

Notes - BEMS&TS 3/16/23 Briefing for EMS Agency Leadership and Providers



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NYS DOH Bureau of EMS & Trauma Services
Briefing for EMS Agency Leadership and Providers
Thursday 3/16/23, 4:02 PM to 4:26 PM

Unofficial Notes

This is not an official verbatim transcript of the call. There was no prepared agenda distributed before the call. During the call outline notes of what was said were taken by a NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) representative and the outline notes were filled in after the call trying to reflect what the presenters actually said and/or make reading easier. Links to forms or documents mentioned were added and are highlighted.

Questions can be submitted before the next call at: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/nys-covid-19-response-ems-agency> or during the call through the chat box.

Notes from prior briefing calls plus other information is on the NYSVARA website under the Library tab and then select [News Archives](#).

There were about 170 attendees on the call.

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JENNIFER SALOMON

- Been traveling the state presenting an 8 hour course on *Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Considerations for Emergency Medical Services*. Was recently in the Buffalo area. Have trained just under 300 providers statewide. Register for an upcoming class at: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/behavioral-health-and-substance->

Received feedback on the subject and will be offering 2 to 3 behavioral health topics a month on the Vital Signs Academy. Looking for educators interested in doing presentations and agencies interested in hosting a course. Send e-mail to jennifer.salomon@health.ny.gov

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AMY EISENHAUER

- EMS for Children NY Statewide grant has been renewed for another 4 years.
- The national EMS for Children survey for EMS agencies is still collecting information. Data and answers go direct to the federal web site. NY is 38% complete. Completion goal is 100%. To complete the survey go to <https://emscsurveys.org/> The survey provides information on education and resources available and preparedness to treat pediatric patients.

RICHARD ROBINSON

- Moshe “Mike” Weinberger has joined the Metropolitan Office as a new District Chief/Investigator.
- Continuing to recruit for an education position based in the New Rochelle office. Filing has been extended out to 3/28/23. Hopefully, the person will have background as a CIC or CLI.
- Continuing to be out in the field doing spot checks. Finding a lot of issues with expired medications and tears in equipment and such creating unsanitary conditions.

MATTHEW WILEY

- Recently had a major storm here mostly in the Capitol and MARO Regions [Hudson Valley] but did not have huge issues with either health care facilities or EMS agencies. Forecasters missed the mark in a few spots.
- Working on updating radiological response policy statements to meet federal grant requirements. Policy Statement 03-06 *Radiological Terrorism Rapid Response Card* has been out for quite some time. There are a few others being looked at.

PETER BRODIE

- Data & Informatics has been busy on audits, pediatric work and the hospital hub.
- Working with some local health departments to help them identify where overdoses are taking place.
- Working with the Quality Assurance team and prepping for ePCR in the classroom.
- There was a technical problem with the BEMS&TS briefing earlier today on Part S of the proposed 2023-2024 Executive Budget. The problem has been resolved and there should be no problems with the briefings scheduled for next week.
- **QUESTION:** For overdose tracking are we supposed to continue using the OD Map program? **ANSWER:** The DOH has a multiple pronged approach and has developed an overdose rapid response team and it has been working well with the Division of Epidemiology. It looks at hospital and EMS data including naloxone. The NY/NJ HIDTA program looks at reporting through the Overdose Mapping and Application Program (ODMAP). This allows use of multiple indicators to identify spikes not reported in another format.
- **QUESTION:** What is ODMAP and how do you report it? **ANSWER:** Send an e-mail to peter.brodie@health.ny.gov and someone from the program will get back to you.
- **QUESTION:** Any guidance coming on RHIO (Regional Health Information Organization) participation? Any funding available for PCR vendors to support participation? **ANSWER:** Have not heard of any funding. Send e-mail to peter.brodie@health.ny.gov and will see if can get someone from a RHIO or ePCR network to talk to you.

MICHAEL MCEVOY

- State EMS Council has not met since the February meetings a couple weeks ago.
- My notes on the February meetings are at https://saratogaems.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_SEMSCO1_Feb.pdf and has links on what the NY Senate and Assembly have done with Part S of the proposed 2023-2024 Executive Budget which are somewhat conflicting but encouraging.
- Everybody is encouraged to attend a BEMS&TS informational session on Part S of the proposed 2023-2024 Executive Budget.

RYAN GREENBERG

- John MacMillan from the Education Branch has taken a promotion to a supervisory position in the DOH Long Term Care program.
- Drew Chesney is for now is handling John's responsibilities in addition to his own. Working on reallocating some job functions.
- Gene Myers continues to handle the CME Recertification program.
- NYS EMS Sustainability report has been issued. [New York State 2023 Evidence Based EMS Agenda for Future](#) is the official title.
- Part S of the proposed 2023-2024 Executive Budget contains proposals for funding and legislation. 19 of the 25 EMS sustainability recommendations are covered by proposals in Part S.
- The NY Assembly and Senate have their one house bills on the Executive Budget covering where they think funding and changes should happen.
- Send Part S comments to Ryan.Greenberg@health.ny.gov
- DOH Commissioner met on 3/15/23 with Michael McEvoy, Chair of SEMSCO and Donald Doynow, MD, Chair of SEMAC. Talked about EMS needs and concerns including future position of a State EMS Medical Director, staffing crisis, healthcare in general and financing.

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- There will be BEMS&TS informational sessions on Part S of the proposed 2023-2024 Executive Budget next week on Monday and Wednesday.

Monday, March 20, 2023 10:00 am to 11:00 am

<https://meetny.webex.com/weblink/register/r266548b7afb11a2ec0a1a7d764f40f81>

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

<https://meetny.webex.com/weblink/register/r987a602f9149dd3638896d58e6bf6eff>

The links above are registration links so you may register to attend the Webinar. Once you register, a meeting link will be sent to the email address used on the registration. If you are encountering any issues completing the registration, please contact peter.brodie@health.ny.gov If you encounter challenges signing into the Webinar, please email emsdata@health.ny.gov

- **QUESTION:** Has there been any update on the NYS mask mandate for EMS? **ANSWER:** There has been an update on the mask mandate related to health care facilities but not specifically to EMS. We are working with the Office of Public Health to put specific guidance out there or further clarify where we are in that regard. We are seeing a decrease in Covid but unfortunately still seeing it go around with decreased severity. Look forward to additional guidance coming out in next few weeks.
- **QUESTION:** How do non-affiliated certified paramedics recertify without a primary agency and medical control doctor? Was asked recently because past employee became a police officer and is not active with EMS unless he is on an aided case at work. **ANSWER:** Send e-mail for to gene.myers@health.ny.gov We may need to put out a policy statement with additional guidance covering unaffiliated providers.

FUTURE BRIEFING CALLS

Interested parties are invited to attend future briefings. All calls are on Thursday's beginning at 4:00 PM. The dates are:

4/20/23

5/18/23

6/15/23

7/20/23

8/17/23

9/21/23

10/19/23

11/16/23

12/14/23

If you don't automatically get an invitation you can sign up at:

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/ems-agency-leadership-and-ems-pr>



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