

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 20, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Offices of the Regional EMS Council, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. This meeting can be viewed via webcast at www.nycremsco.org.

Members		Present	Absent
Burn Surgeon (1)	Robert J. Winchell, MD	√	
Downstate New York Ambulance Association			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Josef Schenker, MD, Chair	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Michael Vatch, EMTP Robert Ackerman, Alt	√	
	Vacant vacant, alt		
EMS Community Emergency Department			
Medical Directors (3)	Nikolaos Alexandrou, MD		√
	Christopher Graziano, MD	√	
	Vacant		
Nurses (2)	Eric Cohen, RN	√	
	Mimi Langsam, RN		√
Administrators (2)	Kevin Munjal, MD		√
	Cindy Baseluos, MD	√	
FDNY EMS			
Commissioner or Non-Physician Designee	Vacant		
Medical Director (3)	Dario Gonzalez, MD	√	
	Glenn Asaeda, MD	√	
	Bradley Kaufman, MD, 2 nd Vice Chair		√
Online Medical Control Physicians (2)	Doug Isaacs, MD		√
	Nathan Reisman, MD		√
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Telina Lloyd, EMTP	√	
	Joshua Bucklan, RN, EMTP	√	
Greater New York Hospital Association			
President or Non-Physician Designee (1)	Alison Burke		√
Emergency Physician (1)	Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1 st Vice Chair		√
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Heidi Cordi, MD Neal Flomenbaum, MD, alternate	√	

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On Line Medical Control Physicians (2)	Lewis Marshall, JD, MD		√
	Michael Redlener, MD Michael Hilton, MD, alternate	√	
Emergency Department Administrator (2)	Laura Iavicoli, MD Stuart Kessler, MD, alternate		
	Pamela Lai, MD		√
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Dominick Battinelli, EMT	√	
	Scott Chiang, EMT	√	
Medical Society of New York Physician (1)	Peter Wyer, MD	√	
Medical Standards Committee			
ALS Physician (1)	Paul Barbara, MD	√	
BLS Physician (1)	David Ben-Eli, MD	√	
New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene- Emergency Preparedness Program Physician (1)	Celia Quinn, MD, MPH Timothy Styles, MD, MPH, alternate	√	
New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation Physician (1)	Vacant		
New York City Police Department Physician (1)	Charles Martinez, MD	√	
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association/District 4 & 18			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD		√
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Martin Grillo, EMT		√
	Vacant		
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)	Matthew Harris, MD		√
	Stephen Blumberg, MD, alternate		
Psychiatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)	William Fisher, MD	√	
Regional EMS Council NYC Physician (1)	Robert Crupi, MD	√	
Training & Education Committee Physician (1)	Jessica van Voorhees, MD		√
Trauma Surgeon (1)	Arthur Cooper, MD	√	
	Gary Marshall, MD, alternate		
Non-Voting Members			
At Large	Yedidiah Langsam, PhD, EMT	√	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD		√
Public	Christopher Sorrentino, RN		√

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

GUESTS: Josh Moskowitz, Jacobi MC
David Lobel, MD, MMC
Jason Zimmerman, MD, InstaCare EMS
Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E
James Downey, NYSVA&RA
Stu Kessler, MD, H&H/GNYHA

Dr. Josef Schenker, Chair, called the meeting to order. For the purposes of web casting, a roll call was performed. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the January 23, 2018 REMAC Meeting were unanimously approved.

Voting Requirements. A quorum is based on the number of voting seats – whether they are filled or vacant. Currently, REMAC has 30 voting seats, so when voting, a majority of members must vote in the affirmative to pass any motion. That means, 16 votes in the affirmative are needed to pass any motion.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

- Membership:
 - GNYHA:
 - Nominated Laura Iavicoli, MD to fill the vacant the vacant ED Administrator seat. Dr. Stuart Kessler will serve as alternate. Dr. Iavicoli's CV was submitted.
 - Nominated Dr. Neal Floembaum to serve as alternate to Heidi Cordi, MD, in the Ambulance Service Medical Director seat.
- NYC Health & Hospitals nominated Dr. Amado Baez, Chief of the Emergency Department, Kings County Hospital Center, as primary representative to REMAC. Alternate member will be Dr. Cherisse Berry, Trauma Surgeon, Surgical Intensivist at Bellevue Hospital. The nominations came from Machel Allen, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Sr. VP, NYC Health + Hospitals

All nominations were approved. These nominations will be forwarded to REMSCO for final approval.

- From FDNY:
 - No new information.

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➤ 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
None				

➤ Other:

- An email from GNYHA introducing Annie Colarusso. Ms. Colarusso is from City Hall. She is charged with an initiative to reduce noise pollution—with a focus on sirens at this point. She will work directly with City Agencies, and GNYHA will work with her regarding hospital based agencies. She would like to discuss this issue with volunteer EMS agencies via REMSCO/REMAC

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- The following were sent, at a minimum to Medical Standards and REMAC members:
- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
 - REMAC Advisories: (Also sent to all EMS Agencies in NYC and posted to REMSCO website)
 - 2018-01 REMAC Advisory Modified START Triage
 - 2018-02 REMAC Advisory Syringe Epinephrine for Basic EMTs
 - DRAFT REMAC Advisories: (Only sent to REMAC)
 - DRAFT 2018-03 REMAC Advisory OD Leave Behind Kits

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee worked on developing a draft advisory to operationalize a proposed initiative to provide naloxone kits to the lay public in the event of a suspected opioid overdose (Draft REMAC Advisory 2018-xx: OD Leave behind Kits). Dr. Glenn Asaeda spoke to his concern that this not increase on-scene time. Dr. Asaeda

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also reported NYC has already distributed over 120,000 kits. Nancy Benedetto stated REMSCO staff are working with NYC DOH to develop educational materials, including lists of treatment centers and support groups. Dr. Cindy Baselous recommended an educational video be created and posted on the REMSCO webpage. Video should include signs and symptoms of overdose. The Executive Committee brought this forward to the full REMAC for approval to release the advisory. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Medical Standards (David Ben-Eli, MD, Chair)

The revised C&C Committee Administrative Manual was discussed and approved unanimously, via roll-call vote.

Pediatric transport time parameters from STAC were recently changed from 60 minutes allowed time to 30 minutes in NYC. This request for change was sent to STAC on February 2, 2018 (STAC meets on April 24, 2018). FDNY has already sent out an advisory directing its personnel of the transport time. Medical standards recommended that REMAC approve an advisory be issued to immediately implement. This would require an emergency changed to our GOP. REMAC voted unanimously to approve this change.

The next Medical Standards meeting will be held on February 20, 2018.

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

No Report. The January 30, 2018 Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City meeting was cancelled.

The next meeting of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City will be held March February 27, 2018.

JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QA COMMITTEE UPDATE (MICHAEL REDLENER, MD, CHAIR)

The Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The following is a meeting summary:

Naloxone Study

Specific naloxone data will be requested.

Midazolam Study

Now that the REMSCO website is functioning, the survey will be distributed to EMS Agency Medical Directors. This survey will cover July 2016 to December 2016. Data will be due no later than March 7th, for presentation at the March 14th QA Meeting.

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Safety Study (Mordy Lax)

There have been several large studies conducted. One such study was conducted by the National State EMS Organizations. Data from this study will be sent to QA Members. Literature shows that EMS fatigue is a national issue. Specific remedies have been recommended and should be considered for inclusion in a regional advisory.

Mobile Stroke Unit QA

Stroke transport decisions were discussed, limited to MSTU. Should this information be included in GOP or made into a regional advisory?

Development of QA for OLMC facilities

A check list and framework for QA process will be developed. ALS requirements will be reviewed and updated.

Stroke Systems of Care were discussed. A stake-holders meeting was held where regional plans were considered, A protocol is being developed, and once finalized, will be brought to Protocol Committee and then to REMAC. This may be ready for the March meeting. All REMAC and Medical Standards members were invited to attend the Pre-Hospital and Interfacility working groups.

The next QA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm

STATE EMS COUNCIL/SEMAC UPDATE (Yedidiah Langsam, PhD)

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

The FDNY Medical Special Operations Conference will be held on May 3-6, 2018. Flyers have been distributed and posted online.

REMSCO NYC EMS Awards Dinner will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018. Look for emails with information on registering and donations.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for March 20, 2018.**