

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 19, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, June 19, 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.

<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		✓
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		✓
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	✓	

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	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)	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, EMT		✓
	Vacant		
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	✓	
	Gary Marshall, MD, alternate		
Non-Voting Members			
At Large	Yedidiah Langsam, PhD, EMT	✓	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD	✓	
Public	Christopher Sorrentino, RN		✓

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

GUESTS: Robert Bristol, NYCEM
Madeline Fong, BMCC
Robert Goldstein, NYPD-ESU
Michael Greco, Local 2507
Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E
Ronald Simon, MD, RTAC-NYC
Ben Zabar, MD, FDNY
Jason Zimmerman, MD, InstaCare

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Dr. Jeffrey Rabrich, 1st Vice 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 April 17, 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 May 2018
 - Non-compliant PCR form submission for May 2018:
 - Bayside Community VAC
 - Bedford Stuyvesant VAC
 - BRAVO
 - Broad Channel VFD – in process ePCR
 - College Point VAC
 - East Midwood VAC
 - Flushing Community VAC
 - Fordham University EMS
 - Glendale VAC
 - Middle Village VAC
 - Roxbury VFD
 - Throggs Neck VAC
- **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:

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Provider /Agency Name	EMT / Agency #	Penalty	Violation	County of Residence
Alejandra Serrano	264928	Certification revoked as of 5/21/2018	800.16 a 4	Bronx

➤ **Other:**

- Letter from New York Presbyterian announcing appointment of Dr. Rahul Sharma as the Chief Medical Director of NYP-EMS.
- Letter from Mt. Sinai requesting REMAC consider removing the need for OLMC contact for STEMI patients now that PCI centers are designated by NYS.
 - This was previously discussed. REMAC is waiting for additional information from NYS DOH before further discussion.

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.
- Letter send to Bensonhurst VAC granting extension for training in BLS Glucometry.
- Joint letter from NYC REMAC and FDNY to regional hospital leadership explaining the Stroke initiative and its regional implications.
- Email reporting ALS Services, Inc suspension of ALS services in Nassau County has been rescinded by that region's REMAC.
- CDC Health Advisory warning of outbreak of Hepatitis A amount drug users and the homeless. This was emailed to regional ambulance agencies.

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: Recommend approval of NYPD ESU Tactical Paramedic Protocols. (Draft emailed to REMAC).

A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 16 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstain. The motion carried. A 30-Day Public Comment will be published prior to submission to SEMAC for action at its September meeting.

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Motion #2: Recommend the the following language adding IVP (Push Dose) Pressors to protocols: 500A, 500B, 504B, 510 & 515-B: “Administer epinephrine 10 mcg IVP. Repeat epinephrine 10 mcg IVP every 5 minutes. Max dose is 15 mcg. Titrate to a systolic BP greater 90mmHg.”

A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 16 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstain. The motion carried.

The CFR Protocol revised by FDNY were previously approved and will be published January 1, 2019.

The next Medical Standards meeting will be held on September 4, 2018.

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Robert Crupi, MD, Chair, reported the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on April 24, 2018. The following is a summary:

1. Membership: REMSCO approved the appointment of Louis Deutsch as an organizational representative from NYSARA District 18.
2. Determinations of Public Need Applications: None
3. Transfer of operating Authority applications: Two applications were approved.
 - a. Lifeline Ambulance Service, Inc (7292) To Uder Health Management, LLC.
 - b. Midwood Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc (7178) to InstaCare I, LLC.
4. Ambulance Agencies are reminded to affix REMSCO Security Stickers to the front windshield of all ambulances. Security stickers are utilized to allow moment on bridges, tunnels and major roadways during large scale events.
5. There were no new enforcement actions from the NYSDOH, Bureau of EMS, Operations Unit.
6. The following requests for extensions for implementation of BLS Glucometry were honored by REMAC: NYPH EMS, Fordham EMS
7. REMAC reported that following decision was made in response to the current shortage of Diltiazem: ALS Units without diltiazem may complete protocols without that medication, as long as it is in shortage.
8. REMAC also reported that:
 - a. Discussion is occurring regarding STEMI (PCI) Centers and changing the regional procedure to no longer require OLMC direction for transport.
 - b. An advisory approving the regional use by BLS Providers of Hemostatic Dressings was approved.

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- c. Approved procedure change: Allow the use of supraglottic Airways without waveform capnography, when there are more patients than waveform capnography units, until more resources are procured. This is an emergency change.
 9. A new REMAC Bio-Medical TAG will be formed to review and evaluate new medications and technologies.
 10. The following were nominated for EMS Awards:
 - a. Registered professional Nurse: Meghan Farley, RN
 - b. Agency: Park Slope VAC
 - c. Leadership: Nancy Benedetto
 - d. Educator: Gail Larkin, MS, EMT-P, CIC
 - e. Physician: Paul Barbara, MD
 - f. Quality & Safety: Michael Redlener, MD
 11. Nominations for At Large seats are being accepted. Until June 4, 2018
- The next REMSO meeting will be held on June 26, 2018.

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

The Training & Education Committee has not met. The Certified lab Instructor (CLI) curriculum has been updated and approved by NYS DOH BEMS. A class is being held in July/August at Kingsborough Community College.

T&E will be meeting with FDNY in July to begin development of Stroke Training.

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 in Executive Session. Dr. Ben-Eli gave a brief update regarding the status of the Stroke Initiative. Drs. Ben-Eli & Redlener will be working with FDNY and Mordy Lax, Chair REMSCO Training & Education Committee, in the development of a Training module. The goal is to create standardized stroke education for the region. Implementation of training is anticipated after January 2019.

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

Dr. Yedidiah Langsam reported that the SEMSCO/SEMACE met on May 15 & 16, 2018. The following is a summary:

- SEMSCO elected new officers
- Ryan Greenberg was introduced as the new EMS Director.
- Pediatric Stroke protocol is being postponed
- NYC Stroke Protocol approved unanimously

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- NYS BLS Protocols will be discussed in September. Comments being accepted. Dr. Michael Daily is Chair of this Committee.
- EMSC received funding for an additional four (4) years.
- Collaborative AEMT Protocols approved.

Dr. Lewis Marshall reported that NYC, Nassau and Suffolk have formed a Downstate Collaborative Protocol Committee. This group met and agreed to use the collaborative protocols without join the larger, statewide collaborative protocol group. This way we have more control over our protocols. Any region may adopt the collaborative protocols, since they are approved by SEMAC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Kevin Munjal discussed Community Paramedicine TAG that met on June 18, via conference call. New members are welcomed. Dr. Munjal stated the TAG's purpose is to develop guidance to the REMAC on its role in providing regulatory oversight of EMS systems and EMS providers participating in "community paramedicine," "mobile integrated healthcare" and telehealth programs. The TAG seeks to clarify what is currently permissible under Article 30, SEMAC and NYC REMAC regulations and to make recommendations to the REMAC regarding potential GOP's, protocols, training, and QA standards for such programs. The next meeting will be announced shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership

The REMAC membership TAG met on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 2:30 via conference call. Members are: Yedidyah Langsam, Brad Kaufman, Jeff Rabrich, Marie Diglio. Current membership was reviewed and the following recommendations made:

- 1) Current officers should be reappointed:
 - Josef Schenker, Chair
 - Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1st Vice Chair
 - Bradley Kaufman MD, 2nd Vice Chair

REMAC discussed and voted unanimously to re-appointed current officers for another two (2) years term.

Further recommendations included:

- 2) The two FDNY physicians (Drs. Alexandrou & Lai) would be moved from the EMS Community ED Physician seats they currently hold and be made alternates to presently seated FDNY physicians.
- 3) Drs. Baseluos & Munjal would be moved from the EMS Community Administrator seats they currently hold to EMS Community ED Physician seats.
- 4) Dr. Shallash would be moved from a non-voting seat to an EMS Community Administrator seat.
- 5) District 4 would be asked to fill their vacant EMT/Medic seat, and advised that Yedidyah Langsam is interested in taking that seat.

Recommendations 2 through 5 were postponed until after the Membership TAG reviews and revises current Bylaws. Until that time, membership remains unchanged.

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The Bylaws TAG members was changed: Josef Schenker, Jeffrey Rabrich, Doug Isaacs (replacing Brad Kaufman), Lewis Marshall, Christopher Graziano, Cindy Baseluos and Yedidiah Langsam. The TAG will meet over the summer. Members will be emailed REMAC Bylaws.

Pediatric Trauma

Dr. Simmons began a discussion regarding transport time parameters for pediatric trauma patients. It was stated that currently there is no regional rule, but the 911 system is implementing a 30-minute transport time for pediatric trauma patients. FDNY asked Dr. Simmons to forward any concerns regarding pediatric patient transport to the chief medical officer.

Other

Mr. Michael Greco of the Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics Union was introduced. He is asking REMAC to consider a seat to represent the Union (2507).

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for September 4, 2018.**