you and the  
 17 medical directors as well as dealing with your quality  
 18 improvement programs. And it will certainly be clearer to  
 19 the providers. And again, if you -- you know, it won't  
 20 affect ninety percent of our providers. So a Benedetto of  
 21 years past used to tell me that there's the ten percenters.  
 22 That was when you wore a badge. George used to say, Lee,  
 23 you deal with the ten percenters.  
 24 Just to remind you, 3002 Section Number 2 empowers  
 25 the state council by affirmative vote of a majority of

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 2 those present, subject to the approval of the commissioner  
 3 to enact from time to time amend and repeal rules and  
 4 regulations et cetera, et cetera. I've been asking what  
 5 the process for this is. Executive staff signed off on the  
 6 amendment. It now goes through our division of legal  
 7 affairs review process. Once they're done with it, you  
 8 know, depending on what kinds of things they want to add to  
 9 it, although they wrote it so I'm not thinking it's going  
 10 to take that long -- no wait, its regulations. It gets  
 11 sent to the Governor's office. Once it's released for the  
 12 forty-five-day comment period it comes back, and that's  
 13 when the state council can vote on it, although it will be  
 14 on your January agenda. It won't be that far by the time  
 15 you get to review it and approve it, so. But technically,  
 16 once it's released for the forty-five-day comment period,  
 17 the council votes on it, so we'll see.  
 18 Just to keep you in the loop, the reason that --  
 19 nah, that isn't it either. We have been extremely busy  
 20 from an ambulance service C.O.N. action perspective. And I  
 21 know that affects you at the local level, so I thought I  
 22 would tell you this. We have granted thirteen new B.L.S.  
 23 first responder numbers across the state. We've worked  
 24 with hundreds of them. There are almost eight hundred of  
 25 them. We have seen twelve transfer of ownership, those are

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 2 F.N.C. transfers, seven new municipal C.O.N.s, five  
 3 expansions of operating territory. There are six more  
 4 actions currently in the process awaiting REMSCO  
 5 determinations and we have -- I say it's a bail. Dana is  
 6 more exacting but we have a number of -- of REMSCO actions  
 7 that are awaiting final work on the part of the services.  
 8 So for all the work that you are doing out in your regions,  
 9 it -- it is coming to us. And I have to tell you, it's --  
 10 it's just awesome, so in a not in a good way necessarily.  
 11 As you may recall Vital Signs was held in  
 12 Syracuse. We thought it was extremely successful. We had  
 13 almost fifteen hundred participants. The -- the  
 14 evaluations so far have been very positive. The  
 15 participants have provided some very constructive ideas and  
 16 input, and Donna and Val are oh, so psyched about getting  
 17 ready for next year. We're back in Syracuse next year.  
 18 In case you missed me sniveling at long distances,  
 19 Gary Tuthill and Shawn Bertoch have left the Bureau of  
 20 E.M.S. Both of them are working for State Office of  
 21 Emergency Management, so those seem most dead to me. So  
 22 we've lost in 2011 three staff to those people who are dead  
 23 to me. And all of them were -- were really productive for  
 24 us in E.M.S. and we will miss them tremendously. And so  
 25 will you because all of them did a ton of work.

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 2 So January's meeting, just to be clear, the dates  
 3 are the January 31st and February 1st, so the 31st is  
 4 committee meetings and SEMAC and the 1st is SEMSCO and the  
 5 remaining committee meetings. And it would seem that many  
 6 of you though that the meetings were the week before.  
 7 However, we never published dates for the week before. We  
 8 may have discussed it, but we never published them, so  
 9 sorry about the confusion.  
 10 On -- on your docket is the Oneonta appeal. We  
 11 have made -- we have sent notice to all of the parties  
 12 electronically and by mail, so please, I know you will --  
 13 you can't wait but to read all that stuff. We sent it  
 14 electronically. I'm hoping that you've gotten it. And  
 15 by -- we're looking at a May meeting. We have been  
 16 approved to go to contract, but we're in the process of  
 17 taking bids for meeting space.  
 18 So at this point, we can't really set dates until  
 19 we know the location, but we're shooting for a May date and  
 20 a September date, which will bring you to three meetings in  
 21 2012. The same thing is happening to your -- your sister  
 22 councils, STAC and E.M.S. for Children is sort of in the  
 23 same situation.  
 24 And that is it, Sir Chairman.  
 25 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Thank you. I think what we'll do

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 2 is move right into finance, so I'll turn it over to Cheryl.  
 3 **MS. MAYER:** Well, firstly I'd like to thank the  
 4 council that we serve on as well as the bureau for the  
 5 support to change that law for more representatives in  
 6 western New York. That's a very nice change so that we  
 7 have medical direction appropriate.  
 8 The budget, we had a teleconference -- or a  
 9 conference call last Monday to discuss the submitted  
 10 budget. I believe it's been distributed to everybody.  
 11 There are a couple of changes to this submittal that  
 12 Nancy's been helping me work through. Cover sheet,  
 13 September 14th changed to November 29th, of course. Page  
 14 four, first paragraph discusses Governor Paterson, which  
 15 probably should be revised to state including the  
 16 Governor's existing executive order. Page five, it lists  
 17 the number of meetings scheduled. 2010 should be changed  
 18 to 2011. And I think the last change would be to Appendix  
 19 Three, the big lakes section. The amount under program --  
 20 oh, New York City, I'm sorry -- the next column down, New  
 21 York, regional council section, that cell is blank. The  
 22 program agency cell underneath it in the amount of five  
 23 eighty-six two thirty-five should be moved up into that  
 24 vacancy. And then that program agency cell will be blank.  
 25 This budget recommendation was developed with the

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 2 templates that were submitted by each region. They are  
 3 before you. They do not come forward as the second in  
 4 motion, but the budgeted request is in the amount of  
 5 twenty-three two twenty two eighty-four.  
 6 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Are there any questions? Seeing  
 7 none, we need a motion.  
 8 **FROM THE FLOOR:** Motion.  
 9 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Motion. Seconded?  
 10 **FROM THE FLOOR:** (No audible response.) (18.52)  
 11 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Okay. Any discussion? I believe  
 12 this is a roll call. Let's do the roll call vote.  
 13 **DONNA:** Richard Brandt?  
 14 **MR. BRANDT:** In favor of the motion.  
 15 **DONNA:** Daniel Blum?  
 16 **MR. BLUM:** Yes.  
 17 **DONNA:** Tim Czapranski?  
 18 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Yes.  
 19 **DONNA:** Warren Darby?  
 20 **MR. DARBY:** Yes.  
 21 **DONNA:** James Deavers?  
 22 **MR. DEAVERS:** Yes.  
 23 **DONNA:** Don Duvall?  
 24 **MR. DUVALL:** Yes.  
 25 **DONNA:** Lester Freemantle?

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 2 **MR. FREEMANTLE:** Yes.  
 3 **DONNA:** Henry Hoffman?  
 4 **MR. HOFFMAN:** Yes.  
 5 **DONNA:** William Liddle?  
 6 **MR. LIDDLE:** Yes.  
 7 **DONNA:** Kim Lippes?  
 8 **MS. LIPPES:** Yes.  
 9 **DONNA:** John Malinchock?  
 10 **MR. MALINCHOCK:** Yes.  
 11 **DONNA:** Michael Mastrianni?  
 12 **MR. MASTRIANNI:** Yes.  
 13 **DONNA:** Cheryl Mayer?  
 14 **MS. MAYER:** Yes.  
 15 **DONNA:** Michael Murphy?  
 16 **MR. MURPHY:** Yes.  
 17 **DONNA:** Walt Reisner?  
 18 **MR. REISNER:** Yes.  
 19 **DONNA:** Raymond Serowik?  
 20 **MR. SEROWIK:** Yes.  
 21 **DONNA:** Storm Treanor?  
 22 **MS. TREANOR:** Yes.  
 23 **DONNA:** Colleen Vesely?  
 24 **MS. VESELY:** Yes.  
 25 **DONNA:** Michael Washington?

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 2 **MR. WASHINGTON:** Yes.  
 3 **DONNA:** Mark Zeek?  
 4 **MR. ZEEK:** Yes.  
 5 **DONNA:** Roll call complete.  
 6 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Okay. So the motion to approve  
 7 the budget as recommended by the finance chair is approved.  
 8 Thank you for your work. It's not easy on the finance side  
 9 collecting all that data and crunching it.  
 10 At this time, we would like to -- I'd like to turn  
 11 it over to Richard Brandt, who was the committee chair for  
 12 selecting the new officers for 2012.  
 13 **MR. BRANDT:** Thank you, sir. The committee chair  
 14 presented the following slate of officers for 2012,  
 15 Chairman, Mark Zeek, First Vice Chair, Richard Brandt,  
 16 Second Vice Chair, Daniel Blum.  
 17 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** That was the slate that was done?  
 18 **MR. BRANDT:** That was the slate that was done,  
 19 correct.  
 20 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** In May?  
 21 **MR. BRANDT:** Okay.  
 22 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Now I'd like to turn it over to  
 23 Mr. Brandt to talk about a change in that slate.  
 24 **MR. BRANDT:** Yeah. Donna, would you like to speak  
 25 on it or do you want me to?

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 2 **DONNA:** No; go right ahead.  
 3 **MR. BRANDT:** Okay. Apparently, I'm going to  
 4 expire sooner than expected.  
 5 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** I think he's referring to his  
 6 term.  
 7 **MR. BRANDT:** I am -- yes, I am. Yep. There was a  
 8 mistake. My term, my eight years is up at the end of 2012.  
 9 So what the bureau staff had suggested, and Mr. Zeek I  
 10 believe has agreed to, is that he and I would switch  
 11 positions. I would be the First Vice Chair, or become  
 12 Chair for 2012, and Mr. Zeek would again be First Vice  
 13 Chair, Mr. Blum would be Second Vice Chair. Did I get that  
 14 right?  
 15 **MR. ZEEK:** That's correct.  
 16 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Yes. Any questions? So for  
 17 clarification, we're going to put forward a new slate,  
 18 withdraw the previous slate that was offered that he  
 19 mentioned, which Mark Zeek would become Chair, and they're  
 20 going to replace it with this, where Richard Brandt is the  
 21 Chair, Mark Zeek's First Vice Chair, and Daniel is the  
 22 Second Vice Chair. That's correct?  
 23 **MS. BRANDT:** Correct.  
 24 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Okay. Any discussions?  
 25 Nominations from the floor? Hearing none -- any

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 2 nominations from the floor? Last call, any nominations  
 3 from the floor?  
 4 Okay. Can we get a vote on slate of officers? All in  
 5 favor?  
 6 **ALL:** Aye.  
 7 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Opposed? Abstained? Thank you.  
 8 I'll open it up for any old business anyone wants  
 9 to discuss or bring up at this time. This is awfully  
 10 quiet. Any new business anybody want to bring up?  
 11 **MR. BLUM:** Question?  
 12 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Yes, sir.  
 13 **MR. BLUM:** We heard from Ms. Burns that the bureau  
 14 lost three people this year. I'm just wondering are you  
 15 recruiting replacements?  
 16 **MS. BURNS:** No.  
 17 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Do you have three new titles,  
 18 Lee?  
 19 **MS. BURNS:** We just -- you know, it's not specific  
 20 to the bureau. We're not able to fill our items. We  
 21 did -- when Mike left, we were able to fill his position.  
 22 There's a -- a little twist in civil service law that  
 23 allows us to take a transfer from state purposes to a  
 24 special revenue. We -- E.M.S. is a special revenue, so  
 25 we -- we were able to fill the trauma person with -- well,

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 2 Mike, with a new person who's a trauma coordinator who --  
 3 and she's a gift. And actually the STAC hasn't tried to  
 4 kill her yet, so we're very excited. But in terms of  
 5 filling vacancies, no, we're not. We've -- we've asked --  
 6 you have to get waivers to fill vacancies. We've applied  
 7 for waivers. We're doing what we can.  
 8 **MR. BLUM:** The question is just posed out of  
 9 concern that we're able to continue doing business on the  
 10 state level, so I'm sure that council supports your  
 11 efforts.  
 12 **MS. BURNS:** I didn't write this down. Thank you,  
 13 Donna. When next you meet, Karen Meganhoff will have  
 14 retired. So when she was, tongue in cheek, announcing it  
 15 at the state council, she wasn't kidding. And I have told  
 16 her that I'm going through the five stages of death and  
 17 dying, and today I sent her a note saying that I might have  
 18 reached acceptance but then I withdrew that back to anger  
 19 and jealousy actually, frankly, but --. So December 28th  
 20 is her last day. She's going to skip off into the sunset,  
 21 and she's downright giddy which is a little disturbing. So  
 22 again, you know, what we're going to do for her, and this  
 23 is not a secret to her, thank you Webcasting, but we've  
 24 talked with her about it. Once the holidays are over,  
 25 we're going to drag her back and have a party. And

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 2 we'll -- we'll let you all know, and if you're so inclined  
 3 you'd all be cordially invited if you want to make the trip  
 4 yet again to Troy. So that's kind of the plan for that.  
 5 So we're -- that -- we lose another person and we assign  
 6 more tasks to the highly energetic.  
 7 **MR. ZEEK:** Lee, have you gotten any update on  
 8 payment to program agencies for the contracts?  
 9 **MS. BURNS:** I don't. Dan, do you have any  
 10 information?  
 11 **MR. BLAKEMAN:** Dan Blakeman.  
 12 No, I don't have any further information at this  
 13 point. I know that they've been in drips and drabs. I  
 14 know I saw an e-mail circulated amongst the programming  
 15 directors a couple weeks ago that I was copied in that, you  
 16 know, there -- payments are coming in. But what I can tell  
 17 you is that we have word from our bureau with house  
 18 management that they're about eight weeks behind on  
 19 vouchers down there, and that's not just for the vendors,  
 20 the REMSCOs, the program agencies, but also for payments to  
 21 core sponsors and so on and so forth. And it's not going  
 22 to look much better than that, frankly, in the future.  
 23 It's looking like it's eight-plus weeks behind.  
 24 **MS. BURNS:** Yeah. We -- they're not paying  
 25 vouchers for -- you know, in a timely manner for even our

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 2 exam proctors and those people don't see the amusement in  
 3 that at all. And honestly, they have -- they have  
 4 instituted another ten percent across the board cut to  
 5 contracts and budgets, and we're trying to work through  
 6 that because that also could have devastating effects,  
 7 so --.  
 8 **MS. BENEDETTO:** To clarify, those drips and drabs  
 9 of payments for the program agencies were for June  
 10 vouchers, just so that no one thinks that it's for anything  
 11 too current.  
 12 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** And I know -- I'm sure many of  
 13 the program agencies and councils feel this that it is a  
 14 problem if you contract for services with an outside vendor  
 15 who requires payment thirty, sixty, or ninety days, because  
 16 they are basically putting their services out there and  
 17 they're not getting reimbursed, in some case trying to  
 18 charge interest or others. But it is creating several  
 19 complications at least in our region, and I'm sure it is  
 20 elsewhere.  
 21 On a note when we were talking about replacement  
 22 staff, the bureau, just to remind this body that in January  
 23 you asked me to write a letter to Dr. Shaw, the new  
 24 commissioner on health, in filling the director of E.M.S.  
 25 position and the deputy director position, which I did. So

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 2 just a reminder that that went out and I never got a  
 3 response back from it.  
 4 **MS. BURNS:** It was a nice letter, though.  
 5 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Thank you.  
 6 **MS. BURNS:** I didn't get a response from it  
 7 either.  
 8 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Anything else for new business?  
 9 Yes, sir?  
 10 **MR. MASTRIANNI:** I think this may be old business,  
 11 but I just have a question. Earlier in the year the mutual  
 12 aid tags submitted a recommendation for proposals. I was  
 13 just curious -- and I understand the bureau's stress in  
 14 being overwhelmed and all of that. I was just curious, as  
 15 I'm being asked by my folks, is there any?  
 16 **MS. BURNS:** We had actually -- we took that, made  
 17 some fairly minor changes, I thought, and I'll send it to  
 18 you. But we had sent it out to Andy Lamarka (phonetic  
 19 spelling) to review and have not -- I've not heard back but  
 20 then I -- it's sitting, you know, it's on my desk top and  
 21 every now and then I look at it going, I need to reach out  
 22 to him. And I know it sort of got lost in the moving  
 23 patients all over Orange County thing, but that's done.  
 24 The other, while I'm pointing fingers, Warren, we  
 25 also finished with the ambulance policy and I sent that to

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 2 you guys and never heard back either, so I'll -- we'll --  
 3 I'll send it -- I'll send it to you individually and you  
 4 can chew on it and we'll bring it back on the January  
 5 meeting because a lot of -- well, actually a lot of work  
 6 has been done on both of them.  
 7 **MR. MASTRIANNI:** Thank you.  
 8 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Anything else? Motion to  
 9 adjourn.  
 10 **FROM THE FLOOR:** So moved.  
 11 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Motion seconded?  
 12 **FROM THE FLOOR:** Second.  
 13 **MR. CZAPRANSKI:** Thank you. Happy holidays. Safe  
 14 travels. See you in January.  
 15 (The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.)

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