Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City

September 19, 2017

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on September 19, 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, Peter Bojmal	X	
New York City Police Department	8. PO Daniel Rodriguez Alternate, Det. 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, 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. 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, Chair**	X	
17.	Joseph A. DeMorato, EMTP		X
18.	Manfred Fuchs, EMTP	X	
19.	Jerrold Gelbard, EMTP	X	
20.	Jerry Gombo		X
21.	Sean Graves	X	
22.	Dennis Laurie, EMT	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

Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP, EMVAC

Karen Taddeo, Attorney, DNYAA

John Warwick

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 June 20, 2017 meeting. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as written unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- NYS VA&RA, District 4, Martin Grillo appointed primary member. James Downey is alternate.
- Nominations for At Large seats submitted for:
    - Yedidyah Langsam, PhD
    - Fred Kneitel

FDNY EMS:

- Copies of PCR inventory and Non-Compliance Memos sent to NYS DOH.

NYS DOH:

- Message from Lee Burns stating that volunteer ambulance agencies closing operations have options as to where their assets can be transferred. Assets can be kept within their community and/or transferred to other volunteer agencies.
- Letter to Davis Training Programs regarding violations found during site visit.
- Current list of ALS First Response and Ambulance Services in NYC.
- 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				

- Letter regarding the REMSCO vote on the Coling Medical Transport transfer of operating authority to Rapid EMS:
    - Letter to Rapid EMS Approving transfer.
    - Letter to REMSCO stating that Rapid EMS approval has been rescinded and asking for explanation of vote. (A reply was sent to NYS DOH.)
    - Letter to REMSCO stating the REMSCO must revote, and the decision to approve/deny must be based solely on the competency & fitness of the proposed new owner. Additionally, REMSCO members abstaining or voting 'No' must verbalize reasons for their vote. This is according to NYS DOH policy 06-06.

Course Sponsor Renewals: (Arrived late, after June 30, 2017)

- # 08-007, NYPD Emergency Service Unit, BLS, Kings County
- 08-047, Queensborough Community College, BLS, Queens County
- 08-085, Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corp, BLS, Kings County
    - To be signed by Chair and sent to NYS DOH.

Other:

- Application to expand course sponsor into Kings County from Emergency Aid Traing, Inc. (BLS/Queens).
    - This will be forwarded to QA Committee
- Notice of possible payment of dividends and last date to file claims: US Bankruptcy Court. Southern District of NY, TransCare Hartford County, Inc.
    - Transfer of Operating Authority application for **First Response Ambulance, Inc. (0668) to Ambulnz NY3, LLC**.
        - The following associated documents were send/received:
            - Request for Competency & Fitness Review to NYS DOH emailed.
            - Competency & Fitness approval from NYS DOH received via email.
            - Public Notice sent and published
            - Application posted and emailed

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- The following REMAC Advisories were distributed and posted:
    - 2017-09 Revision/Update of REMAC Prehospital Treatment & Transport Protocols
    - 2017-10 BLS Glucometry and Pulse-Oximetry
    - 2017-11 REMAC Advisory BLS Altered Mental Status 411 Protocol Revision
    - 2017-12 REMAC Advisory CPAP Appendix Revision
- The following course sponsor renewal approvals were sent to NYS DOH:
    - 04-013, Northwell EMI
    - 08-009, SIEMT
    - 08-035, LaGuardia CC
    - 08-041, Regional Training Center for EMTs
    - 08-057, St. John's University
    - 08-072, Universal Emergency Care Training
    - 08-084, Rescue Training Inst
    - 08-086, Kingsborough CC
    - 08-088, B & H Medical Trg Inc
    - 08-089, NYC FD EMS Academy

STAFF REPORT

Joseph Raneri, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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.
- REMSCO also participants in the NYC Rx Stat meetings with HIDTA and the NYC Opioid Prevention Taskforce, providing monthly data on Naloxone usage amongst non-FDNY EMS units.
- NYC REMSCO has transitioned to a new mass notification system called Rapid Notify.
    - New system sends out messaging via email, phone and text.
    - FDNY has also been trained in use of the system for its 911 notifications.
    - Agencies will be able to reply to notification emails and texts.

Intranasal Naloxone

- REMSCO has available for distribution the new Nasal Spray Naloxone administration kit. This spray delivers a single 4mg/ml dose of Naloxone utilizing a single stage nasal spray.
- The REMAC approved this unit as an option for agency usage at the discretion of the agency's Medical Director. Agencies wanting Narcan must submit a letter from their medical director to Nancy Benedetto at nbenedetto@nycremsco.org.

EPCRs

- 5 Agencies are currently live with additional agencies coming on board by the end of the fall.
- Have made numerous updates to the EPCR system to streamline form completion.
- REMSCO staff will be making a more concerted effort to help individual agencies in their efforts to go live.
- The NYS DOH posted their draft NEMSIS 3 data dictionary for Program Agency review. NYC REMSCO submitted recommendations for NYS to collect additional data points already part of the NEMSIS 3 PCR to allow for better trend mapping.

REMSCO App

- First round of Beta Testing for the App has been complete.
- The data and feedback was sent to developers who are working to integrate the responses.
- There will likely be another round of testing once these updates have been implemented.

Equipment Distribution

- In support of the REMAC decision to allow blood glucometry at the BLS level, REMSCO procured blood glucometers for all non-municipal EMS agencies within the region. This equipment was distributed in August from the SCEMS garage with over 1,300 units being distributed. In addition, the Council also distributed pulse oximeters for Volunteer Agencies and 911 participating units. Any agency that has not received their equipment should contact the offices of the Council.

Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration, reported there was no new Program Agency information.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, *Chair Joseph Marcellino, MPH*

No New Applications for Determination of Need received.

Review of New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority

One (1) new application received: Transfer of Operating Authority of **First Response Ambulance, Inc. (0668) to Ambulnz NY3, LLC**. Public Notice for the application has been distributed, posted on the REMSCO webpage and published in the NY Times. No negative information has been received. Competency & Fitness approval has been received from the NYS DOH. The application was reviewed and discussed.

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 First Response Ambulance, Inc. (0668) to Ambulnz NY3, 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 First Response Ambulance, Inc. (0668) to Ambulnz NY3, LLC, operating authority within the NYC Counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Bronx, and Richmond, be granted.* A roll call vote was taken, followed by a written vote. The vote was as follows: 17 in Favor; 0 Abstentions and 1 Opposed. The motion carried.

The **Coling Medical Transport, Inc. (0608) to Rapid EMS, LLC** transfer of operating authority application is being brought back to REMSCO for a second vote. NYS DOH states the REMSCO may only consider competency & fitness when voting on a transfer of operating authority. The NYS DOH also affirmed the Ambulance certificate was valid. This was discussed by Ambulance Committee, and its previous recommendation to approve this transfer was unanimously affirmed.

The previous motion made by the ambulance Committee was brought forward for a second vote: "*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 Coling Medical Transport, Inc. (0608) a/k/a Coling Ambulance Service, Inc, n/k/a Blessed Ambulance Company, Inc. [Bankruptcy] to Rapid EMS, LLC (as the Trustee approved designee of Citywide Mobile Response Corp.), 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 Coling Medical Transport, Inc. (0608) a/k/a Coling Ambulance Service, Inc, n/k/a Blessed Ambulance Company, Inc. [Bankruptcy] to Rapid EMS, LLC (as the Trustee approved designee of Citywide Mobile Response Corp.), operating authority within the, NYC Counties of New York (Manhattan) and Bronx, be granted.* A roll call vote was taken, followed by a written vote. The vote was as follows: 17 in Favor; 0 Abstentions and 1 Opposed. The motion carried.

It was reported that the **ROCK VAC appeal** will be heard at the next SEMSCO meeting.

The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT

Mordy Lax, new Chair of the Training & Education Committee, reported the Training and Education Committee is being reformed. Membership will represent all sectors. Our primary goal is to create educational enhancements. The next meeting of the Training & Education Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2017.

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

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The following is a meeting summary:

Approved Protocol Revisions

1) Due to drug shortage of Dextrose, a NOTE was added to ALS Protocol 503-B: Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)/Asystole to with-hold dextrose if BGL is above 60 mg/dl. The protocol will revert to original language after drug shortage is ended.
2) Certification & Credentialing, Paramedic Exam weight of exam questions was revised and implemented over summer. New scoring effective September 13, 2017. Refer to REMAC Advisory 2017-06 Paramedic Exam Scoring Changes.
3) FDNY Active Shooter Protocols (also called Rescue Task Force Medical Protocols) approved. Sent to SEMAC.
4) Narcan Dosing: NYS DOH is now providing free narcan in a 4mg dose nasal spray. Higher dose is included in regional protocols as an option. Leave choice to agency medical director. Approved
5) CPAP for BLS approved.
6) Location BP, approved. Will be sent to SEMAC.
7) Protocol Implementation: Implement revised protocols on January 1st, with publication immediately after most recent preceding SEMAC meeting. Revise protocols not more than once each year. Approved

NewYork Presbyterian (REMAC approved/supported the following)

1) **Mobile Stroke Unit:** NYP intention to expand the MSU's technology to include telemedicine. This will allow the team to transition by replacing current neurologist with an advanced

provider. Allowing direct on-line medical control with neurology teams at comprehensive stroke centers. Also, two additional units will be added (total of three units).

2) **Community Paramedicine Program:** Pilot focused on high-risk patients with chronic CHF.

JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Joef Schenker reported the Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee met on May 3, 2017 and June 21, 2017. The following is a meeting summary:

1. NYPH Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit Team gave a presentation on data collected
2. Stroke care, interventional stroke centers, and the potential change of field treatment was discussed.
3. A Patient Care Restriction was processed.
4. The Midazolam Survey was discussed.
    a. EMS Agency letter with survey (6-month survey).
    b. ED Letter out using NYC DOH list.
        i. All sent out.
5. Mission Lifeline
    a. STEMI document shared with QA members.
    b. EMS Stroke quality measures discussed.
6. Safety Tag – updated data collection tool should be completed by September.

STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT

The next SEMSCO/SEMAC meetings will be held on September 26 & 27, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations to fill vacant At Large seats. Elections should take place in November 2017.

No further business remaining, the meeting of the Regional EMS Council was adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 24, 2017.