

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

## Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

### Minutes

**April 16, 2019**

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the at the Offices of the Regional EMS Council of NYC, 475 Riverside Drive, Ground Floor, New York City. This meeting can be viewed via webcast at [www.nycremsco.org](http://www.nycremsco.org).

<b><i>Members</i></b>		<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
<b>Burn Surgeon (1)</b>	Robert J. Winchell, MD		√
<b>Downstate New York Ambulance Association</b>			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	<b>Josef Schenker, MD, Chair</b>		√
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Michael Vatch, EMTP Robert Ackerman, Alt		√
	Vacant vacant, alt		
<b>EMS Community Emergency Department</b>			
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	√	
<b>FDNY EMS</b>			
Commissioner or Non- Physician Designee	Vacant		
Medical Director (3)	Dario Gonzalez, MD		√
	Glenn Asaeda, MD	√	

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	Bradley Kaufman, MD, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	√	
Online Medical Control Physicians (2)	Doug Isaacs, MD	√	
	Nathan Reisman, MD	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Barbara Aziz, EMTP	√	
	Joshua Bucklan, RN, EMTP	√	
<b>Greater New York Hospital Association</b>			
President or Non- Physician Designee (1)	Samia McEachin	√	
	Alison Burke, alternate		
Emergency Physician (1)	Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	√	
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Reed Caldwell, MD	√	
	Jonathan Berkowitz, MD, alternate		
On Line Medical Control Physicians (2)	Lewis Marshall, JD, MD	√	
	Michael Redlener, MD	√	
	Vacant, alternate		
Emergency Department Administrator (2)	Laura Iavicoli, MD	√	
	Stuart Kessler, MD, alternate		
	Matthew Fink, MD	√	
	Wallace Carter, MD, alternate		
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Dominick Battinelli, EMTP	√	
	Efrain Rendon, EMT	√	
<b>Medical Society of New York Physician (1)</b>	Peter Wyer, MD	√	
<b>Medical Standards Committee</b>			
ALS Physician (1)	Paul Barbara, MD	√	
BLS Physician (1)	David Ben-Eli, MD	√	
<b>New York City Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene-</b>	Celia Quinn, MD, MPH Timothy Styles, MD, MPH, alternate	√	

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<b>Emergency Preparedness Program Physician (1)</b>			
<b>New York City Health &amp; Hospitals Corporation Physician (1)</b>	Marc Kanter, MD Cherisse Berry, MD, alternate	√	
<b>New York City Police Department Physician (1)</b>	Charles Martinez, MD		√
<b>NYS Volunteer Ambulance &amp; Rescue Association/District 4 &amp; 18</b>			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Martin Grillo, EMTP	√	
	Vacant		
<b>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)</b>	Vacant		√
<b>Psychiatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)</b>	William Fisher, MD	√	
<b>Regional EMS Council NYC Physician (1)</b>	Robert Crupi, MD	√	
<b>Training &amp; Education Committee Physician (1)</b>	Jessica van Voorhees, MD	√	
<b>Trauma Surgeon (1)</b>	Arthur Cooper, MD	√	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>			
At Large	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	√	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD	√	
Public	Christopher Sorrentino, RN		√

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**STAFF:** Marie Diglio, Executive Director Operations  
Joseph Raneri, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Albert Arslan, Lincoln Hospital/H&H  
Nancy Benedetto, REMSCO  
Dominick Battinelli, SIUH EMS  
Robert Bristol, NYC EM  
John Cracolici, ATT-First Net  
James Downey, NYSVA&RA  
David Eng, FDNY  
Johanna Fifi, Mt Sinai  
Madeline Fong, BMCC  
Matt Friedman, Maimonides Medical Center  
Marc Kanter, Lincoln Hospital/H&H  
Lauryn Kosturko, FDNY  
Pamela Lai, MD, FDNY  
Mordy Lax, T&E  
Evan Mair, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, [evanmahl@gmail.com](mailto:evanmahl@gmail.com)  
William McGourity, AMR  
Rod Maracheric, Mt. Sinai  
Nathan Reisman, FDNY  
Steven Rudolph, Mt Sinai  
Tim Styles, DOHMH  
Meghan Williams, BMCC  
Pesach Zirkind, EMTP, Maimonides Medical Center

Dr. Jeffrey Rabrich, First Vice Chair, called the meeting to order. For the purposes of web casting, a roll call was performed. A quorum was present.

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The Minutes of the March 19, 2019 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:**

No new information

➤ **From FDNY:**

No new information

➤ **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:
  - Jose Rivera, EMT# 394927, Revoked effective 4/2/19 for violations of Part 800.16(a)(4)

➤ **Other:**

- Request for extension to implement Stroke Protocol:
  - Throggs Neck VAC
  - Forest Hills VAC
  - Hunter Ambulance
  - NYRA
  - SIUH
- Statement from Ezras Nashim on Measles
- Emails and letters from NYS DOH regarding Bellevue Hospitals approval as a Provisional Level 2 Pediatric Trauma Center.

*The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:*

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- The following were sent, at a minimum to Medical Standards and REMAC members:
  - Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
  - Statement of NYC REMAC Examination Policies and Procedures - ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY STATEMENT
  - ET3 Minutes for April 8, 2019 meeting
  - HazTac revised protocols
  - REMAC Advisories:
    - 2019-02 Bellevue Designation as a Level 2 Pediatric Trauma Center
    - 2019-03 Glucagon Typographical Corrections

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

### Medical Standards (David Ben-Eli, MD, Chair/Paul Barbara, MD, Vice-Chair)

The following revised documents are forwarded from the Medical Standards Committee in the form of seconded motions for consideration and vote:

#### **1. Recommend approval of revised HazTac Protocols.**

The revised protocols were emailed to REMAC members for review prior to 4/16/2019 meeting. If approved, a 30-day public notice will be initiated, and request for approval will be submitted to SEMAC. *Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.*

#### **2. Recommend approval of revised Academic Integrity Process.**

The revised language was emailed to REMAC members for review prior to 4/16/2019 meeting. This process removes all electronic devices from attendees. Exam takers will be provided with a basic calculator, if requested. *Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.*

**3. Recommend approval of ET3 (Emergency Triage/Treatment/Transport) language for inclusion into General Operating Procedures (GOP).**

This initiative focuses on the identification and transportation of patients to alternative destinations. Proposed language for inclusion into General Operating Procedures (GOP) was emailed to REMAC members for review prior to 4/16/2019 meeting. If approved, a 30-day public notice will be initiated, and request for approval will be submitted to SEMAC.

An amendment to remove "...or potentially unstable..." from the first bullet was accepted. *Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion with the amendment carried.*

**4. Proposed demonstration project for administration of Ketamine via specialized nebulizer.**

Dr. Matt Freidman discussed a proposed project for delivering ketamine via specialized nebulizer. REMAC requested a formal submission for review. Joseph Bove motioned to table further discussion to the June meeting, seconded by Robert Crupi; the motion carried (11 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention). This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE** (*Robert Crupi, MD, Vice Chair*)

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Dr. Robert Crupi reported that the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on March 26, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

- Lewis Marshall, MD, was approved as representative to SEMAC.
- REMSCO approved the following appointments:
  - NYSVA&RA District 18 has appointed Jerrold Gelbard ([jlgelbard@gmail.com](mailto:jlgelbard@gmail.com)) as primary representative, and David Meketansky ([dmeketansky@gmail.com](mailto:dmeketansky@gmail.com)) as alternate

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- GNYHA has appointed Samia McEachin ([smceachin@gnyha.org](mailto:smceachin@gnyha.org)) as primary representative, and re-appoints Alison Burke ([aburke@gnyha.org](mailto:aburke@gnyha.org)) as alternate.
- Transfer of Operating Authority was approved for Middle Village VAC to Ridgewood VAC.
- No New Applications for Determination of Public Need were received.
- A process to clarify operating territory is being developed.
- Private ambulance agencies that participated in SurgEx were thanked.
- REMSCO offices continue to distribute naloxone.
- The ability for agencies to join ePCR program (N3 platform) at not cost has re-opened.

**The next meeting of the Regional EMS Council will be held June 11, 2019.**

## **TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE** (*MORDY LAX, CHAIR*)

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No report

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

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The Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee have not met.

**First Watch** Dr Michael Redlener gave an update on the First Watch program. This is a software program for QA data collection. EMS agencies are being encouraged to participate. For additional information contact Joseph Raneri at [jraneri@nycremsco.org](mailto:jraneri@nycremsco.org). The next QA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 3:30p-4:30p

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

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The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) will meet on May 7 & 8, 2019.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit (MSTU) Interface language was circulated to members. This will clarify standard evaluation of stroke patients using NYC S-LAMS and operational issues. This was discussed and voted upon as follows: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. The language was approved. A REMAC Advisory will be developed and issued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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The formation of an ET3 Tag separate from the Community Paramedicine Tag was approved. The new tag will meet weekly. The REMAC Chair will appoint TAG members and select the Chair.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for June 11, 2019.**