Due to COVID19, the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 via ZOOM webinar. The meeting was simultaneously broadcast on YouTube/Face Book. A recording of this meeting can be viewed via webcast at www.nycremsco.org.

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**STAFF:** Marie Diglio, Executive Director

Joseph Raneri, Information System Data Coordinator

Scott Chiang, CTC Coordinator/Emergency Preparedness
Dr. Josef Schenker, Chair, called the meeting to order. Dr. Yedidyah Langsam, Chair REMSCO, gave a brief review of basic rules for video meetings. 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 23, 2020, Joint REMAC/Medical Standards Meeting was unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

_The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:_

**Membership:**

- Matthew Harris, MD, applied to fill the pediatric physician seat on REMAC. His resume was submitted.
  - Discussed by REMAC. Motion by Dr. Schenker and second by Dr. Redlener, to accept Dr. Harris as a member of REMAC. Roll call vote as follows: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

**FDNY EMS:**

- No new information.

**NYS DOH:**

- The following Enforcement Actions were received:
  - Thomas Dean Enforcement, 485076, Saratoga, revoked as of 07/06/2020
  - Letasha Wright Enforcement, 304899, Staten Island, revoked as of 07/13/2020

_The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:_

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- The following REMAC Advisories were issued:

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

_Executive Committee_

The Executive Committee did not meet.
Medical Standards (David Ben-Eli, MD, Chair/Paul Barbara, MD, Vice-Chair)

Dr. Ben-Eli asked that both Medical Standards and REMAC members be polled to identify more convenient meeting times now that meetings are being held virtually.

Certification & Credentialing Committee has meetings scheduled. Reports will be available at the next meeting.

A new Interfacility Transport Committee has been formed. Dr. Jonathan Berkowitz will Chair.

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

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on June 30, 2020 via Zoom webinar. The following is a summary:

1. **NYS DOH:**
   a. Instructor certification extension email affirming 1-year extension for non-expired certifications.

2. **Ambulance Agencies:**
   a. VAC boundaries maps submitted.
   b. Letter from Bedford Stuyvesant VAC stating neither John Warwick nor Shanida Robinson are associated with this agency. Further, neither individual is empowered to represent Bedford Stuyvesant VAC.

3. **Course Sponsors:**
   a. Course Sponsor renewals are extended until September 30, 2020.
   b. Multiple communications from college-based courses requesting assistance in meeting PSE requirements since campuses are closed to students.

4. **Elections:**
   a. The following were recommended for re-appointment as At Large members beginning July 1, 2020:
      i. Vincent Barranco, EMTP
      ii. Sean Graves, EMT
      iii. Jerry Gombo, EMTP
      iv. Mitchell S. Powell, EMTP

      1. Member’s terms are for four (4) years, ending June 30, 2024.
b. The following were recommended for re-appointment as Organizational Representatives beginning July 1, 2020:
   i. GNYHA, Samia McEachin, primary, and Alison Burke, alternate
   ii. GNYHA, William Goffin, primary, and Dominick Battinelli, alternate.
   iii. NYPD, Johnathan Matamoros, primary, and John Johnstone, alternate
   iv. NYC EM, Robert Bristol, primary, and Mordechai Goldfeder, alternate.
   v. NYC H +H, Daniel Meisels, primary, and Joseph Marcellino, alternate.

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c. The following were recommended as REMSCO Officers:
   i. Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMTP, Chair (re-appoint)
   ii. Robert Crupi, MD, First Vice Chair (re-appoint)
   iii. Mitchell Powell, EMTP, Parliamentarian (re-appoint)
   iv. Martina Bacarella, EMT, Secretary (NEW appointment)

1. Officer’s terms are for two (2) years, ending June 30, 2022.

5. No new Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority received.

6. No new Applications for Determination of Public Need received.

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

Mordy Lax, Chair, reported the Protocol Update training module is nearing completion. Training and Education has met multiple times to create an interactive training session, using FDNY materials. Recording has been very challenging, which is why it has taken longer than anticipated. Training will be posted on NYS DOH LMS.

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

Have not met since June 2020. Three items being discussed:

1. First Watch program has been adopted by our region to review regional STEMI and Stroke data. Able to view a ‘live’ dashboard. Presentation for next meeting. Data driven QA.

2. After action report (Joseph Raneri) related to pandemic. In beginning stages and being reviewed.

3. Dr Ben-Eli presented Stroke data. PPT will be available via email also.

**STATE EMS COUNCIL/SEMAC UPDATE (ROBERT CRUPI, MD)**
The State EMS Council/SEMAC meeting was held on August 12-13, 2020 via webinar. The following is a summary:

Approved Motions:

1. Motion to approve administration of terbutaline 0.25 IM prn for bronchospasm in ages 12 and above and 0.1 mg/kg/dose in 6-12 y/o. May be administered by AEMT, EMT-CC and Paramedic q15- 30minX2. Younger patients and additional dosing would require on-line medical control order.
2. A motion to affirm: It is within the scope of practice of all EMS providers to administer vaccinations, if so trained. This does not mandate use, but clarifies Scope of Practice and does not change any Executive Order.
3. A motion to affirm: It is within the scope of an EMS provider, when trained and equipped, to conduct oral and nasal pharyngeal swabbing for testing.
4. To approve NYC Adult and Pediatric Anaphylaxis Protocols.
5. Seconded motion to recommend an emergency regulatory change to allow the NYS DOH EMS to issue waivers to part 800 requirements in support of quality prehospital care. 
   This is relation to current Part 800.23(3) requirement that any volume of liquid in excess of 249 milliliters stored in the ambulance must be in plastic containers. Nitroglycerin used on ambulances is only available in 250 milliliter glass vials. Safety Committee is presenting a similar motion.

Discussion:

1. EMS Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol (Listed under Policy Statements and Advisories as 20-06 (v1 updated 03.22.20) was discussed and decision was made not revoke or suspend it. There were comments about abuse of it, concern about a resurgence and regions having protocols available to quickly implement.
2. ET3 as a protocol vs. being a policy was discussed. NYC position is that it involves procedures, but BEMS&TS feels it is a protocol. Question: Why protocol vs regional policy. Answer from Ryan Greenberg: Based on guidance from DOH Division of Legal Affairs. Issue will be brought up at October meetings.

Dr. Schenker asked that SEMAC Minutes be sent to REMAC members once available.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS

The REMAC Bylaws were distributed (via email). This is the first reading/review. The revised Bylaws were reviewed line by line with no objections. The 2nd review will be conducted at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting of the REMAC will be held via Zoom on October 20, 2020, at 5:00 pm.