

MEETING SUMMARY
May 8, 2018
Suffolk County EMS Office, Yaphank, New York 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the July 10, 2018 meeting.

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

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM, with a stenographer present and webcasting in progress. Chairman Cammann presiding, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those departed from the military and public safety sector.

CPR Life Saving Award presented to the Riverhead VAC and the Central Islip-Hauppauge VAC.

Motion approved to accept the March Meeting 20th Meeting Summary as posted.

Chairman Cammann moved the agenda, as is customary, to address the Expansion of Operating Authority (EOA) application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, followed by the Transfer of Operating Authority Application, submitted by Midwood Ambulance & Oxygen Services, Inc. to Insta Care I, LLC, turning the meeting over to Resource Committee Chair Ed Boyd.

Resource Needs – E. Boyd

PLEASE REFER TO THE Stenographic Record, provided as **attachment 2**.

At the conclusion of the dispositions via roll call vote for the EOA and the TOA, respectively, the stenographer was dismissed at 8:25 PM, thus closing the stenographic record.

Executive Committee – P. Cammann

- No Report

Budget – M. Zender

- Mr. Zender reported that all finances in order, with all bills paid, and the reimbursement check for the January – March 2018 Quarterly Voucher deposited.

Correspondence – Distributed

Incoming – date; from whom; subject

1/2/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17832; eLearning Platform for ALS Provider Upgrade
1/29/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17833; monthly services rendered.
1/29/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17833; Domain Name registration renewal.
1/29/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17842; monthly services rendered.
2/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17866; monthly services rendered.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17909; monthly services rendered.
3/8/18; WIFD; synopsis of cardiac arrest response, CPR Save Award.
3/12/18; Newsday; payment receipt for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
3/12/18; R. Delagi; voucher for expense reimbursement for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
3/17/18; NYSDOH (Farrell); letter transmitting finding of no bars to the Fitness & Competency of proposed owners of TOA Midwood Ambulance Service, Inc. to InstaCare EMS.
3/21/18; SCPD Course Sponsor; CFR Original Course app 4/16/18 – 5/17/18.

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Incoming – date; from whom; subject – continued.

3/26/18; Newsday; payment receipt for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

3/28/18; Mike's Rag Time Pizza invoice for March meeting expenses.

4/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice 17943; monthly fee.

4/6/18; K. Taddeo; questions about REMSCO policy for processing Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

4/9/18; K. Taddeo; Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

4/9/18; Resource Needs Committee; email announcing receipt of Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

4/4/18; Five Star Reporting; confirmation for stenographers appearance for the 4/5/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/5/18; Language Line Services; Invoice 4288996; for March services rendered (no payment due).

4/5/18; C. Sala; email advising she will speak on behalf of Logisticare Transport broker at the 4/5/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/5/18; K. Taddeo; email questioning the procedural process followed for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/8/18; Five Star Reporting, invoice 118429; for stenographer services rendered at 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/9/18; Hunter EMS Course Sponsor; Course application for EMT-B Original 6/13/18 – 8/16/18.

4/9/18; R. Delagi; voucher for expense reimbursement for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/30/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/9/18; R. Delagi; voucher for expense reimbursement for U.S. Postal Service for mailings associated with the 4/30/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/15/18; Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center; Thank You letter acknowledging REMSCO's donation.

4/15/18; SCCC Course Sponsorship; Course Application for EMT-B original Course 6/4/18 – 8/16/18.

4/18/18; South Country Ambulance; Installation Invite addressed to the Chair.

4/18/18; NYSDOH (Jonas); letter transmitting finding of no bars to the Fitness & Competency of the owners associated with the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/19/18; Amit Malik; email advising he will speak on behalf of Hunter EMS the 4/30/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/19/18; Five Star Reporting; confirmation for stenographers appearance for the 4/30/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc. and the 5/8/18 REMSCO meeting.

4/19/18; NYSDOH 4th Quarter reimbursement check.

4/22/18; Ambulnz (S. Vashovsky); letter regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/23/18; NYSDOH (Jonas); letter transmitting finding of no bars to the Fitness & Competency of the proposed owners associated with the transfer application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

4/24/18; SCPD Course Sponsor; Course Application for EMT-B refresher 6/18/18-7/19/18.

4/26/18; S.Taylor; email from Reisner Law Group advising J. Reisner will speak on behalf of Downstate NY Ambulance Association 4/30/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.

4/28/18; Five Star Reporting; Second Invoice 118429; stenographer appearance for 4/5/18 Public Hearing.

4/28/18; REMSCO; RSVP to Installation Dinner invitation from South Country Ambulance.

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Incoming – date; from whom; subject – continued.

3/29/18; P. Millock; email advising he, and others (Tufaro, Serrano) will speak at the 4/5/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/27/18; J. Kukura; email advising he will speak on behalf of Logisticare Transport broker at the 4/5/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/30/18; SCPD Course Sponsorship (DiPrima); Course Sponsor renewal short form application for 7/1/18 – 6/30/19.
4/30/18; NYSDOH (Johnson); copy of letter to M. Bertozzi, NYSDOH OHIP; regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
5/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; Invoice 17978; monthly service charge.
5/4/18; NYSVARA (Franz); appointing Richard Schor as their new Alternate Delegate.
5/4/18; Language Line; invoice 4309650; for April services rendered (no payment due).
5/7/18; SCCC Course Sponsor (Zukosky) Renewal long form application for 7/1/18 – 6/30/19.
5/8/18; E. Komosinski; voucher for reimbursement for May meeting expenses.

Outgoing – date; to whom; subject

2/26/18; NYSDOH (Jonas); electronic upload of the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 954 for invoice 17832; eLearning Platform for ALS Provider Upgrade
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 952 invoice 17803; monthly services rendered.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 955 invoice 17833; monthly services rendered.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 953for invoice 17829; monthly services rendered.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; invoice check 957 for invoice 17833; Domain Name registration renewal.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 956 for invoice 17842; monthly services rendered.
3/1/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 958 for invoice 17866; monthly services rendered.
3/7/18; O. Serrano (North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service); information announcing the 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
3/28/18;Mike’s Rag Time Pizza; check 961 for March meeting expenses.
3/28/18;Infrastructure Solutions; check 963 for invoice 17909; monthly services rendered.
3/28/18; R. Delagi; check 962 for voucher for expense reimbursement for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/5/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/4/18; NYSDOH; 4th Quarter report & voucher.
4/5/18; K. Taddeo; email responding to the questions about the procedural process followed for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/6/18; K. Taddeo; answers to questions about REMSCO policy for processing Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.
4/6/18; REMSCO Members (Cammann); email updating membership on the proceedings related to the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/9/2018; Multiple Interested parties per Article 30; certified mail announcing the 4/30/18 Public Hearing regarding the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/9/18; R. Delagi; check 966 for voucher for expense reimbursement for Newsday Legal Ad for 4/30/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/11/18; NYSDOH (Jonas); electronic upload of Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS, with request to perform the Fitness & Competency Review on the proposed owners.
4/11/11; K. Taddeo; letter acknowledging receipt of complete Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

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Outgoing – date; from whom; subject – continued.

4/11/18; Nassau REMSCO (Hassett) & NYCREMSCO (Diglio); email advising our receipt of Transfer of Operating Authority (TOA) application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.
4/13/18; Infrastructure Solutions; check 964 for invoice 17943; monthly fee.
4/13/18; R. Delagi; check 965 for voucher for expense reimbursement for United States Postal Service Certified Mail announcing 4/30/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
4/27/18; REMSCO Members (Cammann); reminder notification of 4/30/18 Public Hearing for the expansion application submitted by North Shore Ambulance & Oxygen Service, Inc.
5/1/18; K. Taddeo; email informing counsel of favorable Fitness & Competency of the proposed owners for the transfer application submitted by Midwood Ambulance Service to InstaCare EMS.

End of May , 2018 Correspondence

Education & Training – Dr. Pigott

- Dr. Pigott yielded the floor to Mrs. McCormack, who gave a comprehensive overview of the plans thus far for the 1st Annual Tom Lateulere Critical Care CME Conference, scheduled for Saturday September 29, 2018, at Community Ambulance Company Headquarters in Sayville. The Conference Committee is diligently working on finalizing plans for speakers, registration, and other logistics. Information will be released as soon as final details become available. Motion passed to allocate up to \$3,000 for conferences expenses if needed.

Communications & Technology – I. Levine

- No report.

Nominations Committee – H. Rosenblum

- Ms. Rosenblum reported that Rich Schore has been named by the NY State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association as their alternate to Robert Franz.

Performance Improvement – A. Pellicone / B. Talmage

- No report.

REMAC – Dr. Minnerop

- No report.

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Legislative – R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported that the section on Community Paramedicine / Mobile Integrated Health Care was pulled from the Governor's Budget, increased reimbursement for Medicaid funding for ambulance transport remained, and the bill to allow Fire District EMS billing remains in committee. Brief discussion held on the need to support future bills related to Community Paramedicine / Mobile Integrated Health Care as essential to the growth of the EMS Profession, and in response to a changing health care environment where significant efforts are expected to undertake innovative ways to prevent illness and injury.

PIO – E. Komosinski

- Mrs. Komosinski yielded the floor to Mrs. McCormack, who reported that the NY State Awards application and review process has been completed. The list of award winners and honorable mentions has been placed on the REMSCO website and sent to the NY State DOH for SEMSCO's deliberations on state level award winners. The list can be found at <http://www.suffolkremSCO.com/clientuploads/REMSCO/REMSCO%20Awards/REMSCOawardnewspaperannouncement2017winners.pdf> and details on the annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner remained a work-in-progress.

State Council Delegate's Report – R. Delagi

- Mr. Delagi reported that there were no meetings since the last REMSCO meeting, that he is scheduled to attend the upcoming meeting May 14-16, 2018 upon which time, the usual and customary Delegate's report will be distributed. Mr. Delagi continued by announcing that this would be his last SEMSCO / SEAC meeting series due to impending retirement, requiring REMSCO to appoint another member to serve as Delegate. After discussion, motion passed to nominate William Michael Masterton.

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

- Mr. Masterton reported that long time staff member Peter Bergmann retired on April 20th, and that work flow responsibilities have been shifted to other staff members. Of importance to the REMSCO is that Dina Wayrich has assumed responsibilities of reviewing all CME Packages. Mr. Masterton continued by recognizing new staff member in attendance, James Deutsch. Discussion continued referencing Marty Matuza's recent retirement and that the Division was awaiting approvals to hire replacements to fill these vacancies. Mr. Masterton concluded his report by announcing that Chris Nuccio was currently developing several on-line web-based CME applications, and that a simple ALS Update was underway, representing the removal of several medications, as follows; It is no longer necessary to purchase and stock Thiamine and Dextrose 25%. Each has been removed from the Medication Formulary and the corresponding clinical protocols. Notification has been sent to all credentialed ALS Providers. With the removal of Dextrose 25%, it is now required that all ALS Agencies carry, and make available to patients, Dextrose 10%. There are no changes to the long standing requirement to carry Dextrose 50%. This change is in effect to accommodate periodic in availability of specific medications due to the National Pharmaceutical Shortage.

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Old Business

- No Old Business.

New Business

- Mrs. McCormack references the recently developed MVIT easy reference placard, and the training regarding the streamlined pre notification process for trauma patients.
- Mr. Pellicone stated that the EMS educational process is yielding very astute and educated EMS Providers, suggesting REMSCO prepare for bolstering recruitment efforts to sustain operations throughout the system.
- As we approach National EMS Week, Mr. Cammann extended hearty thank you to all members, and through the membership, to all represented constituencies for their efforts.

There being no further business to come before the council, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM.

Next meeting of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
7:00 PM
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ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Prepared for the Suffolk Regional EMS Council by Robert Delagi, Program Agency Director