

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

## Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

### Minutes

November 13, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, November 13, 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](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	√	

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	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		√
<b>Greater New York Hospital Association</b>			
President or Non- Physician Designee (1)	Alison Burke		√
Emergency Physician (1)	Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	√	
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Vacant		√
	Vacant, 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		√
<b>Medical Society of New York Physician (1)</b>	Peter Wyer, MD	√	
<b>Medical Standards Committee</b>			
ALS Physician (1)	Paul Barbara, MD	√	
BLS Physician (1)	David Ben-Eli, MD	√	

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<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>	Charles Martinez, MD	√	
<b>NYS Volunteer Ambulance &amp; Rescue Association/District 4 &amp; 18</b>			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD		√
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Martin Grillo, EMTP	√	
	Vacant		
<b>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)</b>	Vacant		√
<b>Psychiatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)</b>	William Fisher, MD	√	
<b>Regional EMS Council NYC Physician (1)</b>	Robert Crupi, MD	√	
<b>Training &amp; Education Committee Physician (1)</b>	Jessica van Voorhees, MD	√	
<b>Trauma Surgeon (1)</b>	Arthur Cooper, MD	√	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>			
At Large	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP	√	

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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  
Mary Ann Sallas, REMSCO Staff

**GUESTS:** Nail Cemalovic, MD  
David Eng, MD, FDNY  
Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E  
Madeline Fong, BMCC  
Matt Friedman, MMC  
Lauryn Kosturko, FDNY OMA  
Albert Arslan, HHC/Lincoln  
David Lobel, MMC  
Robert Bristol, NYCEM  
William McGarrity, AMR  
Patrick Pickering, AMR

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 October 9, 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.**

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## ***CORRESPONDENCE REPORT***

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

➤ **Membership:**

- The following members are unable to attend this evening's meetings: Christopher Graziano, Scott Chiang, Glen Asaeda.
- GNYHA appoints Matthew Fink, MD to fill its Ambulance Service Medical Director seat. Wallace Carter, MD is alternate.
  - *Appointed was postponed pending a review on Dr. Fink's credentials as an ambulance service medical director.*

➤ **From FDNY:**

- Program Agency First Quarter Report FY 18-19
- PCR Monthly Inventory Control Report September 2018
- Non-compliant PCR form submission for August 2018: (June listed below)
  - Bay Community VAC
  - Bayside Community VAC
  - Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance
  - Bensonhurst VAC
  - Broad Channel VFD
  - College Point VAC
  - Flushing VAC
  - Fordham University VAC
  - Gerritsen Beach VFD
  - Glendale VAC
  - Middle Village VAC
  - NYPD Police Relief Fund
  - Roxbury VFD
  - Throggs Neck VAC
  - West Hamilton Beach VFD

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## ➤ 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
Juan Rosado	338975	\$2000 civil penalty	800.3 (app) (1)	Flushing

## ➤ Other:

- Emails from different agencies regarding assistance with placing Epi-Pens in alternate settings not included in current law (camps).
- Email from Liliya Abrukin, regarding protocols for transfer of care from EMS to emergency department personnel.
  - *Dr. Schenker spoke to Dr. Abrukin.*
- Certified EMS Agency Information Update Form from NYU Langone, updating Medical Director to John Reed Caldwell, MD.
- Letter from Forest Hills VAC affirming training and medical director approval to use BLS IM Epinephrine administration.
- Letter from Benson Hurst VAC stating they will be using epinephrine approved by FDA for extended expiration dates.
- Application & Approval for EMS Agency to Use e-PCR (DOH 5136):
  - NYU Langone Hospitals (0108)
  - Rapid EMS LLC (0608)
  - Ridgewood VAC (7368)
    - *REMAC voted unanimously to approve.*

## *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.

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- Letter regarding Thrombectomy Stroke Center capability to all regional hospitals. Send via GNYHA. Responses were received from the following:
  - Brookdale Hospital Medical Center (yes)
  - Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (no)
  - Mount Sinai Brooklyn (yes)
  - Mount Sinai Beth Israel (yes)
  - NYU Langone Brooklyn Hospital (yes)
- Invitation from Dr. Michael Lerario, NYPH, to join PRESTO to participate in Prehospital Stroke Treatment Organization consortium to advance stroke care.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

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

The LVO Stroke Initiative was discussed. Regional hospitals were sent letters regarding ability to participate in the regional LVO Stroke initiative. At this time hospitals are responding, and data is being collected to identify potential participants. This information is being shared with FDNY. There are currently 8 hospitals that have CSC certification. FDNY confirmed that until a 30-minute transport time can be met, the new Stroke Protocol cannot be implemented. The following comes in the form of a seconded motion from the Medical Standards Committee: “Postpone implementation of Stroke Protocol and associated GOP and Appendices until April 1, 2019.” A roll call vote was taken, and unanimously approved the motion.

The Certification & Credentialing Committee will work on the following:

- Develop standardized elements for CME flyers
- Ensure that ALS agency medical directors meet current credentialing requirements
- Develop requirements for the credentialing of medical directors providing CME
- T&E Committee will work with C&C to review and accept content of CME and assign credits.

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## REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

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No report. The Regional EMS Council did not have a quorum at its October 23, 2018 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2018.

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

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The Training and Education Committee met on October 29, 2018. The following is a meeting summary:

### Technology and REMSCO Website:

Different ways to expand training presence on webpage was reviewed:

- Joseph Raneri gave information regarding the Adobe Connect program used to post training courses on the REMSCO NYC LMS (Learning Management System). We are also waiting for activation of the REMSCO mobile application, which has been over a year in development. Being approved by apple. Will be approved for download soon.
- T&E will review possibility of posting instructor level CME credit courses, and also identifying core and non-core CME.
- A new page will be created on the website showing chairs and how to contact them.
- Due to provider need, a list of available PSE sites will be posted.
- CentreLearn solutions was discussed. <http://www.centrelearnsolutions.com/>. CentreLearn is an online training management system.
- A method to distribute information more effectively to all agencies and EMS providers was discussed. Constant Contact, a program that allows for excellent information dissemination for groups, was discussed.

Stop the bleed: The need to promote Train-the-trainer courses and offer provider classes was discussed.

Succession Planning: The need for additional Regional Faculty and Program Coordinators was discussed. We will work with other regions to identify problems with education and get this info to Ryan Greenberg, NYS DOH BEMS.

Newsletter: In order to increase Brand recognition it was suggested the regional newsletter be resurrected.

### Stroke:

- Great collaborative project.
- Video-based training (2 videos): didactic with physician presentations.



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- Breaks down what Stroke is, and why we're shifting our stroke scale to look at severity. 2nd video is done at FDNY, crews doing assessment – simulated patients. scenario cards.
- Videos will be on Adobe Presenter
- Providers will take test for each video, then take an over-all test to get certificate.
- Hands on done by individual agency training site, using skill cards.
- Standardized training.
- Stroke materials will be sent to all to TE members, so a training package can be created.

January protocol update: A training package will be created to accompany new protocols, and placed on LMS.

Instructor Courses: The CIU outline was rejected by NYS DOH. They requested additional explanation for BLS 12 Lead ECG module and pediatrics module. Outlines will be emailed to TE members for review. *(Follow-up: course outline was reviewed and approved by Jean Taylor, NYS DOH. The course will be held on November 18, 2018.)*

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

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The Joint Regional Emergency Medical Services Council/Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) Quality Improvement Committee met on Thursday, November 8, 2018. The following is a meeting summary:

### Membership

- Members of QA must be either a member of REMSCO or REMAC.
- Possibilities for Nursing position discussed.
- FDNY will identify possible EMT members.
- Revisit this by next meeting and have these seats filled.

### Patient Care Restrictions

- Two PCR appeals were received. Interviews will be held 12/6/18.
- NYS DOH BEMS is involved. We will proceed based on NYS DOH BEMS direction.

### Stroke

- Stroke letter was sent out by GNYHA to hospitals inviting them to participate. Responses are being received.
- NYS DOH still has not chosen designating entities for Thrombectomy Stroke Centers. A clarification may need to be sent out. It was suggested that an FAQ be created with NYS DOH input.

### Safety TAG:

- Awaiting NYS DOH document, which is being created. Still working on a regional draft.

### First Watch

- The QA Grant associated with this project was discussed. QA tool. In conjunction with AHA re: STEMI & Stroke.

### Regional QA for Program Agency Deliverables

- Stroke and STEMI data.

### NYS DOH, goals with golden standards for ambulance agencies

1. Items of importance (quality measure list) for agency quality indication to be developed.

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2. National quality benchmarks need to be reviewed.
3. Get information from larger agencies about benchmarks.
4. Have ready for discussion at December 6 meeting.

The next QA meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

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

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The State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) will meet on January 15 & 16, 2019.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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The Bylaws Committee report is not yet completed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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Dr. Peter Wyre announced a future event being scheduled regarding the current Opioid Crisis. He will provide additional information. Anyone wanting to reach him can email him at [pwyre1@gmail.com](mailto:pwyre1@gmail.com).

Pediatric Epi dosage was discussed in light of recent CURAPLEX EPI-SAFE KIT recall notice from Boundtree (syringe epi). The current pediatric dosage for patients under 15 kg is too large and must be discussed.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for January 22, 2019.**