



Suffolk REMAC

Suffolk Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

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This meeting summary will not be considered final until formally approved at the July 8, 2025 meeting.

Meeting Summary

May 27, 2025

Hospitals / Physician Members-at-Large Represented:

See Attendance List

Non-Voting Members Present:

See Attendance List

EMS Division Staff Present:

See Attendance List

Sub-Committee Meeting Attendance:

See Attendance List

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Chairman Dr. Marshall, presiding. The secretary took roll call of attendees and determined that a quorum was present, and official business could be conducted.

Chairperson's Motions:

- Dr. Marshall asked for a motion to approve the March 25, 2025, meeting minutes (distributed by email to all members prior to the meeting). The motion was made by Dr. Shiff, seconded by Dr. Acosta and passed without opposition.

Chairperson's Report:

- Dr. Marshall stated that last week was EMS Week, and he thanked all the people providing care throughout the system.
- The next meeting is July 8, 2026, which is a joint meeting with REMSCO Fire Island. Please fill out the survey via the QR code on the front table so we can get a head count.
- Subcommittee meetings will be on June 17 at 7 PM for RSI (place TBD) and June 25 at 5 PM at SCEMS for all other subcommittees.
- Two people are being appointed to the QA/QI Subcommittee: Anthony Russo and Cole Darienzo.

Vice Chairperson's Report:

- Dr. Geffken wanted to clarify the AEMTs in the system. AEMTs are not considered ALS providers in Suffolk County, but they are independent EMS providers who can practice as outlined in the Policy Manual and NYS Collaborative Protocols. This includes transport to the hospital.
- There is an AEMT Registration link/QR code that is live on the REMSCO website. Current AEMTs in the county, please register. Registrants, please provide a letter from the Agency Medical Director stating that they are authorized to practice at that level.
- There is no formal credentialing at the county level, this is still being discussed at the state level.

Second Vice Chair's Report:

- No report.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence.

EMS Division Report

Operations Report- Chief Paul Marra excused, report given by Deputy Chief Keegan:

- “Controlled Substances continue to be an issue. We developed an education piece that has been sent to the state for review. We hope to roll out shortly.
- Agencies with Division Supplied CYANOKIT’s can purchase an Infusion set with 0.2 micron in-line filter having a membrane surface greater than or equal to 10 cm² to be temporarily used for administration of CYANOKIT® for Lot # 2301.
- Mass Gathering Permits- Part 18 for large scale Should be filed with the Division well in advance of the event. Multiple applications have been submitted already for review.
- The division continues to support agencies with Transfers of operating authority.
- We are in the process of putting together course schedules for the fall, please contact the Division with requests. We need to have a minimum number of 12 students to run courses, and we need a minimum of 90 days prior to the course start date, 120 days is preferred.
- We are also asking for a 90-day window for agencies drills that the county would participate in.”

Education and Training- Steve Januszkiewicz excused, report given by Dina Wayrich:

- An AEMT class is running. Today is the cognitive pre-screening. The class will graduate mid-August.
- The AEMT registration code will be on the sign in table shortly.
- Secretary Hannigan sent out the NEMSIS incident reports for last month, please review.
- Another AEMT course will start in the fall. Registration information will be available on the REMSCO website.

System Medical Director Report – Dr. Winslow:

- Dr. Winslow reported: “Updates from the most recent meetings of the State Council which were held in Saratoga Springs last week on Monday May 6 through Wednesday May 8. Dina Wayrich represented the Program Agency, Michelle Miller represented the REMSCO and I represented the REMAC.
- First, there are several important changes to the patient care protocols. All agency medical directors and agency leadership should review the changes. The NYS DOH Division of EMS has policy statement 25-01 for ALS and 25-02 for the BLS protocol changes for your review. The Suffolk County REMAC and Program Agency will be working on the development of educational materials for the upcoming protocol update with all the changes. With the new protocols, I have updated the Medication Formulary letter and as a REMAC tonight I would like the REMAC to authorize all the medications in the Collaborative Protocols – if there is language that the medications is “if equipped and trained” then it would be an agency level decision and option – one exception is Nitrous Oxide which I do not recommend due to the abuse potential and that other medications are better options under the relief of pain protocol.
- Next, Part R of the Governor’s 2026 budget was removed in its entirety. Also, the use of Suboxone by Paramedics is not authorized at this time – there is a pilot program from Buffalo that applied for this 2 years ago and it has not yet been authorized by the NYS DOH. Also, the administration of blood products by ground ambulances in New York State is still in the development phase and the

regulations are being written with input from the SEMAC and SEMSCO and the STAC as well as the NYS DOH on the regulations on the obtaining, the storage and the safe administration of blood products to make blood available to patients in traumatic or obstetric shock without any creating any waste of this precious resource. The use of blood products by EMS agencies will require the approval of the regional REMAC and the NYS DOH – in addition to a blood bank agreement that satisfies the new regulations.

- The last major development from the State Council is that the regional Program Agency contract award letters have been awarded to all 18 Program Agencies in New York State. This is great news and now the contracts may move forward to being finalized. As the Medical Director for the Suffolk County Program Agency, I serve as the Grant Administrator for this grant which is from the Aid to Localities portion of the NYS Budget and was signed into law in May of 2024. I received the contract award letter from the NYS DOH on April 28 and this is a five-year contract that will be for the time of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029. Several members of the Suffolk County EMS Division staff dedicate many hours of their time to the Program Agency and have done so for many years to serve Suffolk County. I want to publicly thank Deputy Chief Dina Wayrich who serves as the Managing Director of the Program Agency and Deputy Chief Jen Hannigan who serves as Assistant Director and she also serves as both the REMAC Secretary and the REMSCO Secretary – thank you Dina and thank you Jen for many hours of work dedicated to the administrative support, the quality improvement of and the assistance to the many EMS agencies and EMS providers in Suffolk County on behalf of the Program Agency.
- The Advanced EMT is now authorized by REMAC to practice in Suffolk County. If a New York State certified AEMT has the approval of both their agency leadership and their agency medical director, they may practice at this level at this time. To track the development of the AEMT program in Suffolk County the REMAC asks that all AEMTs register with a QR code to inform the REMAC. The EMS Division staff will post the registration link on the Suffolk County REMSVO webpage if the REMSCO agrees.
- Last, I want to thank all four health care systems for their EMS Week dinners and CME events that were held throughout Suffolk County last week. I was able to attend several of them, and I want to thank the physicians and health care system administrators for their efforts to recognize the EMS community during EMS Week.”

REMSCO Report- Ed Boyd excused, report given by Mark Zender:

- No report, but Dr. Marshall thanked the REMSCO for the 2025 REMSCO Conference.

Subcommittee Reports:

Bylaws (Dr. Coyne)

- No report.

Membership (Dr. Acosta)

- No report.

RSI (Dr. Glantz):

- Dr. Glantz reported that AMR is good to move forward as an RSI agency, info to send to medical control.

- There is a seconded motion to approve Nesconset and Melville FD as RSI agencies. There was no discussion, and the motion passed without opposition.
- Smithtown FD put forth an application but missed the last subcommittee meeting. They are applying to be an RSI agency. They meet all the requirements. Dr. glanz made a motion to approve Smithtown’s application, seconded by Dr. Winslow. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved without opposition.
- Approve providers DiMartino and Werfel as RSI medics at their respective agencies
- Thirteen cases were reviewed, feedback on one case that was taken to the agency’s medical director
- There was discussion on using image trend to capture all cases in the county, in case there are any that are not being appropriately submitted
- There was discussion on requiring the peer and MD audit forms (as on the REMSCO website).
- Dr. Marshal reminded that all RSI agencies are required to submit them as part of the regional QA/QI process.

QA/QI (Dr. Winslow)

- Dr. Winslow reported that the New REMAC QI policy was sent to the membership. A seconded motion was made by the QA/QI Subcommittee to approve the new policy and remove the old one. There was no further discussion, and the group moved to vote on the approval now, rather than waiting. A roll call vote was taken and can be seen here as *attachment 2*. The motion passed without opposition.
- Drownings report (27 drownings last year, 24 prehospital deaths). Project this year to ask each of the 11 hospitals to report back to the REMAC at the end of the summer on all the drowning cases that they received (both from EMS and not by EMS which is rare but possible) and their outcomes.
- Use of Naloxone report (in 2024 there were 1245 Naloxone administration patient encounters by EMS, only 8 refused RMA, 86 were in cardiac arrest). About 100 cases per month total in the County of opiate overdose, many agencies have 1 or 2 cases a month – fatalities from overdose have markedly decreased in the last 3 years likely because of widespread Naloxone use and availability.
- The 12 Lead Policy that was going on in the county (allowing ALS providers to downgrade patients to BLS, even after obtaining a 12 lead EKG) has been successful. The current extension on the policy is set to expire July 1, 2025. There is a seconded motion from the subcommittee to make it a permanent policy, or, if not made permanent at this meeting, for the policy to continue until it is improved. There was discussion and clarification on the policy itself. As the policy needs minor edits, it was decided to extend the policy until it can be approved. The extension passed without objection.

Protocols (Dr. Marshall)

- Dr. Marshall stated that there is a seconded motion from the Protocol Subcommittee to approve all medications in the Collaborative Protocols except for Nitrous Oxide. This is specifically for medications are indicated as “if equipped and trained.” There was a small clarifying discussion, specifically about the administration of blood and PO antibiotics. A roll call vote was conducted and can be seen here as *attachment 3*. The motion passed without opposition.
- Dr. Marshall made a motion in response to a conversation at SEMAC that additional language is required regionally regarding BLS supraglottic airway. The motion is to add to the policy manual:
 1. “Agencies may choose to use the EMT Supraglottic Airway option if equipped and trained and meeting the following requirements.
 - a) The supraglottic airway is used as indicated in the Collaborative Protocol for the EMT level of care.
 - b) Continuous End-Tidal Waveform capnography must be obtained, maintained and documented throughout the entire course of patient care provided by EMS.

c) Agencies must utilize a Suffolk County REMAC-approved supraglottic airway. Supraglottic devices submitted to REMAC for approval should be designed for extraglottic use and not include an inflatable cuff. Currently approved devices include:

i. I-Gel”

- The motion was seconded by Dr. Acosta. There was some discussion, and it was clarified that agencies can participate, but it is not required. It is also not required that all providers within an agency participate. Medical Directors can mandate the training for all within their agency. There was discussion on capnography. A roll call vote was taken and can be seen here as *attachment 4*. The motion passed without opposition.
- Dr. Marshall made a motion to delete “In the ALS system” from the Policy Manual. (Will now read “All endotracheal intubations and supraglottic airways performed”). The motion was seconded by Dr. Acosta and passed without opposition or discussion.
- The next subcommittee meeting will begin work on the credentialing/registration policy and the transfer of care policy.

Old Business:

- The Easthampton stand-alone ED has opened, and the system has been notified. It was stated that the new ED will not generate a new REMAC representative.

New Business:

- Dr. Winslow stated that he has heard from hospitals that prehospital notifications are not being made. Please make sure STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma Notifications are made.
- Dr. Winslow reminded all that agencies may choose any FDA approved device, but it makes sense for the device to be brought to REMAC for official approval.
- Dr. Winslow reported that the BLS IM Glucagon Pilot was approved by NYS. It will be in protocol next year. Educational materials from pending. Thank you to Flanders for their work on this.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Bove, seconded by Dr. Glantz. The meeting adjourned at 1947.
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hannigan
Deputy Chief, Education and Training
REMAC Secretary



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MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LIST
May 27, 2025**

Facility	Hospital Delegate/Alternate	SIGNATURE
EMS Medical Director	Jason Winslow, MD	
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD / Chris Raio, MD	
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO / Leo Huertas, MD	Excused
J.T. Mather	Eddie Kim, MD / Adam Wos, MD	
Long Island Community	Jerry Rubano, MD / Sanjay Shetty, MD	
Peconic Bay	Jeffrey Cangelosi, MD / Nick Palamidissi, MD	
Southampton	Max Minnerop, MD	
South Shore University	Brian Blaustein, MD/ Anthony Urmaza, MD	
St. Catherine's	Kristopher Bianconi, MD	
St. Charles	Jeffrey Wheeler, MD / <u>Joseph Garber, MD</u>	
Stony Brook University	Joseph Bove, MD / Megan Hodges , MD	
Physician Members-at-Large:		
Juan Acosta, DO		Sanford Glantz, MD
Lincoln Cox, MD		Christopher Guszack, MD
Scott Coyne, MD		Youssef Hassoun, MD
Caitlin Feeks, DO		Lauren Maloney, MD
Andrew Flanigan, DO		R. Trevor Marshall, MD
Gegory Garra, MD		James Vosswinkel, MD
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EMS Division Staff:

Signature

Steven Januszkiewicz, Education and Training Coordinator

Paul Marra, Chief, EMS Operations

Excused

Jennifer Hannigan, Deputy Chief, Executive Secretary



Christopher Gallway, University Medical Control

Excused

Edward Boyd, Chair, REMSCO

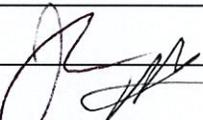
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Non-Physician Members-at-Large:

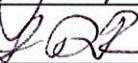
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Edward Boyd

John Boyd



Jess Boyle



Robert Cavalieri



Scott DiPino



Shawn Edouard



Thomas Fealey

Excused

Patrick Gugliotta

Jason Hoffman



James Jackson



Michael Presta

David Roth

Daniel Siciliano



Richard Tvelia



Paul Werfel



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GUESTS:

Name (Please Print)	Affiliation	Signature
David Newberg, MD	Deer Park / (COP/HCRAS)	
Cole Daviencz	CVAC	
Mark Zender, MDC	RIEMSCA vice chair	
Anthony Guenne	Northwell	
Christopher Klerw	Northwell	
Carl Goodman	RISMS	
Dina Waynch	SCEMS	
TIM MAGORRAJ	SE MEDICAL VAC	

(please turn over to add additional names)



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Center

Southampton Hospital

South Shore
University Hospital

Catherine of Siena Medical
Center

St. Charles Hospital

Stony Brook
University Hospital

Subcommittee: RSI

Date: 4 / 21 / 25

Location: _____

Chair/Acting Chair: [Signature] Quorum reached? Y/N

Present at location:

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PAUL WERTER

Carl Goodman

JAY WINGLA

Eric Dean

Dina Waylich

Shawn Edouard

Brian Bausman

JOHN HATMAN

Daniel Scilione

Jen Hamyan

Trevor Marshall

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Subcommittee: REMAC SUBS

Date: 4/23/25

Location: SLEMS

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Present at location:

Tom Fealey

Dina Wayach

Jim Aronk

Trevor Marchly

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Dr. Guszack

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Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Record of Motion

A Motion to

approve the updated QA/QI Policy.

was made by _____, seconded by _____ The QA/QI Subcommittee

Agency	Representative	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	X			
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD	X			
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO				X
J.T. Mather	Eddie Kim, MD				X
NYU Langone Hosp Suffolk	Jerry Rubano, MD				X
Peconic Bay Med. Cntr	Jeffrey Cangelosi, MD	X			
Southampton	Max Minnerop, MD	X			
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Dr. Juan Acosta		X			
Dr. Lincoln Cox		X			
Dr. Scott Coyne					X
Dr. Caitlin Feeks		X			
Dr. Andrew Flanigan					X
Dr. Gregory Garra		X			
Dr. Jack Geffken		X			
Dr. Sanford Glantz		X			
Dr. Chris Guszack		X			
Dr. Youssef Hassoun		X			
Dr. Lauren Maloney		X			
Dr. R. Trevor Marshall		X			
Dr. James Vosswinkel					X
Dr. Daryl Williams					X
TOTAL:		17	0	0	9

This is a true and accurate recording of the subject motion identified above.

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Date: 5/27/2025

Attested to by: _____,
Jennifer Hannigan, Executive Secretary



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Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Record of Motion

A Motion to

remove the regional treatments list with the exception of not authorizing nitrous oxide.

was made by _____, seconded by _____ The Protocol Subcommittee

Agency	Representative	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	X			
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD	X			
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO				X
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Dr. Andrew Flanigan					X
Dr. Gregory Garra		X			
Dr. Jack Geffken		X			
Dr. Sanford Glantz		X			
Dr. Chris Guszack		X			
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Dr. R. Trevor Marshall		X			
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