

## ***NY COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE TASK FORCE***

### Attendance

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- Welcome and Introduction by Kevin Munjal
- State of the Task Force
  - What we have done / what we need to do
    - Set out a mission to engage with stakeholders and overcome barriers
    - Legislative Committee
      - performed Legal Document Review
      - Crafted strategies to overcome legal barriers
      - Need to write legal briefs to articulate position that it is outside the bounds of Article 30. - this may not be our final position, but by crafting the argument, we will be better prepared for future debates and discussions on the legality of the concept.
      - Need to have our work reviewed by lawyers.
    - Financial Reform committee
      - Performed analysis of Medicaid reimbursement policy.
      - Munjal has a reimbursement policy paper accepted to JAMA.
      - We need to write more articles in trade magazines, newspaper, other media.
      - We still need to engage with payers and develop a reform package
    - Public Relations Committee
      - We have published a website
      - We have received 8 letters of support and counting.
      - We have engaged with GNYHA, HANYS, SEMAC and others
      - We still need to engage with more governmental agencies
      - We still need to engage with key stakeholders including nursing and home health.
    - Health Information Technology
      - 2 of our letters of support are from HIT companies, one ePCR, one RHIO.
      - Need to reach out to more organizations and help promote telemedicine capabilities in prehospital care.
  - Brainstorming / strategy session
    - We began with basic hub and spoke model between the task force and 6 categories of

stakeholders

1. Provider groups
  2. EMS
  3. Hospitals
  4. City agencies
  5. State agencies
  6. Payers
- One year on. It is time to revisit this and get into more granular detail
  - New concept map expands on each of the 6 initial groups and adds some new categories as well.
    - Red boxes indicates research or work products underway
    - Green boxes indicate letters of support
  - All members at the meeting and all those on the mailing list are asked to review the concept map, add to it, recommend changes, provide comments, etc.
  - All members are to reflect on their personal and professional contacts and consider who they might be able to assist the task force in moving forward.
  - We have not yet really engaged with other groups of providers.
  - Are letters of support the best way to go?
    - Several members said they are a great first step.
    - They need to be part of a larger strategy
    - Perhaps we need to set certain milestones for our organization and require more substantial commitments in future letters.
    - Is there a critical mass of letters that determines a milestone?
  - Do we need a pilot program?
    - This adds specificity and would enable organizations to identify tangible ways to support our organization.
    - However, it leads to well known challenges in reconciling the different visions among our group for what a community paramedicine model would look like.
      - Since it is known to vary by community, there are vast differences between rural and urban models.
  - How can the task force support others?
    - Provide consultation or expertise
    - Be an “incubator”
    - Grant support?
    - Right now, the task force needs a lot of support, how can we get to the stage that we can support others?
      - We need to incorporate, organize and fundraiser
      - Apply for grants from foundations, and turn those around to help support others in the state trying to get programs off the ground.
  - Next steps
    - Everyone's homework- review and improve concept map. Everyone should think about reaching out to someone in their personal or professional network to help us touch more points on this concept map.
    - reconvene legislative subcommittee to attempt to write legal brief
    - Incorporate organization
    - Continue to spread awareness