This not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. The notes were typed during the meeting and were reviewed afterward. Official minutes of the meeting will be posted after approval at the next REMSCO meeting in January.

Meeting was a combination of in-person and on-line attendance. Audio quality was poor as people present in the meeting room were wearing masks which muted their voices.

Lacking a quorum, the meeting began at 2:15 PM for discussions.

**Chairperson – Paul Divver**
98% of PCR entry in NYS is done electronically. Nassau County accounts for about 1.5% to 1.8% of the total. NYS DOH is coming down with an option, which over the last 14 months, has been tested by 1 agency in each of the 18 EMS regions around the state. Thomas Mastakouris clarified that there are 2 separate programs to be offered by NYS DOH - a new FREE ePCR platform as well as an option to continue using paper PCRs for EMS agencies that want to. Don Hudson provided information on what is coming:

- **FREE ePCR platform for EMS agencies.** Agencies currently using paper PCRs or those who already use commercial ePCR software are strongly encouraged to attend. 3 Implementation Symposia (introduction and walk through) will be held at the Nassau University Medical Center Amphitheater in East Meadow as follows:
  - Tuesday 11/10/20, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
  - Thursday 11/12/20, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
  - Sunday 11/15/20, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

  The sessions are for people in EMS agency leadership positions who have decision making or recommendation authority. This would include Chiefs, Commissioners, Town/Village officials, etc. Future sessions will follow for EMS providers.

  Peter Brodie, Deputy Chief, informatics, Bureau of EMS & Trauma Services is expected to attend.

  To register for one of the symposiums go to [https://nassauems.org/](https://nassauems.org/)

- **Paper PCRs are not going away and agencies that want to continue using them will be able to do so.** It was explained that immediately after a call the paper PCR is to be scanned into a NYS DOH supplied program on an accessory web site. About 30 data fields will then have to be entered covering the call. When that is done the scan and data is electronically transmitted to NYS DOH.

**Nassau Program Agency situation is subject of ongoing discussions with NYS DOH.**

**Treasurer Report – Paul Divver**
- $35,???.?? in Money Market #1
- $71,599.17 in Money Market #2
- $7,540.07 in Checking account
- There are 2 pending bills to be paid – $1046.00 for the web site and $4,012.50 for an attorney.

**State EMS Council – Donald Hudson**
- Waiting on dates for next meetings. They will be remote.

**Executive Director Report – Position Vacant**
- No report.
QI Coordinator Report – Frank Chester
• Unintelligible due to poor audio quality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Paul Divver
• Unintelligible due to poor audio quality.

Communications Committee
• No report.

Disaster Planning & Coordinating – Annemarie Glazer, Chair
• No report

Education & Training Committee – Frank Chester, Chair
• Unintelligible due to poor audio quality.

Legal & Government Affairs - Thomas Mastakouris
• Discussed several items appearing in NYS Register:
  o Hospital Non Comparable Ambulance Acute Rate Add-On.
  o Hospital PPE Requirements (90-day). Recommended EMS agencies mirror requirement and most have.
  o Nursing Home PPE Requirements.
• Executive Order 202.67 on open meetings expired yesterday (11/3/20). This statement was challenged with someone saying the Executive Order was extended.

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) – David Kugler, MD
• CME recertification documentation requirements include:
  o Topic area
  o Hours earned
  o Date of the course
  o Course name
  o Source/method that provided the CME
• At the last REMSCO meeting the REMAC had 5 vacancies and 3 were filled by Jessica Berrios, MD, Matthew Harris, MD and Jatinder Singh, MD. For the 2 remaining seats it was passed on to REMAC to pick 2 from the 3 receiving 4 votes each: Robert Bramante, MD, Kurt Dischner and Salvatore Pardo, MD. Subsequently, Nenad Gric, DO stepped down from membership and this allowed all 3 to become REMAC members at the 10/7/20 REMAC meeting.
• Dr. Kugler reported he had contacted Ryan Greenberg, Director, BEMS&TS about Policy Statement 14-01 EMS Provider Care Restriction Guidance. He was advised agency Medical Director can restrict an EMS provider in their agency. If a region wants to restrict a provider in a region the proposed action needs to be sent to NYS DOH for expeditious action at this time.
• For patient in cardiac arrest, unless there is an exception or with On-Line Medical Control approval, the care has to be worked up on the scene for ROSC or pronouncement of death. This was discussed at last REMAC meeting and is being reinforced. This is NYS protocol and Nassau County policy.

Presence of a Quorum was announced at 2:33 PM.
Pledge of allegiance was conducted.
Moment of silence was observed.
Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/2/20 meeting was made, seconded and approved.
Membership Committee – Thomas Mastakouris, Chair
- Committee met at South Farmingdale FD on 9/8/20.
- Bylaws require 5 committee members and there are presently 4. Members need to be voted in by the Council.
- Seconded motions are being made to amend membership categories as follows:
  - Pre-Hospital Provider At-Large to Active NYS Certified Patient Care Provider At-Large
  - Citizen At-Large to Active NYS Certified Patient Care Provider At-Large
  - Citizen At-Large to Community Member with Focus on Equity of Care At-Large
Motions on the amended membership categories were passed.
- There are open seats on REMSCO. There have been 8 inquiries with 7 recommended. Resumes were e-mailed to members. The Committee recommends Vincent Papasodero and Dave Kaldor. Ballots were handed out with instructions to vote for up to 2. It was announced that Dave Kaldor and Kevin O’Hara were elected.
- Recommendations for the Community Member with Focus on Equity of Care At-Large seat were requested for consideration at the January 2021 meeting.
- Motion made nominating Christopher Airey for the Membership Committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

Systems Committee – Paul Divver
- Bellmore-Merrick EMS has had a pending request for a change in its response matrix. The Committee met and has a seconded motion to approve BMEMS response in the North Bellmore Fire District moving to primary from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM during the day 7 days a week and from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM at night. This moves them from 3rd due during the day and 2nd due at night up to primary. They have the necessary personnel to handle the situation. Motion was passed without opposition. Recommendation will now go to the NCPD Commissioner for final approval.
- Bethpage FD has submitted a request and the paperwork will be forwarded to the Systems Committee for approval.

NEW BUSINESS
2021 meeting schedule was discussed as first Wednesdays 1/6/21, 3/3/21, 6/2/21 and 9/1/21 were suggested. Someone raised an issue with the June date and it was changed to 6/9/21. Motion to approve the dates was made, seconded and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Nominations for new officers for 2021-2022 were open at the 9/2/20 meeting and the following were nominated:
- Chairman - Thomas Mastakouris (Fire Commission)
- Vice Chairperson - Ann DeSimone (Nassau County DOH)
- Secretary-Treasurer - Charles Mackie (Fire Commission)
Chair indicated if there were no objections he would have 1 vote cast to elect the officers. This was OK’d.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
List of those interested will be sent out for consideration at the January 2021 meeting.

Incoming Chair Thomas Mastakouris thanked Paul Divver and Donald Hudson for their work this past year. He commented on the Program Agency lacking a workforce and need to be patient. There will be an emphasis on committees.

Chair asked Bruce Cohn, Esq. if he wished to say anything about the [Program Agency] situation. He responded that there is nothing at this time and they are continuing to speak with the state.
Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 2:56 PM.