

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

Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City

February 28, 2017

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on February 28, 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.	Sean Graves	X	
21.	Martin Grillo, EMTP		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

John Warwick

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Yediyah 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 January 31, 2017 meeting. Hearing none, Sean Graves motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Vincent Barranco. The Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- No new information.

FDNY EMS:

- Non-Compliant PCR form submission and Inventory for December 2016

NYS DOH:

- Letter to Specialty Course Sponsors (SCS); NYC REMSCO is a SCS, and conducts Instructor level courses and Updates. NYS DOH now requires all instructor courses to include information from the NAEMSE textbook (Foundations of Education: An EMS Approach).
 - Regional senior instructors have begun work on updating our instructor courses.
- NYS Coverdell Stroke Quality Improve Program flyer was emailed. This program will be limited to 2 NYS regions, to help provide NEMSIS v3 software.
- Letter to Bayside Community Ambulance Corps, Inc., advising them they have not submitted PCRs since 2008. Violations have been issued. This may be followed by suspension of the ambulance certificate.
- Woodhaven VAC has had its operating certificate suspended.
 - REMSCO staff have communicated with NYS DOH to determine if there is anyway this territory can be saved.
 - Marie Diglio suggested that REMSCO make a recommendation to DOH.
 - Sean Graves urged volunteer ambulances to communicate with REMSCO. REMSCO staff will contact District 4 to offer technical assistance.

Other:

- A letter was received from Dr. Harry Fairus praising EMS providers, Bill Byrnes and Joey Encalada, for the care they rendered to a family member.
 - Staff will determine which agency these providers work with so they can be properly thanked.

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- A letter reappointing Lewis Marshall, MD, JD to SEMAC was sent to NYS DOH.

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- Letter to Mount Sinai Health System approving a new On-Line Medical Control Facility. FDNY and NYS DOH were also notified.

STAFF REPORT

Budget Template, Nancy Benedetto

The NYS DOH recently requested the annual budget template be submitted. A copy of the budget was distributed to members. This budget identifies the regionals funding needs for instructor courses and costs associated with certification/recertification of regional providers. Funding needs projections are based on actual numbers of personnel trained. After discussion, Scott Chiang motioned to approve the budget template, seconded by Robert Crupi. The motion was carried unanimously.

Joseph Raneri, Emergency 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 it 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.
- REMSCO participates in the citywide Rx Taskforce meetings designed to combat opioid OD deaths.

EPCRs

- 3 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.

REMSCO App

- REMSCO is looking for testers for a REMSCO App.
 - App. will give providers access to mobile friendly versions of the protocols, provide a tool for tracking certifications, EMS related tools and provide the ability to receive notices and updates from the council.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, *Chair Joseph Marcellino, MPH*

Review of New Applications for Determination of Need

No new applications received.

Review of New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority

No new applications received.

Public Access Defibrillation Programs

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

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

TAG Reports

Territory Mapping TAG: NYC EM, provided four (4) maps of volunteer ambulance agency territories. Additional information is needed to complete remaining maps.

TOA/CON TAG: Both policies are being updated to be consistent with new technology. A clear definition of public need must be drafted. Both policies must be written to be consistent with Article 30 of the NYS Public Health Law. 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.

BLS IM Epinephrine: The expansion of the EMT scope of practice with regards to IM administration of epinephrine has been signed by the NYS Commissioner of Health. We are awaiting language from the NYS DOH before implementing.

EMS Awards must be in for our April meeting to be submitted to NYS DOH by June 1st.

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, March 28, 2017.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT

Yedidiah Langsam announced the T&E Committee is being re-organized. All scheduled meetings are cancelled.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT, *David Ben-Eli, MD*

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on February 21, 2017. The following is a meeting summary:

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- Public Notice from New York State Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, Operations Unit, to be read into the REMAC Minutes of the following enforcement actions:

Provider /Agency Name	EMT / Agency #	Penalty	Violation	County of Residence
Kenneth Relaya Sr	300531	\$2000 civil penalty	800.16(a)(7)	Canastota
Ali Fattah	400015	\$1000 civil penalty	800.16(4) & 800.3(ap)	Brooklyn

- Staten Island University Hospital – South Campus, has been designated a Stroke Center by the NYS DOH.
- Change in Epi-Auto injector law (3000-C): anyone who has a prescription can have and administer an epi-auto injector.
- 800.5 Requirement for ALS System – must have controlled substances approved plan.
- REMAC sent a letter of support for the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association.
- Multiple protocols were revised.
- REMAC will send a letter to NYS DOH expressing concerns over the level of staffing currently allowed for Mass Gatherings (i.e., outdoor concerts). It was recommended that physicians in charge of these events be at a minimum board eligible/certified in emergency medicine.
- BLS Glucometry will be mandatory as of December 31, 2017.
 - There was mention that this might be burdensome for some agencies, especially volunteers.

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 Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM. The following is a summary:

AHA Mission Lifeline

The QA Committee recommends that REMSCO/REMAC can work more closely with the AHA. An AHA representative, Ms. Sheree Murphy, presented information on AHA Mission Lifeline. EMS Agencies can receive recognition for working with AHA to meet Mission Lifeline goals for STEMI Care. There was discussion regarding the submission of 12-lead ECGs to on line medical control facilities. Since not all on line medical control facilities require submission of 12 lead ECGs from ALS units, the QA Committee suggested that on line medical control facilities and the acceptance of 12 lead ECGs be reviewed. Also, an advisory should be developed identifying STEMI and STROKE data elements (metrics).

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The next QA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT

No report. The next meeting of the SEMSCo/SEMAC will be held on May 9 – 10, 2017, in Albany.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Marie Diglio reported on the Check & Inject Program. The demonstration project was ended, but agencies that participated in the study can continue to use epinephrine syringe kits. The Commissioner of Health has approved the expansion of the EMT scope of practice. We are waiting for the NYS DOH BEMS to complete language on how to implement this expansion of EMT scope of practice.

Representatives from the City College EMS First Response Squad introduced themselves. Their application is complete except for a transport agreement. Once this is completed, the application can be forwarded to NYS DOH BEMS.

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