

# THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

## Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City

January 31, 2017, 2016

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on January 31, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the Offices of the Regional EMS Council, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York.

Organizational Members		Present	Absent
Chevra Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Corp	1. Dov Jacob Alternate, Ari Weisz	X	
Fire Department, City of New York Emergency Medical Services	2. Chief Janice Olszewski, EMTP Alternate, Chief James Booth	X	
	3. Chief Christine Mazzola, EMTP Alternate, Bradley Kaufman, MD	X	
Greater New York Hospital Association	4. Patrick Meyers Alternate, Alison Burke	X	
	5. Dominick Battinelli, EMTP Alternate, William Goffin, EMT	X	
New York City Health & Hospital Corporation	6. Joseph Marcellino, MPH, EMTP Alternate: Daniel Meisels	X	
New York City Office of Emergency Management	7. Mordechai Goldfeder, EMTP Alternate, Johanna Miele/Peter Bojmal	X	
New York City Police Department	8. PO Daniel Rodriguez Alternate, PO John Johnstone	X	
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. Dist 4	9. Ryan Gunning, EMT Alternate, James Downey, MBA, EMT	X	
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. District 18	10. Brenda Morrissey, EMTP Alternate, Christopher Legaz, EMT	X	
REMAC NYC	11. David Ben-Eli, MD	X	

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Organizational Members <i>(continued)</i>		Present	Absent
United New York Ambulance Network	12. Michael Raiola, EMT Alternate, Scott Orlanski, EMTP	X	
	13. Joshua Hans, EMTP Alternate, Mordechai Lax, EMTP	X	
At-Large Members		Present	Absent
14.	Vincent Barranco, EMTP	X	
15.	Scott Chiang, EMTP	X	
16.	Robert Crupi, MD	X	
17.	Joseph A. DeMorato, EMTP		X
18.	Jerrold Gelbard, EMTP	X	
19.	Jerry Gombo	X	
20.	Martin Grillo, EMTP		X
21.	Sean Graves	X	
22.	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	X	
23.	Mitchell S. Powell, EMTP	X	
24.	Michael Vatch, EMTP	X	
25.	Vacant		
26.	Vacant		

## Staff

Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration

Marie Diglio, EMTP, Executive Director Operations

Joseph Raneri, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

## Guests

Michael Linehan, NYS DOH EMS

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Yedidiah Langsam, PhD, EMTP, Chair. Meetings of the Regional EMS Council are recorded to comply with the Governor's Executive Order #3 to web cast meetings. A roll call attendance was conducted; a quorum was present.

Voting rules. A quorum is based on the number of voting seats – whether those seats are filled or vacant. Currently, REMSCO has 26 voting seats, so when voting, a majority of members must vote in the affirmative to pass any motion. That means, 14 votes in the affirmative are needed to pass any motion.

Committee members present were asked if they had comments, questions or corrections regarding the Minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting. Hearing none, Dominick Battinelli motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Joseph Marcellino. The Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

*The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:*

### **Membership:**

- Rachel Frier, Esq., has advised REMSCO that now that she has been appointed as a Judge, she must relinquish her At Large seat.

### **FDNY EMS:**

- Non-Compliant PCR form submission and Inventory for October and November 2016

### **NYS DOH:**

- Letter to Yedidiah Langsam, Chair, NYC REMSCO, stating his term on SEMSCO expires December 31, 2016.
  - This has been since corrected to 2018.
    - Dr. Langsam's term on REMSCO ends June 30, 2017.
- Letter to Dr. Langsam, Chair NYC REMSCO, requesting that REMAC representative be re-appointed. The current rep is Dr. Lewis Marshall.
- Letter to REMAC Chair announcing that as of July 20, 2016 ALS agencies must have a controlled substance license.
- Operations Report for January 2017.
- Notification from NYS DOH that transfer of stock between current owners, both of whom have been previously vetted by the department and appropriate Regional EMS Council, do not require additional competency and fitness review.
  - This was related to information submitted by Taddeo & Shahan for an internal stock transfer of Citywide Mobile Response.

### **Determination of Public Need:**

- Letter to Ezras Nashim deeming its CON application incomplete. A detailed report identifying needed items was included.

### **Other:**

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- Letter from North Shore Rescue Squad Staten Island, notifying REMSCO of its new address: 1322 Travis Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. PO Box remains unchanged.
- FOIL requests:
  - Mirman. Markovits & Landau, requesting ACR/PCR for a client involved in litigation. A generic memo will be sent stating REMSCO NYC does not collect or store ACR/PCRs.
  - Jeremy Stephens, requesting multiple items including treatment protocols from 2013 to 2016, 12-lead ecg acquisition and capnography reports.

## *The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:*

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- Approval letter to NYS DOH for Transfer of Operating Authority of TC Ambulance Group, Inc. (0508) dba Mount Sinai Beth Israel to Special Care Transport, Inc., Chased of the Rockaways and Nassau County

## STAFF REPORT

### Emergency Preparedness Report: Joseph Raneri, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

#### *Intranasal Naloxone*

- The distribution of IN Naloxone is still ongoing.
- Agencies interested in participating in this program can still register online.
- Naloxone that was originally distributed has reached its expiration, staff is awaiting a shipment of new Naloxone so agencies' stock can be replenished.
- REMSCO is providing monthly usage reports to NYSDOH and the NYC DOHMH.

#### *EID PPE Distribution.*

- A web-based provider level training will be posted to the LMS to provide continued training in infection control and allow agencies to utilize a blended learning method to reduce staff training hours and encourage ongoing training.

#### *EPCRs*

- 2 Agencies are currently live with additional agencies coming on board over the holidays.
- It is anticipated that up to 10 agencies will be live by the end of spring.
- Staff is conducting initial research on methods to better integrate EMS data into patient care records as part of the HL7 format.
  - Will be having a series of meetings with the NYC Regional Health Information Organization regarding integrating data from various EPCR vendors.

This will hopefully eliminate the need to fax over paper copies of PCRs to hospitals.

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, *Chair Joseph Marcellino, MPH***

**Review of New Applications for Determination of Need**

An application for New Ambulance Agency was received from Ezras Nashim. This agency is currently approved by NYS DOH BEMS as a BLS First Response agency. The application was reviewed by staff and deemed incomplete. A letter stating the application was incomplete was emailed to Ezras Nashim, along with a detailed description of items missing from the application.

**Review of New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority**

No new applications received.

Marie Diglio reported that the NYS DOH BEMS will no longer require competency and fitness reviews for ambulance agencies that are internally transferring stock between existing owners. These owners have already had competency and fitness reviews conducted, therefore, these types of stock transfer will no longer be processed as transfer of operating authority applications.

**Public Access Defibrillation Programs**

37 PAD Program New (November 30, 2016-January 31, 2017)

**13 PAD Program Renewal (November 30, 2016-January 31, 2017)**

The CON/TOA TAG (Scott Orlanski, Vincent Barranco, James Downey and Christine Mazzola) will work online to revise current regional policies.

Nancy Benedetto reported that NYS DOH cannot enforce items that are not stated in law. Our CON and TOA policies will be binding in NYC, not those of the NYS DOH.

Ambulance Territory TAG: NYC EM will be contacted and asked to assist with the completion of ambulance agency territory maps. Once completed, territory descriptions will be distributed to ambulance agencies.

NYPD Statistics were discussed. The NYPD web site reports 22 Fire Trucks had accidents in December 2016. Additional information will be reviewed.

LaGuardia Community College has lost its funding for free EMT courses. This is a loss for the NYC community.

EMS Awards must be in for our April meeting in order to be submitted to NYS DOH by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Walter Pizzi scholarship has been posted. Students in paramedics courses are encouraged to apply. The award is for \$3000.

**The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT**

No report.

## REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

## JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The following is a summary:

### QA Communications

- Three ALS 30-Day Patient Care Restrictions are still being processed.

### Agency QA Committee Reports

- Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit: in progress.

### Epi-Pen use by BLS

- None received

### QA Studies:

- In future, all proposed studies must identify the Data elements to be collected
- Safety Study, Mordechai Lax, in progress.
- Trauma Notification, Joseph Schenker, nearing completion of phase I.
- New proposals:
  - Naloxone administration for overdose.
    - Mortality after naloxone administration.

### Demonstration/Pilot Projects

A process for future proposals is being developed.

**The next QA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 3pm.**

## STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT

The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) met on January 10 & 11, 2017. Nancy Benedetto, representative to SEMSCO, reported the following:

1. **If something is not in regulation, it is unenforceable—meaning, Policy Statements issued by the Bureau of EMS are GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS, and are NOT enforceable:**
  - CON 0606 will no longer exist;
    - Bureau cannot dictate what “need” is. The definition has to be tailored to the specific region.
  - Section 3000-C: EPI AUTO INJECTOR DEVICES;
    - Notice of intent has been eliminated;
    - Healthcare collaborative agreements are no longer required

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2. Check & Inject program for epi is still waiting signature – presently over 500 agencies are involved in this project, with 61 successful utilizations
3. Rockaway VAC CON is still under appeal --
4. Large increase in CON applications—50 this year (2016)
5. NYC REMAC protocols were approved with some minor suggested changes
6. FDNY demo project to train CFRs to administer epi, aspirin, and albuterol –not approved by semsco. But, they did not need approval for epi and aspirin
7. Education and Training:
  - Good deal of discussion regarding critical care levels statewide – does not impact NYC
  - Instructor level exams: failure rate is quite high- this is probably due to semantics of national ems education courses – disconnect on the testing forum – this is being evaluated
    - Marie Diglio reported that regional senior instructors will be developing a prep course.
  - SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION – SECTION 5- will no longer be on test- but it still must be taught
  - Annual protocol update will occur in the spring
8. May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for awards submission to NYS—NYC April meeting to approve
9. May 23<sup>rd</sup> EMS Memorial
10. Oct 23-25 Vital Signs Conference in Rochester
11. The EMS Bureau – due to lack of funding etc. – is presently in the “no more initiatives “stage
12. May 9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> next meeting

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Lewis Marshall has agreed to serve as this region's representative to SEMAC. This required a vote. After brief discussion, Dr. Marshall's nomination was approved unanimously.

The following were nominated to the State EMS Council: Yedidiah Langsam, PhD (current representative), Robert Crupi, MD and Mitchell Powell, EMTP. After brief discussion, all nominees were approved. Dr. Langsam will continue as this region's representative until at last June 2017, when his term on REMSCO expires.

Patrick Meyer gave information on the GNYHA/FDNY MCI Program. This program has allotted specific hospital the number of patients they should be able to accept, based on types of MCIs. The issue now is that this information was not shared with REMSCO or other ambulance agencies that operate in NYC. A meeting will be scheduled to develop a method for communicating with non-municipal ambulances.

**No further business remaining, the meeting of the Regional EMS Council was adjourned. The next meeting will be held February 28, 2017.**