

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

Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City

November 29, 2016

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on November 29 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	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.	Rachel E. Freier, Esq., EMT	X	
19.	Jerrold Gelbard, EMTP	X	
20.	Jerry Gombo	X	
21.	Martin Grillo, EMTP		X
22.	Sean Graves	X	
23.	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	X	
24.	Mitchell S. Powell, EMTP		X
25.	Michael Vatch, EMTP	X	
26.			

Staff

Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration
 Marie Diglio, EMTP, Executive Director Operations
 Joseph Raneri, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

Guests

Michael Linehan, NYS DOH EMS

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Yedidyah 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. A stenographer was present to record the meeting to meet statutory requirements of Transfer of Operating Authority procedures.

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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 September 20, 2016 meeting. Hearing none, Scott Chiang motioned to approve the Minutes, seconded by Scott Orlanski. The Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- Joseph Marcellino nominated Daniel Meisels as his alternate for the HHC seat.
 - A resume was submitted.
 - Requires REMSCO approval.

REMSCO voted unanimously to approve. Joseph Marcellino recused himself.

- Michael Vatch, DNYAA, nominates Mordy Lax as alternate for Joshua Hans.
 - Requires REMSCO approval.

REMSCO voted unanimously to approve.

FDNY EMS:

- Email and attachments from Daryl Mazlish, Jamaica Estates VAC to Roz Dowling, FDNY Medical Systems Management office affirming that his agency is in compliance with PCR submission.

NYS DOH:

- Competency & Fitness approval for Louis Wolocwitz, Mark Gross and Mendel Yechezkai, for the Transfer of operating authority application submitted by Chesed.
- New forms: Notice of Intent to Provide PAD (doh-4135 8/16), and Notice of Intent to Provide Epinephrine Auto-Injector (DOH-4188 (11/16).
- Copy of a letter from NYS DOH to Selwin Olivacce, EMT Training, Inc., stating it will not be renewing this course sponsors NYS DOH approval to provide EMS certification courses. Course in progress have been cancelled; students must be reimbursed.

Determination of Public Need:

- Letter from Nixon Peabody withdrawing the St. Luke's Hospital Center dba Mount Sinai West, application to expand primary operating territory.
- Letter from Nixon Peabody withdrawing the NYU Hospitals Center, application to expand primary operating territory.

Other:

- Email from New York Methodist Hospital announcing a name change to New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist on December 1, 2016.

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- FOIL request from Ronnie Murchinson, Rockaway VAC, requesting copies of public records pertaining to NYC Community VAC.

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- Announcement of approval of Bill A3590B / S05542B, requiring sexual offender background checks for all new employees/volunteers on EMS Agencies.
- Public Notice (email, mail, NY Times) for TOA application for TC Ambulance Group. (0508) [Bankruptcy] to Special Care Transport, Inc., dba Chesed of the Rockaways and Nassau County
- Memo deeming the transfer of operating authority application submitted for TC Ambulance Group. (0508) [Bankruptcy] to Special Care Transport, Inc., dba Chesed of the Rockaways and Nassau County complete.
- Recommendations to approve the following transfer of operating authority applications to NYS DOH:
 - TC Ambulance Corp. (0510) [Bankruptcy] to American Medical Response of New York, LLC
 - NYS DOH approval received. New agency ID: 0405.
 - Century Ambulance Service, Inc. (7342) to Ambulnz NY, LLC
 - NYS DOH approval received. New agency ID: 0408.
 - TCBA Ambulance, Inc dba St. Barnabas Hospital Emergency Services (0574) [Bankruptcy] to Mount Sinai Hospital
 - Ambulance certificate # 0406 submitted by NYS DOH.
 - TransCare New York, Inc. (0164) [Bankruptcy] to NYU Hospitals Center
 - Ambulance certificate # 0108 submitted by NYS DOH.
 - TC Ambulance North, Inc dba TransCare, Inc. (0509) [Bankruptcy] to Instacare I, LLC
 - NYS DOH approval received. New agency ID: 0404.
 - Ambulance certificate # 0404 submitted by NYS DOH.

STAFF REPORT

Nancy Benedetto reported that REMSCO Program Agency Deliverables were approved at the September meeting. Since then there have been meetings with FDNY to finalize its Program Agency Deliverables and Memorandum Of Understanding. FDNY deliverables include credentialing and paper pcr screening. This must be approved by the Regional EMS Council. Scott Orlanski motioned that the FDNY PA Deliverables be approved, seconded by Sean Graves. This was carried unanimously.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, Chair Joseph Marcellino, MPH

TC Ambulance Group, Inc. (0508) dba Mount Sinai Beth Israel to Special Care Transport, Inc., Chesed of the Rockaways and Nassau County

There was one (1) applications for transfer of ambulance operating authority. The Ambulance Committee received and reviewed the application in electronic format prior to the meeting. Copies of application were made available to REMSCO members and the general public. A public notice was mailed, emailed and published in the NY Times. No negative comments regarding competency and fitness were received.

The following come forward in the form of seconded motions 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 TC Ambulance*

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Group, Inc. (0508) dba Mount Sinai Beth Israel to Special Care Transport, Inc., Chased of the Rockaways and Nassau County, 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 TC Ambulance Group, Inc. (0508) dba Mount Sinai Beth Israel to Special Care Transport, Inc., Chased of the Rockaways and Nassau County, operating authority within the NYC Counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Bronx, Richmond, be granted.

Prior to vote, the Chair asked if any REMSCO member had a conflict which would prevent him/her from voting. Hearing none, the Chair asked the REMSCO membership if anyone believed there was a member who should not participate in the vote. Hearing none, a roll-call vote of REMSCO members was conducted and the results were the following: 17 in Favor; 0 Abstentions and 0 Opposed. The motion carried, and will be forwarded to the NYS DOH BEMS for final action.

The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT

No report.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. David Ben-Eli, reported that the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on September 27, and November 15, 2016. The following is a meeting summary:

➤ **Membership:**

- Matt Harris, MD, was nominated to fill the REMAC Pediatric seat.
- From FDNY: Remove Carolina Pereira and Nathan Reisman. The new fellows are:
 - (1) Rich Menaik (Rich.Menaik@fdny.nyc.gov)
 - (2) Meredith Masters (meredith.masters@fdny.nyc.gov)
 - (a) Nominations will be referred to REMSCO for final approval. According to Article 30, REMAC members must be approved by REMSCO.
 - (i) **REMSCO approved unanimously.**

➤ **From 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
Ziph Hedrington	168767	Suspended for one (1) year. Two (2) months deemed to have been served concurrently with his period in restricted status with his employer. The remaining ten (10) months are stayed pending no further violations for three (3) years. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000. \$1500 shall be suspended pending no further violations for three (3) years.	10 NYCRR Part 880.16(a)(13)	Bronx
Jean Fontus	418170	Certification Censured. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000. Entire amount suspended pending no further violations for a period of three (3) years.	10 NYCRR Part 880.16(a)(11)	Brooklyn
Michael Schwertfeger	237696	Certification Suspended. The suspension is deemed to have been served concurrent with his last day of employment on 10/11/13 and ending on 07/05/16. Assessed a civil penalty	10 NYCRR Part 800.16(e)	Fredonia

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		of \$1000. The penalty is stayed pending a period of probation. Placed on probation for two (2) years effective 7/5/16.		
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- Final, all-signatures present, Inter-Regional (Nassau, Suffolk & NYC) Protocol Agreement (Renewal).
 - ‘Any agency that normally operates in another region is permitted and authorized to operate in this region while utilizing their parent region’s protocols so long as the transport either originates or terminates in their parent region or when operating on a bona fide mutual aid response to another region.’

The following protocols were revised:

550 Pediatric Respiratory Arrest and 556 Pediatric AMS	Naloxone dosing and route of administration made consistent in both protocols.
BLS 404 Suspected MI	Revised to eliminate age restrictions for administration of aspirin.
Regional Modified START Triage	Revised to triage asymptomatic Infants as Orange Tags. This will discontinue the practice of Red Tagging Infants based on age only.
STEMI Advisory	Removing reference to “segments”, and use the term “Rescue” to identify the transport of STEMI patients directly to Cath Lab. The terms “Acute Transport” and “Critical Transport” must be defined.
Non-Solicited Medical Intervention	On-scene medical control can be provided by a NYC REMAC credentialed OLMC physician
Protocols 500A, 500B, 504A, and 510	Norepinephrine added as an option.
Protocols 411, 413, 556, 557, and 530	BLS Glucometer use and finger stick made optional. BG level would be lowered from 120 to 60.

NY Presbyterian Hospital Stroke Unit - was supported.

- Alternatively staffed ambulance
- The NYS DOH has stated that this was not a demonstration project as identified in Article 30 of the PHL.
- NYPH and the FDNY have been working together to operationalize.
- Currently Stroke is a BLS call-type. BLS will be dispatched and will notify dispatch if a Stroke is suspected.
- At this point, 2 tPa administered.

FDNY CFR Demonstration Project recommended for approval

- Expands scope of practice for CFR’s on fire trucks (aspirin, albuterol, epi-pen)
 - Requires REMSCO approval prior to SEMAC/SEMSCO action.
- REMSCO discussed the demo project. Mordechai Lax motioned to approve the study, seconded by Sean Graves. The demonstration project was approved unanimously.*

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, October 26, 2016. The following is a summary:

QA Communications

- Three ALS 30-Day Patient Care Restrictions and 2 appeals have been received.
- One BLS Appeal has been received.

Agency QA Committee Reports

- Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit: 5 cases reported

Epi-Pen use by BLS

- None received

QA Studies:

- ALS 513: Seizures (Administration of SO Midazolam):
 - *QA Committee members stated that midazolam QA requirement ended as of July 2016. A final report should be generated so this can be closed.*

Active QA Studies

Naloxone Use by BLS data will be presented to REMAC. The amount of naloxone used, RMA's, and transports to hospitals are among the items to be reviewed.

Aggregate data for October and November 2016 will be sent to QA. FDNY CFR naloxone use will also be reviewed.

Demonstration/Pilot Projects

A process for future proposals must be developed.

TRAUMA NOTIFICATIONS

QA recommended that the Protocol Committee develop a notification process for Trauma, Burn, etc. Develop an adult and pediatric trauma criteria and triggers for notifications.

The next QA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 3pm.

STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT

The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) will meet on January 10 & 11, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Benedetto reported that the previous naloxone distributed is expiring. In October a notification was emailed to agencies stating REMSCO would swap expired medications for new naloxone. She also reminded agencies to check MADs serial numbers to identify defective units.

No further business remaining, the meeting of the Regional EMS Council was adjourned. The next meeting will be held January 31, 2017.