

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

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 12, 2019

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, November 12, 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	Grace Cacciola, EMTP	√	
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	√	
	Kevin Ward, 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 Jonathan Berkowitz, MD, alternate	√	
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)	David Lichtenstein, MD		√
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association/District 4 & 18			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD		√
	Sean Graves, EMT	√	

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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	√	
Non-Voting Members			
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
Pesach Zirkind, EMTP

GUESTS: Mordy Lax, EMTP, CIC, REMSCO T&E Chair
Lauryn Kosturko, MD, Jamaica Hospital
David Eng, MD, Maimonides MC
Matt Friedman, MD, Maimonides MC
Benjamin Zabar, MD, FDNY
Pamela Lai, MD, FDNY
Yonathan Klein, FDNY

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

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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 September 10, 2019 REMAC Meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- No new information.

FDNY EMS:

- FDNY EMS Program Agency 4th Quarter Report (copy)
- FDNY EMS PCR Monthly Inventory Control Report: August 2019
- Non-compliant PCR Form Submission Report: August 2019

NYS DOH:

- Comprehensive Stroke Center designation letters to:
 - NYU Langone Health – Tisch Hospital
 - NYU Langone Hospital – Brooklyn
 - Montefiore Medical Center (Moses)
- Dear Administrator Letter (DAL) sent to non-trauma hospitals advising them they must report transport of trauma patients into the state trauma registry.

PECC:

- New applications from:
 - Lenox Hill Hospital
 - Staten Island University Hospital

RTAC:

- Memo announcing next meeting on October 25, 2019 at NYPH/Cornel
- **Other:**
 - Copy of an article on Sterilizing fogger for ambulances.

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- Letter from Emergency Skills removing Dore LeBeau, MD as medical director for PAD program at:
 - City View Racquet Club, LIC
 - Hill Holiday, Manhattan
 - Trump Palace Condominium, Manhattan
- ***The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:***
- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- The following REMAC Advisories were issued:
 - 2019-05 REMAC Advisory RUMCSI Trauma Status Change
 - 2019-06 REMAC Advisory RUMCSI Trauma Status Change
 - 2019-07 REMAC Advisory RTF Awareness

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee did not meet.
- ***Dr. Schenker asked permission to allow the Executive Committee to finalize and submit protocols to NYS DOH in case we do not have a quorum at the December 10, 2019 Special REMAC meeting. The protocols must be submitted no later than December 20, 2019 to be placed on the January 2020 SEMAC agenda. This request was considered and unanimously approved.***
- A protocol public notice must be conducted as soon as protocols are finalized.

Medical Standards (David Ben-Eli, MD, Chair/Paul Barbara, MD, Vice-Chair)

- Dr. Ben-Eli reported that Josh Buckland has been replaced by Kevin Ward as the REMAC Liaison.
- Pass/Fail results for recent exams were shared and discussed.
 - There were concerns that only FDNY medical director is notified of Paramedic exam failures. All medical directors should receive this information.
 - C&C will come back with a procedure for medical director notification.
- The OLMC Physician exam must be updated. The following volunteered to form a TAG: Nick Alexandrou, Brad Kaufman, Matt Friedman, Michael Redlener & Kevin Munjal. Stroke Protocol Statistics were presented by Dr. Redlener.

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

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on September 17, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

- NYC REMSCO participated in a NYCEM Transportation Branch Exercise on 9/10/2019. The drill sought to test the NYCEM Transportation Branch plan for evacuations and patient movement.
- REMSCO continues to distribute Naloxone for agencies. Agencies needing naloxone only need to contact the REMSCO office to set-up a date and time to pick-up the medication.
- The NYS DOH continues its migration over to NEMESIS 3.4 Data. Agencies should contact their E-PCR vendor regarding their schedule to transition over to NEMESIS 3.4 data. Any agency beginning the transition process must submit a DOH5136 form to REMSCO for regional endorsement.
- NYC REMSCO's new ImageTrend regional e-PCR system has been going well. REMSCO secured a grant to procure new tablets to replace the original tablets that were distributed for the program back in 2015.
- No applications for transfer of operating authority were received.
- Two new applications for determination of public need were received: Ezras Nashim and Lindenwood VAC. The Lindenwood application was returned as incomplete.

The next meeting of REMSCO NYC will be held November 19, 2019.

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

No report

RTAC UPDATE

No report

JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QA COMMITTEE UPDATE (*MICHAEL REDLENER, MD, CHAIR*)

No report

STATE EMS COUNCIL/SEMAC UPDATE (*Lewis Marshall, MD*)

The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) met on September 24 & 25, 2019. The following is a meeting summary:

1) The following protocols were approved:

- a) NYC Haztac Protocols
 - i) Recommendation: calcium gluconates use requires QA.
- b) NYC Appendix O Tension Pneumothorax
- c) NYC Rescue Medic Protocols

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- d) NYC MMC Ketamine Demonstration Project
 - i) Not using a prefilled system. Breath-actuated mode will be used. Patients transported to closest hospital, not necessarily MMC.
 - ii) QA data will be reported to REMAC and shared with MMC.
 - iii) Protocol must be clarified for dosing of KETAMINE and other pain meds (MS & FENTANYL). IRB approval was required by NYC REMAC prior to submission to SEMAC.
 - iv) Must go to commissioner of NYS DOH with corrections for final approval.
- e) Ibuprofen revised dosing for Pediatric and Pregnant Patients

2) NYC Unified protocols

- a) Article 30 allows SEMAC to develop minimum standards, but regions can add to meet regional needs
- b) NYSDOH doesn't have an issue with NYC reformatting collaborative into unified format.
- c) Leaving extension request to NYS DOH.

3) NYC ET3 language

- a) Does not require SEMAC approval. This is a regional issue regarding alternative destinations.
- b) Do need to notify NYSDOH of alternative destinations selected and participating agencies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Dr. Schenker continued the revision of the NYC Unified Protocols. He stated that in order for SEMAC to conduct a review, NYC protocols must be placed into order consistent with the NYS DOH protocols and adult and pediatric protocols must be separated. He stated that NYS DOH protocols are minimum guidelines, and NYC protocols are more stringent for QA purposes due to our region's high volume of calls.
- Dr. Ben Zabar led the protocol revisions. Copies will be shared with members for use at our next two special meetings.
- The REMAC Bylaws TAG will begin meeting again to evaluate membership.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for December 3, 2019.**