THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC. ----- x REMSCO MEETING _____ x VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE November 17, 2020 6:05 p.m. A P P E A R A N C E S (VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE): DR. YEDIDYAH LANGSAM, CHAIR MARIE DIGLIO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS DOV JACOB GRACE CACCIOLA CHRISTINE MAZZOLA SAMIA McEACHIN WILLIAM GOFFIN DANIEL MEISELS ROBERT BRISTOL JOHN JOHNSTONE TRAVIS KESSEL JAMES DOWNEY JERROLD GELBARD DAVID MEKETANSKY DR. JOSEF SCHENKER MORDECHAI LAX MARTINA BACARELLA NANCY BENEDETTO VINCENT BARRANCO ARTHUR COOPER DR. ROBERT CRUPI MEGHAN FARLEY MANFRED FUCHS SEAN GRAVES JERRY GOMBO BRIAN LEVINSKY DENNIS LAURIE MITCHELL POWELL

1	DEMOGO HENDING $11/17/20$
1	REMSCO HEARING - 11/17/20
2	DR. LANGSAM: I would like to call
3	the Tuesday, November 17, 2020 meeting
4	of the Regional EMS Council of New York
5	City to order. The first item will be
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7	MS. DIGLIO: Roll call vote.
8	DR. LANGSAM: A roll call vote,
9	thank you. It's a long day. Please
10	answer Marie as she calls your name and
11	answer by name. Thank you.
12	MS. DIGLIO: Dov Jacob?
13	MR. JACOB: Dov Jacob is present.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Grace Cacciola.
15	MS. CACCIOLA: Grace Cacciola
16	present.
17	MS. DIGLIO: Christine Mazzola?
18	MS. MAZZOLA: Christine Mazzola is
19	present.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Samia McEachin?
21	MS. McEACHIN: Present.
22	MS. DIGLIO: William Goffin?
23	MR. GOFFIN: Present.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Daniel Meisels?
25	MR. MEISELS: Daniel Meisels is

REMSCO HEARING - 11/17/20 1 2 present. 3 MS. DIGLIO: Robert Bristol? 4 MR. BRISTOL: Robert Bristol is 5 present. MS. DIGLIO: John Johnstone? 6 7 MR. JOHNSTONE: Present. MS. DIGLIO: Travis Kessel? 8 9 MR. KESSEL: Present. 10 MS. DIGLIO: James Downey? 11 MR. DOWNEY: Present. 12 MS. DIGLIO: Jerrold Gelbard? 13 MR. GELBARD: Present. 14 MS. DIGLIO: David Meketansky? 15 MR. MEKETANSKY: Present. 16 MS. DIGLIO: Josef Schenker? 17 DR. SCHENKER: Here, yet absent. MS. DIGLIO: Scott Orlanski? 18 He is 19 absent. 20 Mordechai Lax? 21 MR. LAX: Here. MS. DIGLIO: Martina Bacarella? 22 23 MS. BACARELLA: Here. 24 MS. DIGLIO: Nancy Benedetto? 25 MS. BENEDETTO: Nancy Benedetto is

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1 2	present.
3	MS. DIGLIO: Vincent Barranco?
4	MR. BARRANCO: Vincent Barranco
5	present.
6	MS. DIGLIO: Arthur Cooper?
7	MR. COOPER: I'm here.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Robert Crupi?
9	DR. CRUPI: Present.
10	MS. DIGLIO: Meghan Farley?
11	MS. FARLEY: Here.
12	MS. DIGLIO: Manfred Fuchs?
13	MR. FUCHS: Here.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Sean Graves?
15	MR. GRAVES: Present.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gombo?
17	MR. GOMBO: Present, Jerry Gombo.
18	MS. DIGLIO: Yedidyah Langsam?
19	DR. LANGSAM: Present.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Brian Levinsky?
21	MR. LEVINSKY: Present.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Dennis Laurie?
23	MR. LAURIE: Present.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Mitchell Powell?
25	MR. POWELL: Present.

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2	MS. DIGLIO: And that is the
3	attendance. We have 25 out of 26
4	members present.
5	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
6	We have quorum. It's very nice seeing
7	everybody here. I would encourage you
8	to turn on your cameras to give a sense
9	of commodore and family, but of course
10	you don't have to, but I would
11	encourage you to do that.
12	The first item on the agenda is the
13	approval of the October 27, 2020
14	meeting minutes which were distributed.
15	Are there any corrections or
16	discussions? I would ask everybody to
17	please mute themselves unless they are
18	speaking. We have a very large number
19	of people present. We have 38 people
20	and background noise and static can
21	disrupt the meeting.
22	In fact, I'm going to ask Joe to
23	please mute everybody and then I will
24	un-mute myself. Thank you.
25	Are there any corrections or

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2	discussions regarding the October 27th
3	meeting? Hearing none.
4	Could someone please make a motion
5	to approve the minutes?
6	MR. DOWNEY: Jim Downey, motion to
7	approve.
8	MR. LAX: Motion to approve.
9	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you. I heard a
10	motion and a second.
11	Is there anyone opposed?
12	(No response.)
13	Is anyone abstaining?
14	(No response.)
15	We will therefore mark the minutes as
16	being approved unanimously.
17	The next item is the correspondence
18	report. Let me read it through reasonably
19	quickly. The New York's DOH has informed
20	us for the record that they have two
21	certifications that were surrendered, Neil
22	Toomb, Port Chester EMT number 410570 and
23	Brian McIntyre, Long Beach EMT number
24	382912.
25	We also received an intern guidance

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2	travel advisement from DOH, which was then
3	sent out to all members of REMSCO. From
4	ambulance agencies we received
5	communication from Districts 4 and 18 and
6	Bedford Stuyvesant VAC that they
7	identified various items that are being
8	revised and corrected to better
9	operationalize the course.
10	We have received e-mail from
11	Dr. Leviton regarding a patient
12	transported without a wheelchair. We
13	invited him to the meeting and we will
14	discuss this in the Ambulance Committee
15	report.
16	We received updated territory
17	clarification from Glen Oaks VAC
18	certificate of need expansion. We
19	received the hearing officer's report, we
20	received the public hearing transcript.
21	We will discuss this matter later on in
22	the agenda.
23	The office of council sent out agendas,
24	minutes and associated attachment to this
25	meeting. They sent out two letters, one

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2	to Ryan Greenberg, one to the commissioner
3	Lee Zuckerberg basically urging the
4	continuation and prevention of 20 percent
5	discount in funding for REMSCO. I assume
6	that letter is going out tonight or early
7	tomorrow morning. I have just signed it.
8	We sent out a 2020-17 REMAC advisement
9	online protocol update training and I
10	understand that the ALS one will be out
11	any day now, and we also sent out 2020-17
12	REMAC advisory -A REMAC advisory online
13	protocol update training supplemental
14	information, and we sent out the hearing
15	officer's report and a public hearing
16	transcript, which you all should have
17	received and we will discuss this later
18	on.
19	Are there any questions regarding the
20	correspondence report? Hearing none.
21	We will move to the staff report. The
22	emergency preparedness update. Scott?
23	MR. CHIANG: Yes, good evening,
24	Dr. Langsam, good evening, Council. I
25	would like to report that council is

1	REMSCO HEARING - 11/17/20
2	currently working with DOH on
3	establishing the COVID vaccination pod
4	for our providers with proprietary and
5	volunteer agencies. As more details
6	become available, we will transmit the
7	information and we are looking for pod
8	sites for this effort. An agency able
9	to facilitate a vaccination pod, please
10	e-mail me directly and also the PPE
11	strategic supply that New York City has
12	secured is available for order.
13	Agencies that have difficulties in
14	obtaining PPE in the open market can
15	e-mail me. There is a cost associated
16	to this and I can send you the list and
17	the report.
18	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
19	Are there any questions? Hearing
20	none. I don't see any hands up. If
21	you want, I can't see everyone's
22	picture, by the way, there are a large
23	number of people here, so please use
24	the raise hand at the bottom of your
25	participant list and I will try to

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2	recognize you at that time.
3	We now move to the program agency
4	update, Marie.
5	MS. DIGLIO: Okay. My report is
6	pretty short. Just recapping thank
7	yous to the leadership of Districts 4
8	and 18 who have been working with
9	Bed-Stuy providing them technical
10	assistance and I believe the volunteer
11	sector did an on-site visit and now
12	Bed-Stuy appears to be ready for an
13	on-site visit from the Department of
14	Health, so we wish them luck and hope
15	they follow through with everything
16	that they have received from Districts
17	4 and 18. I also understand that
18	leadership from Districts 4 and 18 have
19	offered assistance to Bensonhurst VAC.
20	They have not heard back from
21	Bensonhurst at this time. If anyone
22	has information updating this, let me
23	know. The REMSCO peer response team
24	has 14 providers trained in suicide
25	they are trained to trainer instructors

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2	who are scheduling a meeting for next
3	week to begin scheduling region wide
4	training of EMS field providers in at
5	least the suicide prevention course.
6	You also should have gotten e-mails
7	from us from someone that's working
8	with the New York City Department of
9	Mental Health and maybe Dr. Crupi can
10	give us a little more information on
11	that later and, finally, the New York
12	State Department of Health is working
13	on finalizing the the program agency
14	and REMSCO contracts. Unfortunately no
15	contracts have yet been executed for
16	any Regional Council or program agency
17	in New York State, which means that
18	since July 1st we have been working for
19	free, but we are doing what we have to
20	do and as Dr. Langsam said, letters
21	were signed and they will be sent out
22	tonight or early tomorrow morning to
23	Ryan Greenberg and to Commissioner
24	Zuckerberg urging that the budgets not
25	be reduced by 20 percent statewide

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2	because that would be disastrous for
3	all the program agencies, and we are
4	also asking that the Regional Council
5	receive written affirmation that the
6	contracts will be continued just to
7	give us good faith belief that we will
8	eventually have these contracts in
9	place and that is all I have.
10	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you.
11	Does anyone have any questions for
12	Marie on the program agency update?
13	Hearing none, we will move on.
14	I neglected to begin the meeting by
15	announcing that we are operating under
16	the governor's executive order to allow
17	us to have meetings remotely provided
18	that the meeting is recorded, which it
19	is as you can see from the upper
20	left-hand side of your screen, and that
21	it is being live streamed on YouTube
22	open to the general public. Because of
23	the open meeting law, any vote will be
24	taken by roll call vote rather than by
25	signatory and the votes will be

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2	recorded by name.
3	We now move to the Ambulance
4	Committee report before we get to the
5	main item of the Ambulance Committee
б	report. There was a report from
7	several of the tags. The TAG, the
8	mapping TAG, has essentially concluded
9	its job and they were thanked for it.
10	The TAG, ambulance sticker TAG, it was
11	reported that ambulance stickers are
12	available for any agency that needs
13	them for free and the office will send
14	out an e-mail to all agencies reminding
15	them of the importance of having this
16	sticker on every ambulance that needs
17	to gain access in an emergency
18	situation to a closed off site, and we
19	are told that the ID card supplies have
20	arrived and the ID TAG is going to meet
21	one more time to discuss precisely what
22	is going to be placed on the TAG and
23	I'm sure the next time we meet, we will
24	hear more about the ID TAG.
25	Any questions about anything in the

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2	Ambulance Committee report so far?
3	We now move to a seconded motion
4	that came from the Ambulance Committee
5	regarding the determination of public
6	need for expansion of operating
7	territory for Glen Oaks Volunteer
8	Ambulance Corps 7380.
9	Marie, can you please read the
10	seconded motion?
11	MS. DIGLIO: Okay. This comes in
12	the form of a seconded motion from the
13	Ambulance Committee. The Ambulance
14	Committee, which has conducted a public
15	hearing, has carefully reviewed the
16	information, materials and record in
17	this matter recommends that the hearing
18	officer's report in the matter of the
19	application submitted by Glen Oaks VAC
20	to expand its existing territory into
21	Bayside and Oakland Gardens communities
22	in Queens, the borders are Long Island
23	Expressway, 26th Avenue, Cross Island
24	Parkway and Francis Lewis Boulevard be
25	accepted and the application be

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	recommended for approval.
3	DR. LANGSAM: Is there anyone on
4	the REMSCO who needs to recuse
5	themselves by having a conflict of
6	interest? Please identify yourself.
7	MR. GELBARD: Jerry Gelbard. On
8	the (inaudible) conflict, I will recuse
9	myself from the vote.
10	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you.
11	DR. CRUPI: This is Dr. Crupi. I'm
12	also medical director so I will recuse
13	myself as well.
14	MR. MEKETANSKY: This is David
15	Meketansky. I'm a board member, I'm
16	actually chair of the board for Glen
17	Oaks Voluntary Ambulance Corps, so I'm
18	going to recuse myself as well.
19	DR. LANGSAM: That's three. Is
20	there anyone else? Is there anybody
21	sitting around the table, the virtual
22	table, who feels that someone should
23	have recused themselves, but did not?
24	Hearing none, we will now Dominick
25	Battinelli okay, good. We will now

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2	begin a discussion on the motion. We
3	have you have received the report of
4	the public hearing, okay, of the
5	officer. You have seen the report and
6	the application discussion. Please
7	raise your hand so we can recognize
8	you. There should be some discussion
9	for the record on this.
10	DR. SCHENKER: Travis is raising
11	his hand. You have to look at the
12	pictures.
13	DR. LANGSAM: Why is it not showing
14	up on the participant list?
15	DR. SCHENKER: I don't know, but he
16	has his hand actually up like this.
17	DR. LANGSAM: Travis Kessel?
18	MR. KESSEL: Travis Kessel,
19	District 4. Sorry, it bounced me out
20	when you were asking about recusal.
21	DR. LANGSAM: You are recusing
22	yourself?
23	MR. KESSEL: Yes. Sorry, it
24	bounced me out.
25	DR. LANGSAM: Travis is recusing

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2	himself, number 4.
3	I would appreciate if you try to
4	raise your hands by using putting on
5	the participant list and check raised
6	hand on the bottom of that list. It
7	would make it much easier to identify
8	you.
9	Is there anyone else that wants to
10	speak pro or con this motion?
11	MR. DOWNEY: This is Jim Downey.
12	I'm serving as the director NYSVARA for
13	District 4 and wish to indicate our
14	wholehearted support of the motion.
15	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
16	Anyone else? Hearing none.
17	Marie, please have a roll call vote
18	of the voting members only of REMSCO.
19	MS. DIGLIO: So the motion was just
20	read and as I call your name, please
21	state in favor, against or abstain.
22	Dov Jacob?
23	MR. JACOB: Dov Jacob in favor.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Samia McEachin?.
25	MS. McEACHIN: Yes.

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                MS. DIGLIO: William Goffin?
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                MR. GOFFIN: In favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: Grace Cacciola?
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                MS. CACCIOLA: In favor.
                MS. DIGLIO: Christine Mazzola?
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                MS. MAZZOLA: In favor.
                MS. DIGLIO: Daniel Meisels?
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                MS. MEISELS: Daniel Meisels,
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            abstain.
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                MS. DIGLIO: John Johnstone?
                                In favor.
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                MR. JOHNSTONE:
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                MS. DIGLIO: Robert Bristol?
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                MR. BRISTOL: Robert Bristol in
15
            favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: Travis Kessel is
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            recused, Jerry Gelbard and Dave
           Meketansky recused.
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                Josef Schenker?
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                DR. SCHENKER: In favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: Scott Orlanski is
            absent.
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                Mordechai Lax?
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                MR. LAX: In Favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: Martina Bacarella?
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2	MS. BACARELLA: In favor.
3	MS. DIGLIO: Vincent Barranco?
4	MR. BARRANCO: In favor.
5	MS. DIGLIO: Nancy Benedetto?
6	MS. BENEDETTO: In favor.
7	MS. DIGLIO: Arthur Cooper?
8	MR. COOPER: In favor.
9	MS. DIGLIO: Robert Crupi? Oh, you
10	recused, sorry.
11	Meghan Farley?
12	MS. FARLEY: In favor.
13	MS. DIGLIO: Manfred Fuchs?
14	MR. FUCHS: In favor.
15	MS. DIGLIO: Sean Graves?
16	MR. GRAVES: In favor.
17	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gombo?
18	MR. GOMBO: Jerry Gombo in favor.
19	MS. DIGLIO: Dennis Laurie?
20	MR. LAURIE: In favor.
21	MS. DIGLIO: Brian Levinsky?
22	MR. LEVINSKY: In favor.
23	MS. DIGLIO: Mitchell Powell?
24	MR. POWELL: In favor.
25	MS. DIGLIO: And finally our

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            chairperson, Yedidyah Langsam?
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                DR. LANGSAM: In favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: Okay, the motion
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            carries.
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                DR. LANGSAM: Do you want to read
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            the vote into the minutes, please?
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                MS. DIGLIO: Yes, I'm going to
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            count. We have 21 in favor, one
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            abstained and four recused.
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                DR. LANGSAM:
                              Thank you.
           Unopposed.
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                MR. GELBARD: Excuse me, Marie?
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                MS. DIGLIO: Yes.
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                MR. GELBARD: Did you count Jim
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           Downey in your vote because you didn't
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            ask for his vote?
                MS. DIGLIO: I thought I asked for
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           him. I'm sorry.
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                James Downey?
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                MR. DOWNEY: In favor.
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                MS. DIGLIO: So it's 22 in favor, I
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            apologize.
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                DR. LANGSAM: 22 in favor, four
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            recused, one abstained and no opposed?
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2	MS. DIGLIO: Yes.
3	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
4	We now move to the training and
5	education committee report, Mordy Lax.
6	MR. LAX: Thank you everybody. So
7	training and ed is going to meet
, 8	sometime in the first two weeks of
9	December, the date is yet undetermined.
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	We have not met since the protocols
11	have begun to launch. I did receive a
12	draft. The way that this was done is
13	training ed put together all of the
14	materials, the materials were delivered
15	to the Department of Health and
16	Department of Health was packaging it
17	and putting it online.
18	Again, thanks to everybody involved
19	and to John McMillen for his assistance
20	up north. So I got the draft of the
21	ALS today, we are just a little bit
22	behind, so that should be up and
23	running on the state site in the next
24	day or two. I don't see any reason why
25	by the end of the week at the latest it

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would not be up there.
BLS has updated over 800 people
have taken it so far and by the next
meeting I should have some reporting
abilities as well so we will have more
information. My estimate is we that we
will probably need to start doing a
little bit more of an aggressive
messaging campaign to get it out there,
so that we can push to get it done, but
I have faith that we can accomplish
that.
DR. LANGSAM: Any questions for
Mordy Lax?
DR. SCHENKER: This is not a
question, but just a reminder to
everybody on the call, I did give my
word to the State that this region
would be completely compliant by
January 1st, so I urge everybody on
this call to please go to their
agencies and do whatever you have to
do. I know that the ALS training is
just going up now, but a month should

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1 2	be plenty of time to get everybody up
3	
	and running. Please go to your
4	agencies, please ensure that all your
5	providers are updating so that on
6	January 1 we can start using the
7	unified protocol.
8	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
9	Dr. Schenker, I think a letter went out
10	under your signature, Chair of REMAC,
11	to all agencies stating that in writing
12	once a again.
13	DR. SCHENKER: Marie, that sounds
14	great.
15	MS. DIGLIO: I will get a letter
16	ready. I wanted to just add to Mordy's
17	report. It has more to do with the
18	REMSCO website. Right now, you know,
19	all our training centers can post their
20	courses for free on our website, but
21	right now we are in the middle of
22	getting this particular function
23	updated and fixed, so it's been down
24	for probably four weeks. We are
25	working on getting that up and running

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2	so that you can go back to posting your
3	courses. I just wanted to let everyone
4	know. I did send out an e-mail to let
5	all the training centers know about
6	this problem that we are dealing with
7	right now.
8	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you. Are there
9	any other questions for the training
10	and education committee? Thank you
11	Mordy, thank you committee, we thank
12	you for all the work you have been
13	putting in.
14	We now move to the Regional
15	Emergency Medical advisory committee
16	report. Dr. Schenker, I believe you
17	are it.
18	DR. SCHENKER: Okay, I like that.
19	All right, so basically we met on
20	November 10th via Zoom. The following
21	is what was discussed, a revised pain
22	management protocol for implementation
23	in January of '22. So a year from now
24	was passed. This will go to the State.
25	It is pretty heavy on the standing

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2	order controlled substances as well as
3	some pain management options that are
4	not controlled substances so I think
5	it's definitely a step in the right
6	direction and specifically for all of
7	you on this call, this was one of the
8	last protocol that Mike Guttenberg
9	worked on so this is a tribute to him
10	for us to get it done.
11	The region also approved a vaccine
12	protocol with an appendix. The
13	appendix is currently specific to the
14	influenza vaccine, but all future
15	vaccines in the region that are
16	approved will be added to the vaccine
17	appendix. The appendix is actually
18	appendix V. That was just
19	coincidental, but that's where the
20	numbering went to.
21	The bylaws had an additional
22	revision that was made removing the
23	reference to the medical standards
24	committee for the municipal and
25	nonmunicipal language so now the two

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2	members of the actually, Marie, it's
3	the vice chair and the chair reference
4	that was removed so there is a
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	representative from the medical
6	standards committee that is of the
7	municipal sector, one of the
8	nonmunicipal sectors, but they are not
9	limited to the chair and vice chair,
10	and the bylaws will be on the agenda
11	for the next three meetings to have
12	their final approval.
13	We already heard from Dr. Leviton.
14	He initially presented his information
15	at the REMAC, which was sent to the
16	Ambulance Committee, which we heard
17	about. The ET3 TAG will reconvene
18	under the leadership of Dr. Raberth
19	(phonetic). This is to identify any
20	ways that REMAC can assist with
21	operationalizing and help with protocol
22	development towards the ET3 project.
23	The ET3 project officially goes live
24	January 1st. The fire department as
25	the operational lead for this has

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2	indicated that they will not be ready
3	January 1st and implementation date
4	will be forthcoming.
5	Credentialing and certification
6	continues to evaluate the exam
7	questions. The goal is to make an exam
8	that tests knowledge rather than a
9	memorization of the protocols and the
10	interfacility TAG has been formed with
11	Dr. John Berkowitz from Northwell as
12	the committee chair and that will begin
13	to meet shortly. For anybody on this
14	call who is interested in
15	participating, please let Marie know.
16	This is specifically to look at
17	interfacility transport issues and that
18	concludes my report. Any questions?
19	DR. LANGSAM: Are there any
20	questions for Dr. Schenker? Hearing
21	none. We move thank you.
22	We now move to the Quality
23	Improvement Committee report. Who is
24	doing that, Marie?
25	DR. SCHENKER: I will do it as

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2	well. I have it here in front of me.
3	DR. LANGSAM: Go right ahead.
4	DR. SCHENKER: The meeting was on
5	November 4th chaired by Dr. Redlener.
6	There was one regional restriction
7	which was reviewed. We have reached
8	out to the agencies to request more
9	information relevant to this so we are
10	awaiting that. A COVID after-action
11	report was put together. I must give
12	full kudos to Joe Raneri on this call
13	for the amount of work that he put into
14	that. Thank you, Joe. He put together
15	a really nice after-action report. The
16	language is being fine tuned.
17	Eventually that will be released to the
18	region and there is a survey being sent
19	out as well that looks at the mental
20	health issues specific to COVID and
21	after-action.
22	The first watch dashboard was
23	discussed and was presented originally
24	at the REMAC meeting. This is a 911
25	dashboard sponsored by a grant from the

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2	American Heart Association that we will
3	look at and try to help us with our
4	measuring of metrics for stroke and
5	stemi and we are beginning to look
6	at because this is a question that
7	keeps coming up the utilization of
8	data for research trying to formalize a
9	process by which a person can request
10	of the region data. The QA
11	committee even though this is not
12	truly QA is beginning to look at
13	other documents other agencies examples
14	to try to put together a regional
15	process by which anyone will be able to
16	request data of the region for research
17	purposes.
18	All members of the Quality
19	Assurance Committee will be signing a
20	confidentiality agreement, so that is
21	in process. I think Joe can answer how
22	many people are fully signed off on
23	that, but that concluded the report.
24	The next meeting will be on December
25	lst.

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2	DR. LANGSAM: Any questions for
3	Dr. Schenker? Hearing none. We will
4	move on.
5	There was no stay in the EMS
6	council report. They did not meet.
7	They will meet next in December.
8	We now move to unfinished business.
9	I'm not aware of any unfinished
10	business. Marie, is there any?
11	MS. DIGLIO: No.
12	DR. LANGSAM: We now move to new
13	business. I'm not aware of any new
14	business. Does anyone have any new
15	business?
16	MS. DIGLIO: I know it's early to
17	start talking about EMS week, but we
18	didn't have an EMS week last year
19	because of COVID and I'm hoping that we
20	do have an EMS week this year, but I
21	would like to ask for volunteers to
22	form a small, small committee of
23	council members to help me work on the
24	program, what do we want to highlight,
25	who do we want to highlight. This

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2	shouldn't be done just by council
3	staff. It needs to be done by people
4	who are actually in the field, so if
5	anyone is interested in working on
6	this, in the hopes that we actually
7	have an EMS week and we don't have
8	COVID all the way through till next
9	summer, because then we will be talking
10	about suicide prevention week instead
11	of EMS week, so just contact me if you
12	are interested and we will get started
13	now.
14	DR. LANGSAM: Excellent idea.
15	Is there any other new business?
16	Go ahead, Dr. Crupi.
17	DR. CRUPI: Marie actually
18	mentioned it earlier, the New York
19	State Department of Mental Health &
20	Hygiene reached out to Marie and I
21	(inaudible) training around mental
22	health and it's something that actually
23	can be leveraged for EMS. It deals
24	with self care, psychological first
25	aid, you know, normal stress responses,

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2	acute stress reactions, PTSD,
3	depression, how to seek help and how to
4	recognize a colleague who is in trouble
5	and what to do. I think maybe we
6	should just put it out there to our
7	agencies. I'm mostly concerned about
8	those agencies there may be less
9	resources, such as some of our
10	volunteer agencies. We can probably
11	even attach some (inaudible) to see if
12	agencies are interested in doing
13	something like that, but I think it
14	would be something worthwhile. It's
15	certainly something that should be
16	considered.
17	DR. LANGSAM: Dr. Crupi, would you
18	like to put together a short letter
19	which Marie can then send around to all
20	the agencies?
21	DR. CRUPI: Sure, I would be happy
22	to do so.
23	DR. LANGSAM: Thank you very much.
24	Is there any other new business?
25	Hearing none.

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2	Before you adjourn, please take
3	care of yourself everyone. Stay in
4	touch with each other. Do something
5	for yourself out of work and I look
6	forward to seeing you at our next
7	meeting.
8	A motion to adjourn is in order.
9	MS. DIGLIO: And wishing everybody
10	a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas
11	and a Happy New Year because we don't
12	get to together until January so stay
13	healthy and happy.
14	(Time Noted: 6:40 p.m.)
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