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A special meeting of the NY State EMS Council (SEMSCO) was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. There was no SEMAC meeting and no committee or TAG meetings. The agenda was limited to 2 specific items, detailed below. This action was taken as the September, 2011 meeting (the last regularly scheduled meeting) was cancelled due to severe weather conditions in the upstate area, and the SEMSCO, by statutory requirement, had to forward an approved NY State EMS Budget to the Governor's Office by December 1st. Due to the late notification of the meeting, and multiple schedule conflicts, neither Mr. Lateulere, nor Mr. Delagi, were able to attend. This meeting summary is provided based on "attendance" at the meeting via webcast.

The Finance Committee completed their work on the 2012-2013 Recommended Budget Estimates using data on hand at the NY State DOH BEMS Office, and solicited from each region by way of the annual Training Plan and Budget Template, prepared by Program Agencies in cooperation with REMSCOs and Course Sponsors. The proposed budget of \$23,220, 284.00 was approved, and will be forwarded to the Governor's Office in the appropriate time frame. This budget recommendation is \$5 million more than historical actual budgeted amounts, and represents professional appraisal and actual projected costs to provide EMS Administration, Oversight and Education & Training across NY State.

Elections were held, with an impromptu change in the previously presented slate of officers for 2012. This mutually agreeable change was necessary as one of the candidates for an officer's position would have been elected to that officer's term that exceeded his term on the council. Elections were held and the 2012 NY State EMS Council Officers are:

Chair – Richard Brant, Hudson-Mohawk REMSCO

First Vice Chair – Mark Zeek, Adirondack-Appalachian REMSCO

Second Vice Chair – Daniel Blum, Westchester REMSCO

The next meeting of the SEMSCO is scheduled for January 30 – February 1, 2012. The remainder of the 2012 meeting schedule has not been finalized.

As the formal agenda items were completed, light discussion was held, consisting of the following information.

NY State DOH BEMS has notified all BLS-FR Agencies in NY State that they must complete an Agency Renewal Application Package in order to declare their intent to retain their respective agency codes and continue to provide BLS-FR services. Failure to respond by the December 31, 2011 deadline will be interpreted as a decision to no longer participate, and the agency code will be de-authorized. In the Suffolk Region, the EMS Division has worked with each currently authorized BLS-FR Service to provide technical assistance in ensuring a complete application along with the required regional authorization documentation needed to renew service status.

Vital Signs conference will be held in Syracuse, NY October 18-21, 2012.

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NYS DOH BEMS reported that there are several personnel changes in effect. Karen Meggenhofen, the long term Associate Director of Education & Certification has announced her retirement, effective the end of December, and Gary Tuthill and Shaun Bertok have transferred out of the Operations Section for positions in the NY State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES, formerly SEMO).

A change in Article 30 increases the size of the SEMSCO from 29 to 31 members, including 23 physicians appointed by the NY State Health Commissioner, one from each REMSCO. Dr. Tim Haydock from the Westchester Region has been appointed to replace the Suffolk Region's Dr. Mark Henry, as SEMAC Chair. Dr. Henry held the Chair's position for the last 17 years and was a driving force in overseeing many improvements to emergency medical and trauma care in NY State.

The NYS DOH BEMS will release revisions to NY State EMS Regulation (Part 800) at the January 2012 meeting. These proposed regulatory changes, developed in consultation with the DOH Legal Counsel, include enhanced certification eligibility criteria specific to criminal convictions, codification of the CME Recertification Program, and scopes of practice for each certification level in NY State, in line with the current national EMS educational standards. Once vetted by the SEMAC, the process requires a 45 day public comment period.

End of Delegate's Report