

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

## Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

### Minutes

September 10, 2019

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, September 10, 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).

<i>Members</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<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	√	
	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		√

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<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 Jonathan Berkowitz, MD, alternate	√	
BLS Physician (1)	David Ben-Eli, MD	√	
<b>New York City Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene- Emergency Preparedness Program Physician (1)</b>	Celia Quinn, MD, MPH Timothy Styles, MD, MPH, alternate	√	
<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>	Vacant		
<b>NYS Volunteer Ambulance &amp; Rescue Association/District 4 &amp; 18</b>			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD		√
	Martin Grillo, EMTP	√	

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Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	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		√
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>			
At Large	Yedidiah 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:

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.

A quorum was present. The Minutes of the June 11, 2019 REMAC Meeting were unanimously approved. Meeting summary for the August 27, 2019 special meeting will be prepared.

## CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

*The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:*

### Membership:

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- NYPD: Charles Martinez, MD, had retired. He is being replaced by David Lichtenstein, MD (david.lichtenstein@nypd.org), Deputy Chief Surgeon, on an interim basis.
- Fire Department, City Of New York: The vacant Commissioner or Non-Physician Designee seat will be taken by Chief Grace Cacciola
- Paul Barbara, MD, nominated Jonathan Berkowitz, MD, as his alternate.

## **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

## ***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.
- Sent to SEMAC:
  - Prehospital Utilization of Nebulized Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine for managing acute traumatic extremity pain: a prospective observational study. Matt Friedman, MD, Principal Investigator.
  - Rescue Paramedic Protocols (Public Notice conducted)
  - Appendix O: Needle Decompression of Tension Pneumothorax (Public Notice conducted)
  - Unified Protocols (partial): Attached letter stated this version of the NYC REMAC Unified Protocols has not been completed, but in an effort to show good faith, were submitted as our work-to- date. The REMAC Protocol Committee, along with Medical Standards and REMAC has worked every week throughout the summer to complete review and revision of these protocols in order to better conform to the NYS BLS protocols recently released. It was the intention of the NYC REMAC to complete and submit the Unified Protocols for SEMAC review by September 10, but in spite of our efforts, this could not be accomplished. Due to this, we requested an extension for implementation of NYS BLS Protocols. Our request was based on the training needs of our large EMS System, which would require re-educating thousands of providers.

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Implementation of State BLS Protocol training would require us to train our personnel twice in a six-month period: first in the NYS BLS Protocols and not much later, in the NYC REMAC Unified Protocols.

## 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)

#### ET3

The ET3 Protocol Subgroup, chaired by Doug Isaacs, MD, developed and presented documents which were reviewed. The following motion was made: Approve the revised GOP, Appendix and Alternative Destination Flow Chart submitted by the ET3 Protocol Subgroup. There was a roll-call vote, as follows: 20 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstentions. The motion carried. Documents will be submitted to SEMAC.

#### Unified Protocols

The regional unified protocols were presented by Ben Zabar, MD, Chair, Unified Protocol subgroup, and continued to be reviewed. The following motion was made: Approve the unified protocols from beginning up to but not including Seizures. There was a roll-call vote, as follows: 17 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstention. The motion carried. Documents will be submitted to SEMAC.

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

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No report. The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City will meet on September 17, 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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No report

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

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No report. The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) will meet on September 24 & 25, 2019.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**No report.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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A moment of silence was held in memory of our fallen colleagues and the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for October 15, 2019.**