

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 11, 2019

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, June 11, 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.

<i>Members</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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 Aziz, EMTP	√	
	Joshua Bucklan, RN, EMTP		√

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Greater New York Hospital Association			
President or Non-Physician Designee (1)	Samia McEachin Alison Burke, alternate	√	
Emergency Physician (1)	Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1 st 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	√	
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		

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Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)	Vacant		√
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		√
Non-Voting Members			
At Large	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	√	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD		√
Public	Christopher Sorrentino, RN		√

STAFF: Marie Diglio, Executive Director Operations
Joseph Raneri, Information System Data Coordinator
Scott Chiang, CTC/ Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

GUESTS: Robert Bristol, NYC EM
Nail Cemalovic, LaGCC
David Eng, FDNY
Matt Friedman, Maimonides Medical Center
Ryan Greenberg, NYS DOH
Robert Goldstein, NYPD-ESU
Lauryn Kosturko, FDNY
Evan Mair, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, evanmahl@gmail.com
Meghan Williams, BMCC

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

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.

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A quorum was present. The Minutes of the April 16, 2019 REMAC Meeting were unanimously approved.

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: None
- **Other:**
 - Prehospital Utilization of Nebulized Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine for managing acute traumatic extremity pain: a prospective observational study. Matt Friedman, MD, Principal Investigator.
 - This is limited to isolated extremity injury.
 - The following agencies completed training for implementation of Stroke Protocol:
 - Glen Oaks VAC
 - Hunter Ambulance
 - Hunter EMS
 - Citywide Ambulance
 - Gerritsen Beach VFD

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

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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 ALS Protocol 500 A: Smoke Inhalation.

The revised protocols were presented to REMAC members for review. *Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.*

2. Recommend approval of revised ALS Protocol 500 B: Cyanide Exposure.

The revised protocols were presented to REMAC members for review. *Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.*

3. Appendix O was previously approved, but now needs to be sent to SEMAC for approval.

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

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on April 30, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

- A Security Tag has been formed to discuss regional ID cards and expiration dates.
- Over 4000 providers have been trained in new Stroke Protocol – exclusive of FDNY training.
- Public Notice of the following enforcement action from NYSDOH BEMS, Operations Unit: Jose Rivera, EMT# 394927, Revoked effective 4/2/19 for violations of Part 800.16(a)(4).
- Bellevue Hospital approval as a Provisional Level 2 Pediatric Trauma Center.
- NYC region has 10 agencies participating in the PECC program.
 - We need more participation!!
- Transfer of Operating Authority application of Emergacare approved
- Transfer of Operating Authority application of Empress approved
- EMS Award Nominations:

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year Julian Cox, EMT-P

EMS Agency of the Year NYU Langone Hospitals

Youth Provider of the Year Saba Gulzar

EMS Leadership Award Martin Grillo, EMT-P, CIC

EMS Educator of Excellence Mordy Lax EMT-P, CIC

Physician of Excellence Michael Redlener, MD

Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety Nicole DeSalvo, EMT-P

The next meeting of the Regional EMS Council will be held June 25, 2019.

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

No report

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 Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

Patient Care Restrictions

- Two (2) PCR appeals have been received. They are being held pending completion of NYS DOH BEMS investigations.
 - In both cases, the involved EMTs have been fined and reinstated. Committee will lift regional restriction once completed, signed documentation from NYS DOH has been received.

Stroke

- NYC Stroke outcome for April 1 – 28, 2019 reviewed.
- Creation of an on-line portal for EMS agencies to provide input was discussed

Future QA Committee meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 3:30p-4:30p

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

The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) met on May 7 & 8, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

Staff Report:

1. New license platforms being developed:
 - a. Portals for all agencies
 - b. Electronic communications
2. EMS Crisis
 - a. Need innovation
 - b. Long distance learning
 - i. Looking for more options
 - ii. Possible increase of 20% to 50% online portion of class

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3. Statewide BLS Protocols approved

- a. Mandatory for entire State**
- b. DOH will post abbreviated training on line
- c. LMS System being created
- d. Roll out in July

Medical Standards:

1. NYC RTF Protocols approved
2. ET3 language is present in NYS DOH BLS Protocols.
 - a. NYC does not need approval for the ET3 language it developed.
3. Drug Shortages: formulary may be changed as needed by regions based on continuing shortages – approved
4. Trauma: a full system analysis is being developed.
 - a. Dr. Berry (Bellevue) is working on this self-assessment study to obtain preliminary data.

Education & Training

1. CME manual almost completed
2. Advise students to schedule their exams on DOH webpage. Do not call DOH.
3. Administrative Manual is in process
4. Instructor Policy nearing approval (Actually has been posted on NYS DOH webpage)
5. New staff is being hired for Education
6. Spinal Motion Restriction videos developed by Laerdal have been updated and include TE recommendations.
7. Regional Faculty TAG has been formed. Will meet over summer.

FINANCE

1. EMS certification course reimbursement rates will be reviewed.
 - a. DOH staff will provide information on current funding
 - b. Regions must review costs incurred by training centers to conduct EMS certification courses.
 - c. A tool will be designed asking course sponsors to itemize costs associated with courses.
 - i. What costs are shifted to students.

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ii. Problems identified:

1. Inadequate staffing, inadequate equipment, measure unfunded costs
2. 13-03 DOH Policy to be reviewed.

Future SEMAC/SEMSCO meetings will be:

- September 24, 2019, SEMAC, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
- September 25, 2019, SEMSCO, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
- January 14, 2020, SEMAC, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
- January 15, 2020, SEMSCO, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed demonstration project for administration of Ketamine via specialized nebulizer.

Dr. Matt Freidman presented a proposed demonstration project for delivering ketamine via specialized nebulizer, "Prehospital Utilization of Nebulized Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine for managing acute traumatic extremity pain: a prospective observational study. Matt Friedman, MD, will be the Principal Investigator. This is limited to isolated extremity injury.

REMAC discussed this proposed demonstration project:

- Overseen by an IRB
- Informed consent
- Uses an accepted medication via a new route of administration
- Agreed to participate in required REMSCO/REMAC QA

Roll-call and written votes were conducted: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions. The motion carried.

REMAC Bylaws: Pam Lai asked that the Bylaws Committee be re-convened.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Schenker reported for Jeffrey Rabrich, MD. The ET3 Subgroups have been meeting and will continue to meet over the summer. REMAC will also probably meet over the summer.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for September 10, 2019.**