

MEETING SUMMARY
May 9, 2017
Suffolk County EMS Office, Yaphank, New York 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the July 11, 2017 meeting.

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as **attachment 1**.

- Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Philip Camman at 7:04 PM followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence for all those departed from the service.
- The Chair asked that the secretary call the roll for attendance, roll call complete with a quorum present.
- Presentation of “CPR Save” award to the Crews from the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the West Islip Fire Department.
- Introduction of membership and guests.
- Vice-Chairman Camman called for a motion to approve the January 10th meeting summary as distributed, motion made, seconded and passed.

Executive Committee – P. Camman

- Vice-Chairman Camman thanked the members of REMSCO for their support during the transition into the Chair upon Mr. Vetter’s leaving, and thanked him for his service to the REMSCO.
- Mr. Boyd was asked to read the findings of the Resource Needs Committee regarding the Transfer of Operating Authority from the West Islip Fire Department to the West Islip Fire District. A motion was made by Mr. Franz, seconded by Mr. Talmage and passed. The roll call vote and stenographer’s record of the proceeding are attached as **attachment 2** and **attachment 3**.

Budget – M. Zender

- Mr. Zender reported that the account is up to date, all bills have been paid.

Correspondence – Distributed

Incoming – date; from whom; subject

3/13/17; 5 REMSCO Membership; email cancelling the March 14th meeting due to local winter storm emergency.

3/13/17; 5 Star Reporting; email acknowledging cancelling appearance for the March 14th meeting due to meeting cancellation, and rescheduling appearance for May 9 2017 meeting.

3/16/17; NYSDOH (Clayton); request for information regarding processing of West Islip FD TOA.

3/28/17; NYSDOH (Briggs); Enforcement Notification against Andrew Lesce (not in Suffolk System).

3/31/17; J. Vetter; letter of resignation from REMSCO and the Chair position.

4/4/17; S. Pufky on behalf of Orient FD TOA Application, transmitting previously incomplete materials.

4/8/17; Language Line Services, Invoice 4042200; for March services rendered. (No Payment Due).

4/14/17; Port Jefferson EMS; course applications for EMT-B originals 6/15-8/17, and 6/12 - 8/17; and an EMT-B Core Content CME Refresher 5/6 – 5/14.

4/15/17; Suffolk FRES; Invite to MCU 1 Dedication to W. Horst

4/19/17; Five Star Reporting; confirmation of stenographer 5/9/17 appearance.

4/22/17; E. Komosinski; PAD NOI update information for 9 entities..

4/24/17; NYSDOH; Reimbursement Check for 4th Quarter (Jan-March 2017) Expenses.

5/1/17; Infrastructure Solutions; Invoice 17544 for website services rendered.

5/5/17; A. Pellicone; expression of interest in REMSCO Vice – Chair position.

5/9/17; Mike’s ragtime Pizza; Invoice for May meeting expenses.

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Outgoing – date; to whom; subject

3/13/17; 5 Star Reporting; email cancelling appearance for the March 14th meeting due to meeting cancellation.
3/16/17; NYSDOH (Clayton); notice of cancellation of March meeting and postponement on West Islip FD TOA.
3/22/17; Personal Training Institute (Daly); PAD Information.
3/22/17; Upper Room Christian Ministries (Dono); PAD Information.
4/6/17; Infrastructure Solutions; check 921 for monthly website services rendered.
4/6/17; Infrastructure Solutions; check 922 for monthly website services rendered.
4/6/17; Infrastructure Solutions; check 923 for website domain name renewal.
4/6/17; Infrastructure Solutions; check 924 for monthly website services rendered.
4/6/17; Infrastructure Solutions; check 925 for monthly website services rendered.
4/6/17; S. Pufky, RE Orient FD TOA Application, advising new materials received still incomplete. .
4/11/17; NYSDOH (Behanna); 4th Quarter (Jan-March 2017) Deliverables Report and Voucher.
4/11/17; Retransmission of the previously received South County EMS Installation Dinner to P. Cammann.
4/12/17; NYSDOH (D. Johnson); 2016 NY State EMS Council Award Winners.
4/12/17; Various individuals; congratulations letters for winning 2016 EMS Awards and Honorable Mentions.
4/24/17; REMSCO Membership; Invite to MCU 1 Dedication to W. Horst
4/26/17; NYSDOH; 2018-2019 Regional Training Plan and Budget Template.

End of May, 2017 Correspondence

Education & Training – Vacant

- Mr. Camman noted that the EMS Best Practices Seminar has been placed on hold, tentatively looking at this Fall or Spring of next year. He asked for help and assistance in putting together an event worthy of the memory of Tom Lateulere.

Communications & Technology – Vacant

- Mr. Camman stated he was looking for someone to Chair this Subcommittee; Mr. Talmage noted that there is a number of EMS agencies that are interested in ePCR and was looking for direction from the revived ePCR TAG and suggested the REMSCO reconsider the vendor product demonstration/show as originally planned. Discussion ensued. Mr. Klug reminded all agencies to verify with the vendor they've chosen that they are able to submit the data in the format that the State DOH/BEMS requires in their ImageTrend Data Bridge.
- Vice Chairman asked Mr. Talmage if he would take on the Chair of the Subcommittee focusing on ePCR; Mr. Talmage assented and Mr. Levine and Mr. Klug both agreed to work on the Subcommittee as well. Dr. Minnerop noted that the more agencies that sign on with a specific vendor increases the buying power of the agencies and can ultimately reduce the overall cost to the agencies. Mr. Pellicone responded by stating that the REMSCO represents the body of all EMS agencies and has the responsibility of sharing information with its constituents. Mr. Boyd stated that herein lies the dilemma: in a "home rule" state, fire and EMS agencies have traditionally resisted being told what to do, and prefer to do this on their own. Ms. Kraft stated that perhaps the REMSCO should look at best practices from other Regions in the state or other states to identify the benefits of having a common ePCR platform as opposed to a myriad of vendors. Mr. Pellicone responded by stating that because of the

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“home rule” issue, perhaps a better approach would be to market a unified “idea” or concept – not a specific vendor. Dr. Coyne concurred and further noted that the SCPD supports a standardized approach. Mr. Cincotta noted a benefit of a common platform would be seamless record-keeping. Mr. Boyd concluded the discussion by stating the ePCR TAG should instill the benefits of ePCR to the EMS agencies and promote a singular direction/platform in the interest of uniformity. (Since Mr. Cincotta spoke, he was recognized and welcomed by the Vice-Chair as the alternate representative for the SCVFA (Meryl Montrose)).

Nominations Committee – H. Rosenblum

- Ms. Rosenblum reported that she and Ms. McCormack met and discussed the vacancies from FRES and the Commercial Transportation Sector. There are two issues: first, FRES has chosen not to fill the vacant position. Although there is some concern that a large portion of EMS constituency is being lost – especially that of medical dispatchers, there are other entities that contribute to and play a large role in the overall EMS system, e.g. cardiac care that are not represented. Secondly, two candidates were proposed for the Commercial Transportation Sector and the Nominations Committee would like an opportunity to speak directly with both of them. As such, Ms. Rosenblum asked that any additional individuals/groups interested in a seat on the REMSCO submit an expression of interest by June 1 so that their recommendation can be brought forward for action at the July meeting.
- Vice-Chairman Camman noted he is also seeking interested parties for the Vice-Chairman’s position should he be elected to the Chair position.

Performance Improvement – A. Pellicone / B. Talmage

- No report.

Resource Needs – E. Boyd

- Mr. Boyd noted his report from earlier.

REMAC – Dr. Minnerop

- Dr. Minnerop stated the REMAC has been working on several initiatives:
 - Protocol revisions to include the use of Automatic Transport Ventilators
 - It has been discovered that at least on one occasion, a Suffolk County Controlled Substance Agency in possession of a CS License has failed to acquire and carry the medications on their ambulances and to make them available to patients that meet a variety of situations/protocols requiring the administration of the medication(s). A clarifying letter from the State DOH clearly states that ALS agencies in possession of a CS license must also carry the medications and make them available for use by ALS personnel.
 - The timeline for ePCR implementation for RSI accredited agencies was reviewed, and the implementation date of ePCR for these agencies (as well as any new ALS pilot programs) is July 2018.
 - Mr. Pellicone asked about hosting an educational symposium for EMS agency Medical Directors with the assistance of the REMAC; Dr. Minnerop stated that this is something the REMAC continues to investigate and will promote.

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Legislative – R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported that he attended the NYSVARA Legislative Day in Albany yesterday, and there are several Bills pending action in the Legislature that affect EMS agencies:
 - S1315 proposes a change in the determination process for a permanent CON two years after a municipality or fire district has established and ambulance or ALS service. In the past, this was not supported by the REMSCO, nor is there a companion Bill in the Assembly.
 - S2770 would classify Emergency Medical Services as an “essential service” in NY State. In short, local municipalities would need to ensure their citizenry is provided by EMS in the same manner that they are required to provide fire and law enforcement services. This would result in EMS agencies to be eligible for certain Homeland Security and other State grants. There is no companion Bill in the Assembly.
 - S5588/A2733 would amend Article30 by authorizing EMS personnel to operate out of the normal EMS environment and provide care under Community Paramedicine (Integrated Mobile Healthcare) guidelines.

PIO – E. Komosinski

- Mrs. Komosinski reported that the 2016 Annual REMSCO Awards have been announced. There were a low number of submissions, and in three categories, no nominations were received. The EMS Agency of the Year – Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps – is working with Ellen and will have a date/location for the Awards dinner identified soon.

DELEGATES REPORT – R. Delagi

- No report. (*Meeting held during REMSCO, minutes attached*) See attachment #4.

EMS DIVISION STAFF REPORT – R. Delagi, Dr. Pigott, Mike Masterton

Reported by Dina Wayrich

- Ms. Wayrich reported that there are a number of Division training programs underway:
 - Thirty-two agencies are participating in the BLS 12-Lead program with twelve more currently being trained
 - The Division has been approved for utilizing Medic-CE for the upcoming ALS protocol revisions roll-out
 - An Autism Awareness class was recently conducted at Southampton Hospital
 - ACLS will be provided every other month
 - A PEPP class will be scheduled in the near future
 - Capnography for ALS providers training is available; Chris Nuccio is the POC
 - There is a need for funding to support the ALS rollout training program; a motion was made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Franz to approve and the motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Coyne questioned the issue of EMT-CC certification and the discussion held at the SEMSCO meeting earlier today. Mr. Klug clarified the issue and explained that there was no action taken because the SEMSCO lost its quorum during the proceedings and upon advice of legal counsel, no further business could have taken place. It will be discussed further at the SEMAC meeting tomorrow.

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Old Business

- None.

New Business

- A motion was made by Mr. Zender, seconded by Mr. Pellicone to accept and sign the Course Sponsor agreement for Suffolk EMS, passed.

There being no further business to come before the council, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Next meeting of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
7:00 PM
Suffolk County EMS Offices
360 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Prepared for the Suffolk Regional EMS Council by Karl W. Klug, Secretary pro tem.

SUFFOLK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: MAY 9, 2017

Location: EMS OFFICE YAAAK

Constituency	Representative / Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Sadowski	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Linda Wenze, PhD.	
	Wendy Darwell	
Commercial Transport Sector	TBD	
	TBD	
East End Ambulance Coalition	Phillip Cammann	
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Ian Levine	
North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association	Helen Rosenblum, Esq	
NYS Society of Physician Assistants	Mark Zender, PA-C	
NYSVARA, District 7	Robert Franz	
Hudson River Healthcare	Carlos Ortiz	
	Angelo Viera	
Southampton Town EMS Advisory Committee	Bruce Hoffman	
	Danton Kerz	
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Bobbi DeBono	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	Mike Masterton	Excused Semsco
	Dina Wayrich	
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	
	Jenna Canavan, RN	
Suffolk County EMS Coordinator	Bob Delagi	Excused Semsco
	Karl Klug	
Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	Gregson Pigott, MD	Excused Semsco
Suffolk County Emergency Nurses Association	Connie Kraft, RN	
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq	
Suffolk County Fire District Association	Raymond Reilly	
Suffolk County Department of FRES	Vacant	
	John Jordan	
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	Excused
	Frank Boneventre	
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Robert Calarco	
	Bill Shilling	
Suffolk County Medical Control	Kevin Pesce	
	Steve Slovensky	
Suffolk County Police Department	Scott Coyne, MD	
	Angela Ferrara	

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Roll call vote to: APPROVE TOA OF WEST ISLIP FIRE DEPT. TO THE WEST ISLIP FIRE DISTRICT

DATE: 5/9/17
LOCATION: SCEMS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>VOTE</u>				
Scott Coyne, MD	S.C.P.D.	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Connie Kraft, RN	S.C. ENA	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
W. Michael Masterton	S.C. Health Services	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Carlos Ortiz	Hudson River Healthcare	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Anthony Pellicone	Northwell Health /Southside Hospital	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Robert Delagi	S.C. EMS Coordinator	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Helen Rosenblum, Esq.	N. Fork Vol. Rescue Assn.	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Mark Zender, PA-C	N.Y.S. Society of PAs	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
<i>Vacant</i>	TBD	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Robert Franz	7th Dist. NYSVA & RA	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Max Minnerop, MD	S.C. REMAC	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Matt Zukowsky	S.C. Community College	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Phillip Cammann	East End Amb. Coalition	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Linda Wenze, PhD.	Nassau/Suffolk Hosp. Council	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Greg Pigott, MD, MPH	S.C. EMS Med. Director	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
John Dembek	Catholic Health Services of LI	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Robin Sadowski	UCP of Suffolk County	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Edward Boyd, Esq.	S.C. Fire Chiefs Council	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Ian Levine	Fire Isl Safety and Law Enforcement	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Meryl Montrose	S.C. Vol. Firemans Assn	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Bruce Hoffman	S.H. Town Medical Advisory Comm	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Bryan Prosek	S.C. FRES Commission	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Raymond Reilly	S.C.Fire District Officers Assn.	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Bruce Talmage	S.C. Ambul. Chiefs	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Jane McCormack, RN	Regional Trauma Advisory Comm.	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Steve Slovensky	University Hospital EMS	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Hon. Robert Calarco	S.C. Legislature	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
Kevin Pesce	S.C. Medical Control	<u>YES</u>	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL
Susan Bouse	Islip Ambulance Chiefs Assn.	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>	RECUSAL
<i>Vacant</i>	Commercial Transportation Sector	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSAL

Alternates:

Name (Please print)

Representing

PETE CINCOTTA

SCVFA

YES

NO

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KARL KLOG

SCEMS COORD.

YES

NO

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ABSENT RECUSAL

DINA WAYRICH

SCHLITZ SIGS.

YES

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BILL SCHILLING

LEG. CALARCO

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SUFFOLK COUNTY
REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2017
360 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, New York
7:15 p.m.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

3 MEMBERS:

4 Scott Coyne - M.D.

5 Connie Kraft, RN

6 W. Michael Masterson - Absent - Alternate

7 Dina Wayrich

8 Carlos Ortiz

9 Anthony Pellicone

10 Robert Delagi - Absent - Alternate

11 Karl Klug

12 Helen Rosenblum, Esq.

13 Mark Zender, PA-C

14 Robert Franz

15 Max Minnerop, M.D.

16 Matt Zukowsky - Absent

17 Linda Wenze

18 Greg Pigott, M.D. - absent

19 John Dembek

20 Robin Sadowski

21 Edward Boyd, Esq.

22 Ian Levine

23 Meryl Montrose - Absent - Alternate

24 Mr. Cincotta

25 Bruce Hoffman



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2 A P P E A R A N C E S: (Continued)

3 Bryan Prosek - Absent

4 Raymond Reilly

5 Bruce Talmage

6 Jane McCormack, RN

7 Steve Slovensky

8 Hon. Robert Calarco - Absent - Alternate

9 Bill Schilling

10 Kevin Pesce

11 Susan Bouse - absent

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13 Phil Cammann - Vice Chairman

14 Karl Klug - Deputy Chief of Operations EMS

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2 (Whereupon, at 7:15 p.m. the
3 record was opened.)

4 MR. CAMMANN: Ladies and
5 Gentlemen, we have one application
6 that needs to be discussed. While we
7 have the stenographer here I would
8 like to get approval for that and go
9 out of order.

10 Ed?

11 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, ladies
12 and gentlemen. I'll read the short
13 summary of what we are trying to do,
14 A Transfer of Operating Authority
15 From the West Islip Fire Department
16 to the West Islip Fire District.

17 This is one of those things
18 that will keep you in breathless
19 suspension. Are we all ready?

20 The West Islip Fire District is
21 a municipality governed by a
22 publically elected Board of Fire
23 Commissioners that authorizes the
24 West Islip Fire Department (Agency
25 Code 05187) to operate an Advanced



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2 Life Support Ambulance Service,
3 within the boundaries of the West
4 Islip Fire District and outside the
5 fire district, in response to a bona
6 fide mutual aid request, per the
7 Suffolk County Mutual Aid Plan or
8 local mutual aid plan.

9 This Transfer of Operating
10 Authority, (TOA), is a simple process
11 to align ownership of the ambulance
12 service operating certificate with
13 its true, rightful and historical
14 owner.

15 The Board of Fire Commissioners
16 has authorized the West Islip Fire
17 Department to operate the ambulance
18 service on its behalf in accordance
19 with applicable NY State statutes,
20 regulations, and policies, and
21 Suffolk County policies, protocols
22 and procedures.

23 The proposed response area
24 remains the same known as the West
25 Islip Fire District. There is no



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2 transfer of assets or personnel
3 associated with the ambulance
4 service. There is no expansion of
5 operating territory associated with
6 this action. There is no change in
7 medical direction, insurance coverage
8 or facilities. The Department
9 continues to operate four (4)
10 ambulances, one (1) EASV, and one (1)
11 ALS First Response Vehicle, and comes
12 under the general supervision of a
13 dedicated EMS Chief with reporting
14 lines to the Assistant Chiefs and the
15 Chief of Department to the Board of
16 Fire Commissioners. Deployment of
17 EMS assets remains out of Fire
18 Headquarters in the center of the
19 district, and a substation located on
20 the northern end of the district.

21 The West Islip Fire District
22 will continue to fund the ambulance
23 service operations from its approved
24 publically funded fire district
25 budget as necessary to sustain



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2 operations, including supplies,
3 equipment, maintenance, personnel and
4 insurance.

5 Dr. Jason Winslow serves as the
6 Ambulance Service Medical Director.
7 And the District/Department will
8 maintain local quality improvement
9 committee work in coordination with
10 the Suffolk REMAC, Suffolk County
11 Medical Control and the Suffolk
12 County EMS Medical Director.

13 This transfer process ensures
14 seamless transition of certificate
15 ownership to the Fire District, with
16 operational control remaining with
17 the duly elected Chief of Department.
18 The Board of Fire Commissioners as a
19 publically elected oversight body is
20 deemed to be fit and competent by the
21 New York State DOH to own an
22 ambulance service, and the Chief of
23 the Fire Department is deemed to be
24 fit and competent by the New York
25 State DOH to own an ambulance



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2 service, and the Chief of the Fire
3 Department is deemed to be fit and
4 competent by the New York State DOH
5 to oversee ambulance service
6 operations.

7 Do you have any questions about
8 the application?

9 MR. BOYD: Hearing there are
10 none, I'll ask for a motion from the
11 floor to approve this application.

12 MR. PELLICONE: So moved.

13 MR. BOYD: Do we have second
14 for that?

15 MS. JAN LAVIAB (phonetic
16 spelling): Second.

17 MR. KLUG: I'll read your name
18 for your vote.

19 DR. COYNE: Yes.

20 MS. KRAFT: Yes.

21 Ms. WAYRICH: Yes.

22 MR. ORTIZ: Yes.

23 MR. PELLICONE: Yes.

24 MR. KLUG: Yes.

25 MS. ROSENBLUM: Yes.



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2 MR. ZENDER: Yes.
3 MR. FRANZ: Yes.
4 DR. MINNEROP: Yes.
5 MR. CAMMANN: Yes.
6 DR. WENZE: Yes.
7 MR. DEMBEK: Yes.
8 MS. SADOWSKI: Yes.
9 MR. BOYD: Yes.
10 MR. LEVINE: Yes.
11 MR. CINCOTTA: Yes.
12 MR. HOFFMAN: Yes.
13 MR. REILLY: Yes.
14 MR. TALMAGE: Yes.
15 MS. McCORMACK: Yes.
16 MR. SLOVENSKY: Yes.
17 MR. SCHILLING: Yes.
18 MR. PESCE: Yes.
19 MR. KLUG: Vote carries
20 unanimously.
21 Thank you.
22 (Time ended 7:18 p.m.)
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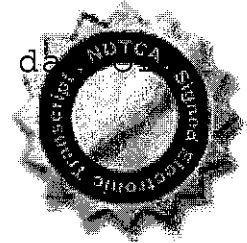
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I, KATHY J. DROSSEL, a shorthand reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May, 2017.

Kathy J. Drossel



KATHY J. DROSSEL



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Director Burns spoke of a NY State EMS System that is under-funded and under-recognized as an essential service. Since January 1, 2016 to May 10, 2017, a total of twenty six (26) services have surrendered their ambulance operating certificates as they could no longer sustain operations. There is a trickle down affect that negatively impacts State both EMS Operating and Aid to Localities funding streams, decreased by 25% over the last ten (10) years, of which this steadily decreasing funding stream for EMS initiatives does indeed impact work at the regional levels.

State DOH legal counsel reiterated the position that if a Controlled Substance License expires, even for short duration of 1 day), all controlled substances are to be returned to the hospital, until such time as the renewed license is received. It would be considered a federal DEA offense to have controlled substances without a license. Of note is that to date, only six (6) ALS agencies across NY State were unable to comply with the regulatory requirement.

New Form 4352 released for reporting controlled substance information to include all controlled substances and all time periods on one single form.

New policy statements 17-03 *Ketamine for PreHospital EMS Services* and 17-04 *Fentanyl for PreHospital EMS Services* have been released and can be found on the State DOH website.

State DOH reported that 50% of the 1,100 certified services across NY State have made the transition from paper PRC to electronic PCR.

Much discussion revolved around the future of the EMT-CC in NY State. State DOH is taking public comments, by email to EMSMail@health.ny.gov In summary - The number of CCs across NY State and Suffolk County is steadily declining while the number of paramedics is steadily increasing. The number of ALS calls run by CCs as the only level of ALS provider is steadily decreasing. It is only a matter of time before CCs become extinct naturally, and the cost : benefit ratio of a complete makeover is not sustainable. There are 59,000 certified providers in NY State, of those, 1,522 (2.5%) are CCs. As policy making bodies of NY State, the SEMAC and the SEMSCO must look at the totality of the issue statewide, not region by region. The following process was approved and includes: State DOH no longer approve CC original courses after January 1, 2018; State DOH no longer approve CC refresher courses or rapid refresher courses for 18 months beyond the January 1, 2018 date above; CCs in continuous practice as defined by Part 800.3 & 800.9 may continue to provide care at the CC level and refresh the CC certification indefinitely (some heard 10 years - there is an issue with establishing a time frame for this as the CME Program for CC level of care is codified in PHL); and State DOH is to create an automatic advanced standing process for CCs with ≥ 3 years of active experience, as defined by 800.3 & 800.9, to paramedic bridge program. Such a bridge program to include on-line didactic content with availability of skills and testing by local Course Sponsors. The program is to be continued for a minimum of 10 years, commencing January 1, 2018.

As of September 1, 2017, the Bureau of EMS will cease sending individual instructor renewal packages and reminders to CICs and CLIs. It is the responsibility of the instructor to track and maintain his/her instructor certification status, and up to Course Sponsors to have a way to ensure renewals for their respective staff are maintained.

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Transition to NAESME-based instructor qualifications proceeds. Pass rate for CLIs is between 80-100% while the pass rate for CICs is not quite that high, but trending upwards with each test. Item analysis on test questions was again validated by the new testing vendor. To date 356 CICs and 382 CLIs have passed the test.

New vendor PSI/AMP has started with the April '17 written exam. Their work with that exam has been accepted by the Bureau, and grades will be posted to the new site 9 days after the Bureau validates scores (that may decrease in the future). You should have received emails from Andy Johnson or AMP Examination Services to register, the old ProExam “box account” will shut down on June 30th.

Effective immediately, on-site scoring sheets will no longer be considered “Temporary Certification.” Students taking the on-site exams must be informed that they may not practice at the tested level of certification until the certification card arrives in the mail. New procedures instituted by the Bureau demonstrate that cards are mailed within 12 days of score validation.

Required instructor update for the epinephrine “Check & Inject” Program have been posted on the Moodle training website, along with all relevant information for educational objectives <http://vitalsignsconference.com/server/moodle/login/index.php>. To date, 150 instructors have completed the training. This information is required information in all courses, for all written exams after the August 2017 exam. This does not replace auto-injector training, it supplements it. There is no PSE Station for check & inject, and it was approved that EMT-Bs can use the same syringe as ALS Providers (1 ml / 23 g), no longer confined to the syringes developed for the program (no graduations, just an A or a P designating the volume for adults and pediatric patients. Policy Statement going through in-house review by the Bureau Staff, will be released shortly.

SEMAC Advisory 97-03 on Hyperventilation of TBI has been rescinded. Per STAC and SEMAC, ventilatory rates applicable to this subset of patients are now well documented in current clinical practice at all levels.

Previous BNE and DOH rulings regarding ketamine were reinforced. It was re-affirmed that while only EMT-Paramedics may administer ketamine, EMT-Critical Care Technicians may serve as a Controlled Substance Agent in an ALS agency using ketamine, per the Part 80 Regulation. It should be noted that while it is necessary to “prevent *access* by unauthorized individuals,” it is not necessary to have 2 separate safes or strict and costly control methods in each ALS ambulance. It is acceptable practice to simply package and track ketamine and other controlled substances separately and distinctly to prevent unauthorized *use* by EMT-CCs.

Bureau Staff reported that we can see increased requests for EMS involvement in local Health Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (HEPC) due to new requirements that EMS participate in disaster planning at the local level.

The EMS memorial will be held on May 23, 2017. There are three (3) individuals suffering Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) who will be enshrined: Larry Fuller (Hunter EMS); Norman Valle (FDNY EMS); and Stephanie B. Potter (Moir Volunteer Fire & Rescue). Please do consider participating and placing an ambulance on the plaza, it is very important to honor our own while at the same time, committing to a show of force to be witnessed by our state elected officials in furtherance of the importance of a community’s EMS system.

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The BLS Stroke/CVA protocol proposed changes remain in draft form, pending further action due to the loss of a SEMAC Quorum before the protocol could be approved.

State EMS Awards Process is near complete, with applications received by NY State DOH by the May 1st deadline. The PIER Committee once again expressed disappointment that only eleven (11) of seventeen (17) regions, submitted applications, and not all of the submitting regions submitted applications for each category.

The Legislative Committee is monitoring several bills:

Passed a motion to support A03978/S252A Reimbursement Transportation Costs for Emergency Medical Care without prior approval;
A04213/S00230 Designate the Month of September of each year as National Firefighter, EMS Provider, and Law Enforcement Appreciation Month.

The Legislative Committee continues to watch the following bills as each has an impact on system operations:

A02733A / S0558 Community Paramedicine Services, which allows certified EMS providers to provide care in other than emergency settings;
A07505/S05643, Directs the Health Department and the Department of Transportation to promulgate rules for ambulance operations to address EMT fatigue liabilities;
S4384/no A companion, to allow RNs and LPNs to work alongside EMTs in ambulances without becoming certified EMS providers;
S2770 / no A companion, designating EMS as an Essential Service.

The NY State EMS Memorial will be held on May 23, 2017 at the Empire State Plaza, Albany NY.

Vital Signs Educational Conference and Trade Show will be held October 25-29, 2017 in Rochester NY.

Next SEMAC/SEMSCO meetings will be held September 26-27, 2017.

End of Delegate's Report