

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 4, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, September 4, 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		√

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	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		
	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	Celia Quinn, MD, MPH Timothy Styles, MD, MPH, alternate	√	

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Preparedness Program Physician (1)			
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)	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	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	√	
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: Robert Bristol, NYCEM
James Downey, NYSVA&RA
David Eng, MD, FDNY
Madeline Fong, BMCC
Richard Friedman, MD, Chevra Hatzoloh
Elizabeth Fruchter, Maimonides Medical Center
Lauryn Korturko, FDNY
Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E
David Lobel, MD, Maimonides Medical Center
Ben Zabar, MD, FDNY

Dr. Joseph 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 June 19, 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 March, May and June 2018

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- Non-compliant PCR form submission for March, May & June 2018: (June listed below)
 - Bayside Community VAC
 - Bensonhurst VAC
 - Broad Channel VFD – in process ePCR
 - College Point VAC
 - Glendale VAC
 - Middle Village VAC
 - NYPD-Police Relief Fund
 - Ridgewood VAC
 - Roxbury VFD

➤ **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
Standford Smith	168165	Forever prohibited from participating in a cme based recertification program	800.16 a 7	Brookhaven

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➤ **Other:**

- Letter from New York Presbyterian replacing Drs. Cordi and Floembaum on Medical Standards Committee with Dr. Wallace Carter.
- Letter from David Kugler, MD, Northwell Health, to Dr. Josef Schenker, verifying cme for paramedic Gabrielle Parris.

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.
- Emails scheduling Bylaws TAG meeting.
- Letter to SEMAC with proposed Pressor protocol revisions.
- Public Notice for NYPD ESU Tactical Paramedic Protocols.
 - Dr. Schenker reported that comments from the public notice were reviewed by the Protocol Committee. No changes were recommended. The Protocols will be submitted to SEMAC for review and action.

Marie Diglio announced with deep regret the death of Paramedic Raymond R. Thielke, 58, who passed away on Saturday following a series of illnesses, including illnesses related to being a 9-11 first responder at the World Trade Center. Ray became an EMT in 1978 and received his Paramedic Certificate from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx in 1985. He worked for NYC Emergency Medical Services as an EMT, paramedic and Lieutenant, and worked on the Dignitary Protection Services Team. Ray later worked for NYS Department of Health as an EMS Senior Representative in NYC and later in Syracuse. He also worked for the Madison County Sheriff's Dept. as a Community Services Aide, a tactical paramedic with the Madison County Sheriff's Department SWAT Team, as an ACL (PALS) and CPR instructor at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, and as a NYS Certified Instructor Coordinator. Ray will be greatly missed.

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

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

The Protocol Committee met on Friday, September 14, 2018. Items on the agenda included completion of reformatted protocols, pain management protocol and medical control on the scene. There were no action items to bring forward.

NYPD ESU Tactical ALS Protocols were approved at the June REMAC meeting. They were held until this meeting for consideration of public notice comments. Comments received were reviewed and no changes were recommended. They will be forwarded to SEMSCO/SEMAC.

Stroke Update: Dr. Ben-Eli discussed recent revisions to the Stroke protocol. As a result of preparing the stroke training materials, it became apparent that the new stroke protocols require minor edits / corrections / word-smiths for purposes of clarification and unity. The main changes are:

1. The term NYC S-LAMS was selected for the stroke scale
2. For simplicity, only two Stroke Center destination are detailed –
 - a. Primary Stroke Center
 - b. Thrombectomy Stroke Center (which includes Comprehensive Stroke Centers and Thrombectomy-capable Stroke Centers)
3. The requirement to document each element and the total score of NYC S-LAMS was added

The next meeting of the Protocol Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2018.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Robert Crupi, MD, Chair, reported the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on June 26, 2018. The following is a summary:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND AT LARGE MEMBERS

- Brian Levinsky, EMTP, was approved for appointment as an At Large member beginning July 1, 2018. Member's terms are for four (4) years, ending June 30, 2022.
- The following were appointed as Officers beginning July 1, 2018, Officer's terms are for two (2) years, ending June 30, 2020:
 - Yedidiah Langsam, PhD, EMT-P, Chair
 - VACANT, 1st Vice Chair
 - Dominick Battinelli, Secretary
 - Mitchell Powell, Parliamentarian
- No New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority or Determinations of Public Need were received.
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- Training and Education Committee is working with C&C Committee on development of call review and long-distance learning.
- A meeting to develop Stroke training will be held at the FDNY Ems Training Academy on July 5th.
- A CLI course is being held over the summer. A Fall course is also being planned.
- REMAC reappointment of current Officers were approved by REMSCO:
 - Josef Schenker, Chair
 - Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1st Vice Chair
 - Bradley Kaufman MD, 2nd Vice Chair
- Protocol revised were accepted by REMSCO.
- Collaborative protocols: NYC, Nassau & Suffolk are working together to decide if the collaborative protocols in effect in the rest of the state can be used in these regions. This can be done without joining the larger group. Any region can use the collaborative protocols since they are approved by SEMAC.

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- Letter to course sponsor, EAT, Inc., from the NYSDOH BEMS, stating no evidence of need found for a new or expanded course sponsor in NYC, and denies its application to expand. Emergency Aid Training may re-apply after 12 months.
- The following Course Sponsors submitted Renewal forms:
 - REMSCO NYC Specialty Sponsor (08-014)
 - Institute for Emergency Care Training – Montefiore Medical Center (08-022)
 - Training Institute for Medical Emergencies & Rescue (08-040)
 - CUNY-BMCC

The meeting of the Regional EMS Council was adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 23, 2018.

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

The Training and Education Committee of the Regional EMS Council of New York City met on August 7, 2018 via webinar & conference call at 5:00 PM. The following is a meeting summary:

The Certified Lab Instructor (CLI) course conducted at Kingsborough Community College has been completed. 23 students participated. The course evaluations were positive. A second CLI course is being planned for the Fall.

T&E is working on an updated Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC) course. T&E is also developing a 5-hour instructor update. The update must include information on educational methodology. Additional CME, in 3-hour modules, must be created.

The current NYS DOH system is out dated. We need to push for a regionally focused method to create Regional Faculty. The State should allow regions to select their own senior instructors. The Chair will attempt to attend future SEMSCO meetings to bring this message to the new EMS Director.

The need for an on-line venue (forum/blog) for instructors to share/receive information was discussed. The new REMSCO webpage should have the ability to host a forum. Additionally, instructors can sign up for alerts. The alert system will be reviewed to see if a separate group, specifically for instructors can be created.

The REMSCO LMS is being used more by providers, but the increase is not large. A way to advertise the availability of the LMS and on-line courses must be found.

Stop-the-Bleed courses should be added to LMS, now that REMAC has approved the use of hemostatic dressings.

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Mordy Lax reported that a REMAC/FDNY group of educators are working on creating a standardized training program for the new Stroke Protocols and Stroke Scale. A video is being created. The actual implementation of the new stroke protocol is dependent on the NYS DOH approving thrombectomy capable hospital criteria.

EMS Safety recommendations will be sent to regional course sponsors and ambulance agencies in the form of a survey. Mordy Lax will provide survey questions.

The next meeting of the Training and Education Committee will be announced.

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/SEMAC UPDATE (*Yedidiah Langsam, PhD*)

Dr. Yedidiah Langsam reported that the SEMSCO/SEMAC 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
- 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

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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.

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Further recommendations to make changes to current seats were postponed until after the Membership TAG reviews and revises current Bylaws. Until that time, membership remains unchanged.

The Bylaws TAG members were 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.**