

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

Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City November 28, 2023

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met November 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York. The meeting was simultaneously broadcasted on YouTube and a full recording can be found on our website at www.nycremsco.org.

Organizational Members		Present
Chevra Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Corp	Dov Jacob Alternate, Ari Weisz	
Fire Department, City of New York Emergency Medical Services	Chief Grace Cacciola Alternate,	X
	Chief John Nevins Alternate, Bradley Kaufman, MD	
Greater New York Hospital Association	Andrew Dahl, MD Alternate, Alison Burke	
	William Goffin, EMT Alternate, Dominick Battinelli, EMTP	X
New York City Health & Hospital Corporation	Daniel Meisels, EMT-P Alternate: Jory Guttsman	X
New York City Office of Emergency Management	Robert Bristol Alternate, Mordechai Goldfeder, EMTP	X
New York City Police Department	PO Johnathan Matamoros Alternate, Det. John Johnstone	
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. District 4	Travis Kessel Alternate, James Downey, MBA, EMT	X
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. District 18	Jerrold Gelbard Alternate, David Meketansky	X
REMAC NYC	Josef Schenker, MD Alternate, David Ben-Eli, MD	
Downstate New York Ambulance Association	Michael Raiola, AEMT Alternate,	
	Michael Vatch, MPA, NRP, CCEMT-P	

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	Alternate, Mordechai Lax, EMTP	
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At-Large Members

Martina Bacarella, EMT, Secretary	X
Vincent Barranco, EMTP	X
Nancy Benedetto	X
Arthur Cooper, MD	X
Robert Crupi, MD, Vice Chair	X
Meghan Kessel, RN	
Manfred Fuchs, EMTP	X
Sean Graves	X
Jerry Gombo	X
Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMT-P, Chair	X
Dennis Laurie, EMT	X
Brian Levinsky, EMTP	X
Mitchell S. Powell, EMTP, Parliamentarian	X

STAFF:

Marie Diglio, Executive Director
Scott Chiang, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator/CTC Coordinator
Joseph Raneri, Information System Data Coordinator
Charlie Ung, CTC Assistant
Michelle Klemm, Operations Assistant

GUESTS:

Douglas Isaacs, MD, FDNY OMA

Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The meetings of the Regional EMS Council are recorded to comply with the Governor's Executive Order #3 to webcast meetings. A roll call attendance was conducted, and a quorum was present.

A moment of silence was conducted for Peter Bojmal and Frederick Whiteside, a FDNY EMS Dispatcher who died in the line of duty.

The Minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

- Membership:
 - None

- FDNY EMS:
 - A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Regional EMS Council of New York City and FDNY EMS on November 2, 2023. A copy of the 2022-2024 Program Agency Deliverables was included.

- NYS DOH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems:
 - An October 2023 New York State Regional Faculty Roster was received from Drew Chesney, the Unit Chief of Education and Certification.
 - Ambulance Operating Certificates were received for Volunteer Heart Ambulance, NYPD Aviation Unit, and Bravo Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.

NYS DOH Enforcements:

- Christopher Langevin, New Milford, CT, EMT 153229, suspended for one (1) year effective 11/8/23. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three (3) years for 10 NYCRR Part 800.3 (a), 800.3 (am), 800.15 (a)(1), 800.15 (a) (2), and 800.16 (a)(3) violations. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.
- Joseph George, Summerton, SC, EMT 503074, revoked effective 10/20/23 for 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(7) violations. Assessed a civil penalty of \$500.
- Steven J. Rivera, Carmel, NY, EMT 427041, suspended for one (1) year effective 10/17/23 for 10 NYCRR Part 800.3 (am) violations. The suspension is stayed. EMT placed on probation for three (3) years effective 10/17/23. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.
- Katherine Seipel, Yorktown Heights, NY, EMT 447565, suspended for one (1) year effective 11/1/23 for 10 NYCRR Part 800.3 (a), 800.3 (am), 800.15 (a)(1), 800.15 (a)(2), 800.16 (a)(2), and 800.16 (a)(3) violations. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three (3) years. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.
- Enforcement Actions (for both providers and agencies) can be viewed on the NYS DOH BEMS&TS EMS Disciplinary Actions-Enforcement Actions page at <https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/sanctions.htm>.

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- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 - None

- Ambulance Agencies:
 - Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. provided updated New York State Health Commerce System (HCS) and REMSCO Learning Management System (LMS) contacts.

- Course Sponsors:
 - CFR, EMT & Paramedic original and renewal course applications were received from FDNY; NYPD Emergency Service Unit; Modern Health Resources; Gerritsen Beach Fire Department; B&H Emergency Medical Training; Emergency Care Programs; Montefiore Institute for Emergency Care Training; NYU Langone Hospitals; Emergency Aid Training, Inc.; Queensborough Community College; Kingsborough Community College; Center for Allied Health Education; and RTI Training.
 - All applications appear complete for documentation purposes. Requires REMSCO recommendation to approve.

A vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

- CME/Training:

The following events were received and distributed:

 - New York Presbyterian Queens and Bayside Glen Oaks will host “Call Review Penetrating Neck Trauma” on November 15, 2023, from 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. To RSVP and for more information visit www.glenoaksvac.org/cme.
 - The Maimonides EMS Division will be hosting the 2nd Annual All NYC EMS Journal Club at Fraunces Tavern on December 19, 2023, at 7 P.M. The discussion will be based on the clinical paper “A retrospective comparison of the King Laryngeal Tube and iGel supraglottic airway devices: A study for the CARES surveillance group” by Tanner Smida et. al. All residents, attendings, and EMS providers are welcome to attend.
 - The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai hosted a “Grand Rounds: Magen David Adom and Operations Iron Swords: A Medical Response” on November 7, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

- Other:

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- Mount Sinai Health System is conducting a survey study of Prehospital Provider Perspective of the ET3 Initiative. The purpose of the study is to understand EMT and Paramedic perceptions of the ET3 initiative rollout in New York State. If you are interested, please call 718-986-8452.
- An email was received from Yehuda Lowenthal requesting clarification about the unit dosage of DuoNeb in the proposed protocols that were sent out for Public Notice. Patients will receive a full dose of Ipratropium Bromide regardless of age.
- Mount Sinai and Pace University are conducting an EMS Smart Glass Study. To register for the online medical control part, please visit <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/axl23XJa>.
- The Blanket Special Edition featuring a NYSVARA 2023 Annual Meeting & Pulse Check Recap was received from New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc. (NYSVARA).
- National First Responders Day 2023 Honoring the Contributions of our Country's First Responders was held on October 28, 2023. National First Responders Day was first approved by the U.S. Senate in 2017 and received bipartisan resolution in the U.S. House in 2019. The goal of this day, every October 28, is to show appreciation for the collective efforts of all public safety professionals. An email was received from EMS.gov's Office of EMS, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Department of Transportation acknowledging the hard work of providers and showing them appreciation.
- A funeral announcement and arrangements for Pete Bojmal of Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps. were received from NYSVARA. His funeral was held on October 31, 2023.
- An email was received from Lauryn Kosturko, DO informing Medical Standards and REMAC of NYU Langone's newest EMS Medical Director Michelle Safferman. Dr. Safferman did her EM residency at Mount Sinai Morningside-West and completed an EMS Fellowship at the University of California San Diego.

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes, and associated attachments for the meeting.
- NYC REMAC Public Notice Proposed Revisions Prehospital Treatment Protocols for the following protocols:
 - Anaphylaxis/Severe Allergic Reaction (Adult and Pediatric)
 - Asthma/COPD/Wheezing (Adult and Pediatric)
 - Emergency Childbirth
 - Vaccine Administration (Adult and Pediatric)
- The Regional EMS Council of New York City submitted the Program Agency Voucher for the 1st Quarter.

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Emergency Preparedness Update (Scott Chiang)

Scott Chiang reported the following:

- The final FEMA DR4480 Covid-related funds are in review and will be disbursed to agencies that participated in the Covid activation.
- Intranasal Narcan is available to agencies. Please email Scott Chiang to arrange to pick it up.

Program Agency Update (Marie Diglio)

Marie Diglio reported that the Office of the Regional Council submitted the first quarter Program Agency and Regional Council vouchers. The Regional Council funds were received, but the Council is waiting for the Program Agency funds.

There are SEMAC/SEMSCO Subcommittees meeting virtually and non-SEMAC and SEMSCO members can join. Committee members' names and email addresses were provided to NYS DOH for Boardable access, and emails are sent through the portal. If you are not receiving them, please inform the Office of the Regional EMS Council.

The next meetings of the SEMAC/SEMSCO will be on December 5, 2023, and December 6, 2023.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, Martina Bacarella, Chair

Martina Bacarella reported that the Ambulance Committee met before the Regional Council meeting. The following is a summary of the meeting:

- The Ambulance Security Sticker TAG reported that a new decal and quote were requested from the vendor.
- In New York City, vehicles entering or traveling within the central business district of Manhattan will be charged due to a congestion pricing proposal. A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) sent a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTA) to request an exemption for EMS. The committee will follow up with them and arrange a meeting to discuss the issues.
- An application for Determination of Public Need for EXPANSION of an existing ambulance agency was received from Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. The agency would like to expand from their current operating area, which includes "Myrtle Avenue East to Broadway, Broadway Southeast to Eastern Parkway South to Fulton Street, Fulton Street West to Bedford Avenue, Bedford Avenue North to Myrtle Avenue" to include "In New York City, the confines of the NYPD 73rd, 75th and 77th Precincts. Kings County Community Boards #5, #8 and #16."

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A Fitness and Competency Report from the New York State Department of Health was read into the minutes. The report stated that based on the information provided and their investigation there is no bar to this entity and the individual's fitness and competency.

The Ambulance Committee brought forward a seconded motion to "recommend approval of the Determination of Public Need application for EXPANSION of Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. to include the following new territory, 'In New York City, the confines of the NYPD 73rd, 75th and 77th Precincts and Kings County Community Boards #5, #8 and #16.'"

A roll call vote was conducted, and the results were 18 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions and 0 Recusals. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee will be on January 30, 2024.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT, Mordy Lax, Chair

The Training & Education met on November 3, 2023. Mordy Lax, Chair, was not in attendance to provide the report.

Marie Diglio reported that the Training & Education Committee is working on the Learning Management System. In addition, Meghan Williams is leading the Regional Faculty and collaborating with the New York State Department of Health to host regional Certified Lab Instructor and Certified Instructor courses.

The next Training & Education Committee meeting is on January 26, 2024.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Josef Schenker, MD

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on November 21, 2023. Dr. Schenker and Dr. Ben-Eli did not attend the Regional Council meeting. Marie Diglio reported the following summary:

- Officers were reelected for a period of two years.
- There was a discussion about the New York State iGel Basic Life Support (BLS) Pilot Project being conducted by the Hudson Valley region, which aims to assess the feasibility of Emergency Medical Technicians' use of iGel supraglottic airway devices to treat patients who experience cardiac arrest. The Regional Council and the NYS

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Department of Health approved Jamaica and Flushing hospitals to participate in the project in our region. However, REMAC did not review the project. There will be further review at the next meeting.

- Protocols were submitted to SEMAC for approval.

The next REMAC meeting is on January 23, 2024.

JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, Michael Redlener, MD & Joseph Raneri

Joseph Raneri reported that the QI Committee met on November 1, 2023. The following is a summary of the meeting:

- The committee has one pending regional restriction case and the necessary documentation. The committee is scheduling a meeting to review the case and decide on the outcome.
- SIEMT applied for approval of a course upgrade to provide Paramedic Refresher courses in the region. The QI Committee met with the NYS DOH to obtain clarification about the requirements needed. The committee is reviewing the application, and it should be completed before the next meeting.
- The QI Committee is developing QA project reports on advanced airways and pain management.
- The rollout of the FirstWatch Dashboard is currently in progress. Agencies that have updated their contacts should have received access to the dashboard and a unique key code to identify their agency. Although many agencies have responded, the committee is still waiting for updated data from some agencies.

The next QA/QI Committee meeting is on December 6, 2023.

STATE EMS COUNCIL REPORT, Robert Crupi, MD

The SEMAC/SEMSCO met on September 12, 2023, and September 13, 2023, in Troy, New York.

Marie Diglio reported that there was a discussion about the regional credentialing of Paramedics. In June, the New York State Department Bureau of EMS informed members that they support regionally credentialing paramedics. However, in September, they redacted that statement and said that after speaking with their legal department, they determined that regional councils had no authority to regionally credential.

New York State created a Credentialing Committee to discuss the issues. Paul Barbara, MD, is the chair of this committee, and several members from New York City, including Marie Diglio, are members.

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The next SEMAC/SEMSCO meetings will be on December 5, 2023, and December 6, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting of the Regional EMS Council adjourned at 6:26 pm. The next meeting will be on January 30, 2024.

Approved