

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 17, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, April 17, 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)	Barbara Assiz, 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, EMTP		√
	Scott Chiang, EMTP	√	
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)	Marc Kanter, MD	√	
	Cherisse Berry, MD, alternate		
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, EMTP	√	
	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, EMTP	√	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD	√	

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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: Albert Arslan, MD, FDNY
Robert Bristol, NYCEM
Madeline Fong, BMCC
Robert Goldstein, NYPD-ESU
Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E

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 March 20, 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: None**
- **From FDNY:**
 - PCR Monthly Inventory Control Report February 2018
 - Non-compliant PCR form submission for February 2018:
 - Bay Community VAC
 - Bayside Community VAC
 - Bedford Stuyvesant VAC
 - Broad Channel VFD – in process ePCR
 - East Midwood VAC
 - Flushing Community VAC
 - Glendale VAC

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- NYPD-Relief Fund
- PA NY/NJ
- Roxbury VFD
- West Hamilton Beach VFD – in process ePCR

➤ 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				

➤ ALS Renewals Approved:

- North Shore University Hospital Ambulance Service (2911)
- FDNY EMS (0167)
- Primary Care Ambulance Corp (0676)
- NYPH EMS (0502)
- First Response Ambulance (0668)
- 0702 NYPD ESU (0702)
- Maimonides Medical Center (7127)

➤ Other:

- Email from NYPH requesting extension for implementation of BLS Glucometry. This should be complete by June 2018.
 - Letter was sent to NYPH EMS granting extension for implementation of Glucometry.
- Email from Fordham EMS requesting extension for implementation of BLS Glucometry.

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- Letter was sent to Fordham EMS granting extension for implementation of Glucometry.
- Email from NYU Langone Health regarding shortage of Diltiazem.
- Protocol Committee has been notified. ALS Units without diltiazem will complete protocol without that medication as long as it is in shortage.

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.
- Certification form and copy of 2012 GOP to Kathleen Commander, Esq.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

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

The following actions items come in the form of seconded motions:

Motion #1: ***The Protocol Committee recommends the suspension of the requirement for waveform capnography for supraglottic airway placement when there are insufficient resources to provide waveform capnography to all patients requiring advanced airway management. This is not limited to MCI events. This is an emergency protocol change.***

A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. The motion carried.

Motion #2: ***To approve revisions to the Hemostatic Dressing Advisory, removing educational material. Use of hemostatic dressings will be at the discretion of the agency medical director. The Training & Education Committee will develop training materials.***

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A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. The motion carried.

New Items to be brought forward for discussion at the June 8, 2018 Protocol Committee meeting:

1. FDNY CFR Epinephrine autoinjector & Albuterol Protocols
2. Push Dose (IVP) Pressors

The next Medical Standards meeting will be held on June 19, 2018.

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on March 27, 2018. Dr. Robert Crupi, Chair, gave the following meeting summary:

1. There was a moment of silence for Fire Fighter Michael Davidson, who died in a Harlem fire.
2. Membership: REMSCO approved the appointment of Marc Kanter, MD, Associate Chief, Department of EM at Lincoln Hospital as primary NYC Health & Hospitals representative. Alternate member continues to be Dr. Cherisse Berry, Trauma Surgeon, Surgical Intensivist at Bellevue Hospital.
3. Protocol revisions forwarded from REMAC were affirmed.
4. Determinations of Public Need Applications: None
5. Transfer of operating Authority applications: None
6. A request from Emergency Aid Training to reconsider its previously denied expansion request was referred to the QA Committee.
7. A letter will be sent to NYS DOH questioning why several volunteer ambulance services had certificates revoked without hearings as specified in Article 30. This letter will be reviewed by legal counsel prior to submission to NYS DOH.

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8. Community Paramedicine language will not be in the State budget. There are concerns from nursing and home health aides regarding CP scope of practice. A scope of practice language must be developed and sent to Albany.

9. First Net presented information on the A T & T First Responder Communications Initiative.

The next REMSO meeting will be held on April 24, 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 did not meet. Dr. Michael Redlener, Chair, gave the following update:

Molly Perini, AHA, spoke about First Watch. This is program that may allow hospitals and EMS to improve communications. Grants are available to implement this program and support QA and training.

Drs. Redlener and Schenker gave information on the Stroke Systems of Care initiative. This includes creating a regional protocol for identification and transport of stroke patients, working with NYS DOH to promote the designation of comprehensive stroke centers for treatment of patient with LVO Stroke, and developing training modules for EMS providers. The First Watch ability to improve prehospital/in hospital communications would dovetail into this Stroke initiative.

The next Joint REMSCO/REMAC QA Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE (*Mordechai Lax, EMTP, Chair*)

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.

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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 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.
7. T&E will work with Stroke TAG in developing and providing standardized training for EMS Providers.

The next meeting of the T&E Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

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

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Doug Isaacs reported there is an interest in forming a group to review and evaluate new medications, technology and equipment. This was discussed and REMAC agreed a Bio-Medical TAG should be formed, with Dr. Isaacs as Chair. It was suggested this Tag also work on integrating EMS charting into hospital records. Creating 'closed' pages on the REMSCO

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webpage will be investigated to be used by this Tag. Dr. Langsam asked to be included in this Tag.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for June 19, 2018.

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