Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City

April 24, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on April 24, 2018 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. Deputy Chief William Bilz 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, Robert Bristol	X	
New York City Police Department	8. PO Daniel Rodriguez Alternate, Det. John Johnstone		X
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. Dist 4	9. Martin Grillo, EMTP Alternate, James Downey, MBA, EMT	X	
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. District 18	10. Louis Deutsch Alternate, Vacant	X	
REMAC NYC	11. Josef Schenker, MD Alternate, David Ben-Eli, MD	X	

Organizational Members *(continued)*		**Present**	**Absent**
United New York Ambulance Network	12. Vacant Alternate, Scott Orlanski, EMTP	X	
	13. Vacant Alternate, Mordechai Lax, EMTP	X	
At-Large Members		**Present**	**Absent**
14.	Vincent Barranco, EMTP	X	
15.	Scott Chiang, EMTP	X	
16.	Arthur Cooper, MD	X	
17.	**Robert Crupi, MD, Chair**	X	
18.	Joseph A. DeMorato, EMTP		X
19.	Manfred Fuchs, EMTP	X	
20.	Jerrold Gelbard, EMTP	X	
21.	Jerry Gombo	X	
22.	Sean Graves	X	
23.	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMT-P	X	
24.	Dennis Laurie, EMT	X	
25.	Mitchell S. Powell. EMTP	X	
26.	Michael Vatch, EMTP		X

Staff Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration
Marie Diglio, EMTP, Executive Director Operations
Joseph Raneri, EMT, Disaster and CTC Coordinator

Guests Michael Linehan, NYSDOH BEMS

Robert Crupi, MD, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. 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 March 27, 2018 meeting. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as written unanimously.

A stenographer was present pursuant to NYS DOH requirements, to record the transfer of operating authority applications being acted upon.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- Louis Deutsch is nominated to represent District 18 of the NYS VA&RA. Letter from Keith Angenbroich, Secretary, District 18.
    - This was discussed by the REMSCO, followed by a hand vote: 16 in-favor, 4 abstain, 0 opposed. The appointment was approved.

FDNY EMS:

- FDNY EMS Program Agency 3rd Quarterly Report submitted to NYSDOH.
- PCR Monthly Inventory Control Report February 2018
- Non-compliant PCR form submission for February 2018:
    - Bay Community VAC
    - Bayside Community VAC *(no longer in service)*
    - Bedford Stuyvesant VAC
    - Broad Channel VFD – in process ePCR
    - East Midwood VAC
    - Flushing Community VAC
    - Glendale VAC
    - NYPD-Relief Fund
    - PA NY/NJ *(not known if this agency is still in service)*
    - Roxbury VFD
    - West Hamilton Beach VFD – in process ePCR

NYS DOH:

- 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
None				

Ambulance Agencies:

- Correspondence from Bensonhurst VAC regarding technical assistance requested from REMSCO. Assistance was provided.

Course Sponsors:

- NYS DOH has distributed Course Sponsor Renewal forms.

EMS Award Nominations:

- Gail Larkin, for EMS Educator from George Contreras, KBCC.
- Park Slope VAC for Agency of the Year from Bensonhurst VAC.

- Jillian Cox for ALS Provider from Bensonhurst.

Other:

- CV for Robert Crupi. (In response to request from NYS DOH BEMS for nomination of new representative to SEMSCO. Dr. Yedidyah Langsam's term expires December 31, 2018, and cannot be renewed. According to REMSCO Bylaws, current Chair nominates the SEMSCO representative.)

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Joseph Raneri reported the following:

Citywide Planning Initiatives

- REMSCO continues to participate in various citywide planning initiatives including the NY Health Coalition, Brooklyn Health Coalition, NYCEM Transportation Plan Workgroup and NYS DOH HEC Application Workgroup.
- NYC REMSCO is participating in the planning committee for the NYC DOHMH SurgeEX exercise that took place on April 4th 2018. The exercise mocked a no notice coastal evacuation scenario and tested the ability of hospitals to rapidly discharge patients and begin evacuation operations. Transportation was only a limited component of the exercise and will be discussed in greater detail during a May 8th facilitated discussion.

Intranasal Naloxone

- REMSCO has available for distribution the new Single Stage Nasal Spray Naloxone administration kit. This spray delivers a single 4mg/ml dose of Naloxone utilizing a single stage nasal spray.

ePCRs

- Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department has gone live with E-PCRs on the REMSCO system.
- Additional agencies in the final stages of going live by the end of April.
- The NYS DOH has begun testing of its NEMSIS 3.4 data bridge and REMSCO is working with NYS DOH on hosting NYC information seminars on the NEMSIS 3.4 transition.
- REMSCO continues to participate in a workgroup on integrating EMS E-PCR data into hospital charts. A REMAC sub-committee is being developed to discuss EMS technology, which may also work on this topic.

Update Website

FDNY Monthly CMEs are now available on the REMSCO Learning Management System (LMS). Completing the CME on the REMSCO LMS will generate a certificate good for 1 REMAC CME credit. Additional CMEs will be posted as they are developed.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, *Chair Joseph Marcellino, MPH*

No New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority or Determinations of Public Need were received.

Two (2) new applications for Determination of Public Need were received. Prior to beginning discussions, all REMSCO members were asked if they needed to recuse themselves from participating. No member stated the need to recuse. REMSCO Members were also asked if they felt any other member should recuse themselves. No member identified anyone who should recuse themselves.

Lifeline Ambulance Service, Inc (7292) transfer of ambulance operating authority to Uder Health Management, LLC. The following comes in the form of a seconded motion from the Ambulance Committee: *The Ambulance Committee of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City finds, based upon the receipt of a complete application for Transfer of Operating Authority of Lifeline Ambulance Service, Inc. (7292) to Uder Health Management LLC, and a review of Competency and Fitness having been conducted by the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the New York State Department of Health; and that review having revealed no issues challenging Competency and Fitness, recommends that approval of the Transfer of Operating Authority of Lifeline Ambulance Service, Inc. (7292) to Uder Health Management LLC, operating authority within the NYC Counties of Kings, Queens, Bronx, Richmond and New York, be granted.*

The motion was discussed, followed by a roll-call and signature vote: 17 in-favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain. The motion carried and will be forwarded to NYS DOH BEMS.

Midwood Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc (7178) transfer of ambulance operating authority to InstaCare I, LLC. The following comes in the form of a seconded motion from the Ambulance Committee: *The Ambulance Committee of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City finds, based upon the receipt of a complete application for Transfer of Operating Authority of Midwood Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc. (7178) to InstaCare 1, LLC, and a review of Competency and Fitness having been conducted by the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City and the New York State Department of Health; and that review having revealed no issues challenging Competency and Fitness, recommends that approval of the Transfer of Operating Authority of Midwood Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc. (7178) to InstaCare 1, LLC, operating authority within the NYC Counties of Kings, Queens, and New York, be granted.*

The motion was discussed, followed by a roll-call and signature vote: 17 in-favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain. The motion carried and will be forwarded to NYS DOH BEMS.

The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT, Mordy Lax, Chair

Mordy Lax, Chair, reported that the Training and Education Committee of the Regional EMS Council of New York City met on April 10, 2018. The following is a meeting summary:

1. The BLS IM Epinephrine administration training module has been completed. It will be posted on the REMSCO LMS soon. Training will include using the NYS DOH skill sheet.

2. A training module on use of hemostatic dressings is being created. This will include information from the ACS's 'Stop the Bleed' program, and other NAEMT educational products. (REMAC supported using Stop the Bleed materials.)

3. A training module on new Stroke information, including updated Stroke Scale will be developed once new protocols are approved by SEMAC. The T&E Committee will work with QA Committee.

4. The CLI course has been updated to meet NYS DOH requirements. A draft has b been emailed to Albany, and we are awaiting response. A summer CLI course is anticipated.

5. Nominations for Regional Faculty will be submitted to NYS DOH. We are in desperate need of regional faculty and program coordinators. Instructor level courses cannot be conducted without this level of instructors.

6. Recommendations regarding EMS Fatigue Studies will be developed into a regional information module.

The next meeting of the T&E Committee will be announced.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, *Josef Schenker, MD*

Dr. Schenker, Chair, reported that the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The following is a meeting summary:

1. Membership: No new information.
2. No new enforcement actions from the NYSDOH, Bureau of EMS, Operations Unit.
3. The following ALS Renewals were approved:
    a. North Shore University Hospital Ambulance Service (2911)
    b. FDNY EMS (0167)
    c. Primary Care Ambulance Corp (0676)
    d. NYPH EMS (0502)
    e. First Response Ambulance (0668)
    f. 0702 NYPD ESU (0702)
    g. Maimonides Medical Center (7127)
4. Requests for extensions for implementation of BLS Glucometry from:
    a. NYPH EMS
    b. Fordham EMS
5. Shortage of Diltiazem: ALS Units without diltiazem may complete protocols without that medication, as long as it is in shortage.
6. An advisory approving the regional use by BLS Providers of Hemostatic Dressings was approved.
7. Approved procedure change: Allow the use of supraglottic Airways without waveform capnography, when there are more patients than waveform capnography units, until more resources are procured. This is an emergency change.
8. A proposal from FDNY for a demonstration project to allow CFRs to assist patients with albuterol be brought to Protocol Committee.
9. Stroke Systems of Care was again discussed. First Watch will present at the next QA Meeting and discuss grant options.
10. A new Bio-Medical TAG will be formed to review and evaluate new medications and technologies.

The next REMAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Josef Schenker, MD, reported that the Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The following is a meeting summary:

1. Midazolam Survey:
    a. Data has been collected from 17 agencies. Not all agencies have participated and agency medical directors were asked to assist in having their agencies submit data.
2. Safety TAG:
    a. Many robust studies have been completed on EMS Fatigue.
    b. Study recommendations will be reviewed, and those suitable for NYC will be included in an educational advisory.
    c. Recommendations and other study information will be forwarded to the Training and Education Committee.
3. Naloxone Usage 2017 Report from HIDA were shared with REMAC.

The next QA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT

SEMAC /SEMSCO will meet in May 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The EMS Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018. Since that date is a Jewish holiday, and there are several Jewish awardees, it was decided that a second ceremony will be held after the next REMSCO meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Awardees will be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Award Nominations were discussed, and new names were accepted from the floor. Ballots were updated and circulated. Dr. Yedidyah Langsam collected and tallied the ballots. Winners are as follows:

- Basic Life Support Provider of the Year: George Valenti, EMT
- Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year: Elias Friedman, EMT-P (Posthumous)
- EMS Agency of the Year: Park Slope VAC
- EMS Leadership Award: Nancy Benedetto, MS, AC
- EMS Educator of Excellence: Gail Larkin, MS, EMTP, CIC
- EMS Communications Specialist of the Year: Nalini Baptiste
- Registered Nurse of Excellence: Meghan Farley, RN
- Physician of Excellence: Paul Barbara, MD
- Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety: Michael Redlener, MD

Nancy Benedetto reported that the NYS DOH BEMS has appointed a new Director, Ryan Greenberg. He has been in EMS for the past 20-years, with varied experience.

No further business remaining, the meeting of the Regional EMS Council was adjourned. The next meeting will be held April 24, 2018.