



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 21, 2026 meeting.



Meeting Summary



May 26, 2026

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 1903 by Chairman Dr. Marshall, presiding. The pledge was recited and there was a moment of silence for Dr. Maury Greenberg.

There was a virtual presentation from Sarah Soloman from Handtevy gave a presentation on her platform.

The acting 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 24, 2026, minutes as distributed. Mr. Cavalieri made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Winslow. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairperson's Report:

- Dr. Marshall thanked all the EMS providers in Suffolk County and wished them a belated happy EMS week.
- He reminded all that the next meeting would be jointly with REMSCO on July 21, 2026, at Ocean Beach Fire Department, at 6 PM. There is also a CME class on Trauma from Northwell Health at Ocean Beach that same day at 1 PM for all who wish to attend.

Vice Chairperson's Report:

- No report.

Second Vice Chair's Report:

- To be covered under the RSI Subcommittee.

Correspondence:

- None

EMS Division Report

Operations Report- Chief Paul Marra

- The Comprehensive County Emergency Plan will take effect June 19, 2026. Plans will be due by December 19, 2026. Please be advised that the REMSCO will need to have input into the document. The document doesn't need to be submitted as a final document, but a fluid document that can be built upon based on the region's needs. More will be shared once additional guidance is supplied by the state.
- There are many large-scale events that will be taking place in Suffolk County this year based on the 250th Anniversary. In addition to the normal volume of large-scale events the County has supported in years past. If we reach out to the agencies, we ask if they can give timely response. We understand everyone is very busy this year and we are trying to cover the best we can.
- Agencies that have County Caches of Duo Dotes and Cyano-kits will be contacted as the orders are received. Deputy Chief Keegan is aware of those that are expiring and will be in contact to make the exchanges. Grant funding has been limited and quantities may be affected.
- As a reminder, Agencies will continue to use their current controlled substance plans as NY State works with the DEA to see how they will proceed. You will not be able to register on the DEA site, so there is no need to attempt registration.
- Included in the 800 changes with reference to the length-based resuscitation tape, BLS units will be required to have this available. Computer based or app-based programs do not meet the state requirement.

Education and Training Report – Steve Januszkiewicz excused, report given by Dina Wayrich

- 4 basic originals scheduled that are still accepting registration:
 - Centereach 5/20
 - Cutchogue 5/27
 - Hybrid 6/2
 - Daytime original SCEMS 6/15
 - Sayville 9/8
 - 1 rapid basic refresher scheduled at SCEMS daytime starting 5/27
 - 1 AEMT original scheduled starting August 24th
 - 1 AEMT refresher scheduled starting August 31st
- Reminder of the SUNY Reconnect program: <https://www.suny.edu/communitycollege/free-cc/>

System Medical Director Report and the State Council Report– Dr. Winslow:

- Dr. Winslow reported:
 - “The meetings of the State Council took place on May 11 12 and 13 in Saratoga Springs. The regional Program Agencies reported that they have begun vouchering and receiving reimbursement from New York State for program agency activities. The State reported that they have requested an increase in the current budget for both Program Agency and REMSCO funding – the increase would be effective next year and the request was for an additional 15% under the Aid to Localities Section of the New York State budget. The State informed the councils that there are several regulatory packets that are going out for public comment in the upcoming months – including Ambulance Build Standards, Blood Administration programs, and community paramedicine programs. Also, there is current legislation that is under discussion that pertains to allowing Paramedics to administer Buprenorphine which is currently not allowed under state law. The State commented that the new legislation that requires County comprehensive EMS plans to be drafted by the regional

- EMS Coordinators working collaboratively with the regional REMSCOs – that these new plans would not be due until December 19 of 2026 to allow plenty of time for their completion. The County EMS Coordinators have been meeting with the State about these plans and a template framework for the new plans which should be ready by the end of June to give the regions 6 months to meet and discuss and complete the plans. The State announced that there will be a prehospital care research forum offered free of charge from June 23 to June 25 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.
- Med Standards Committee met and discussed regional RSI programs and noted that the regional REMACs in each region determine how to use and how to credential their Paramedics to use the protocol and that there is no minimum standard across the State. There is a specialty care transport group that has been meeting to discuss having one set of collaborative protocols for inter-facility and air medical transport to cover the protocols for critical patients. It was stated at the meeting that the use of pelvic binders should be considered with caution as it has been observed that unless there is an open-book pelvic fracture that the use of a binder could cause pain and complications and that the binders are often misapplied. It was also stated that the routine use of cervical collars should not be considered best practice and there will be an adjustment to the spinal motion restriction protocol in the upcoming 2026 updates. There will be more discussion about this at STAC which is scheduled for tomorrow May 27.
 - As for the upcoming Collaborative Protocol update – the implementation date will be September 1 to give agencies and providers plenty of time to be prepared. The major changes include: the ability of the Basic EMT to give Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen for fever and for relief of pain, the Advanced EMT may administer IV Acetaminophen for relief of pain and PO or IV Ondansetron for vomiting, the creation of 3 new Obstetric Protocols including the administration of Oxytocin for postpartum hemorrhage, the dose of Rocuronium under the RSI protocol was increased to 1.5mg/kg ideal body weight maximum of 150mg, adding push dose Epinephrine to the RSI protocol consistent with the ROSC protocol to manage post-procedure hypotension, and moved Onlanzapine to standing orders for Paramedics under the behavioral protocol. As a reminder to the REMAC, the EMS Division staff will be sending out an ALS Medication Formulary letter to all EMS agencies defining which medications are required and which medications are EMS agency options – the letter will be going out in mid-June. Once again - the implementation date for the new protocols will be September 1.
 - Representing both Suffolk and Nassau County REMACs, I presented the new pilot project for the administration of Keppra by Paramedics for patients with refractory seizures. There was great support from around New York State and several other regions expressed interest in participating, including Buffalo and Albany. The physicians on Med Standards felt that a dose of 3 grams would be preferable to a weight-based dose. They also wanted to stress the importance of getting follow up outcome data from the hospitals on these patients. The pilot project will be presented to the New York State Commissioner of Health by the EMS Division staff and if approved would be returning to SEMAC in September for final approval and implementation. I want to take a moment to compliment Paramedic Cole Darienzo from Commack who is the primary author of this project. Congratulations Cole as there is great support for your project from around the State and from the State Council.
 - Regarding the SEMAC meeting. First, I wanted to let the Suffolk County REMSCO know that Dr Jerry Rubano from South Shore University Hospital has been appointed to the SEMAC. As he also sits on the State Trauma Advisory Committee, as a trauma surgeon his appointment to the SEMAC will be a great means of connecting the SEMAC and the STAC on EMS issues related to trauma. Congratulations to Dr Rubano on his appointment to SEMAC. The SEMAC discussed the development across New York State of more Crisis Stabilization Centers. Currently Suffolk County has the DASH center – the Diagnostic Assessment Stabilization Hub – located at 90 Adams Ave in Hauppauge that is a 24/7/365

- facility available to all persons in crisis regardless of insurance, for all ages. They offer counseling services and crisis intervention for children adults and families. They have physicians, nurses and mental health counselors for persons dealing with mental health and substance use disorders. The SEMAC psychiatry representative noted that the State has increased funding to build more facilities and develop these programs. The SEMAC discussed and approved the updated Collaborative Protocols as previously discussed at Med Standards. The SEMAC noted that there is a new position titled “State EMS Medical Advisor” that was open for applications from March 26 to April 26 and is now closed. The State reported that they are looking at several qualified candidates at this time. The SEMAC discussed the Keppra pilot project and asked for a letter of support to be written by the SEMAC and sent to the NYS Commissioner of Health to approve of the pilot project.
- Director Greenberg made a statement to clarify the issue regarding controlled substances procurement by EMS agencies in regards to a recent federal DEA ruling – specifically whether or not EMS agencies should have their own DEA registration or be using the hospitals or be using their agency medical directors DEA license when the purchase and procure controlled substances. The Director stated that all current controlled substance plans for EMS agencies throughout the State have been approved by the NYS Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and no changes need to be made at this time. Currently, the NYS Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, the NYS Division of EMS, and representatives of the DEA are having discussions to clarify and address this issue. The Division of EMS stated that they are developing a policy statement that should be available soon and at this time all EMS agencies should follow their current controlled substance plans. It was stated by the Director that hospitals may not refuse to supply control substances to EMS agencies that currently use the hospital pharmacies. It was also stated that EMS agencies in New York State are not currently authorized to have their own separate DEA registration for the procurement of controlled substances as New York is one of 7 States in the US that have their own Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement.
 - The next meetings of the State Council are scheduled for September 14, 15, and 16 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. Then the last meetings of the year are scheduled for December 7, 8 and 9 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn in Saratoga.”

REMSCO Report- Ed Boyd:

- Mr. Boyd thanked all who were involved with eth CPR and Trauma Save Awards and the Lateulere Conference.
- Mr. Boyd is looking forward to the joint meeting in July.
- Mr. Boyd reported that the TOA fee schedule is now updated, any agency wishing to apply must pay \$5,000 up front, but will be reimbursed those funds minus any stenographer fees, any other fees associated with the TOA, and minus \$1,750 fee to the REMSCO.

Subcommittee Reports:

Protocols (Dr. Marshall)

- Dr. Marshall reported that the collaborative protocols were just approved at the last SEMAC meeting. Most of the changes have been covered at previous meetings, but Dr. Marshall mentioned specifically that Lasix is being added back into the formulary. The use is not intended for 911, but rather community paramedicine, so agencies need not purchase it.
- The protocol rollout is expected for September 1, 2026 due to the meeting cancellation this past winter.

- There is a change to spinal motion restriction that has already passed through SEMAC and SEMSCO, but is awaiting STAC approval. As of today, anyone choosing to collar patients will not be out of protocol. There will be discussion at RTAC, and SCEMS will provide a rollout. Dr. Marshall will report again at the July meeting.

RSI (Dr. Guszack)

- Dr. Guszack reported that the last meeting was April 14, 2026, and mostly data was discussed. It was noted that scene time was up a little. The medications used and reasons for RSI procedure were discussed. The group is looking for a better way to detect these cases and to match the state database.
- There is a QR code available for all to scan and view the new electronic MD and Peer Review Forms. These are not yet live, but members should take a look and offer any feedback to Dr. Guszack or Secretary Hannigan if they wish.
- There was a discussion to have the county keep a list of RSI medics on the website, there was a concern about such a list revealing personal data.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 9, 2026, location TBD.

Membership (Dr. Acosta)

- Dr. Acosta stated that elections will take place this fall.

QA/QI (Dr. Winslow)

- No report.

Bylaws (Dr. Coyne)

- Dr. Coyne had nothing to report, but there will be a vote on the bylaws at the July meeting. It is anticipated the REMAC meeting will take place first, and the REMAC approved bylaws can then go to REMSCO for a vote of approval.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Jason Hoffman reported prehospital blood use. There have been seven total administrations, five were flown in, two were transported by ground. Two administrations happened today, and those patients are still in the hospital. Of the remaining patients, four were discharged, and one did not survive.
- Dr. Winslow made a motion to retire Dr. Greenberg's Field Physician Number (MD103) and send a letter of appreciation to the Greenberg family. It was seconded by Dr. Marshall and passed without opposition.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hoffman. The meeting adjourned at 1946.
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hannigan
Deputy Chief, Education and Training
REMAC Secretary



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FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF SUFFOLK COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LIST**

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Facility	Hospital Delegate/Alternate	SIGNATURE
EMS Medical Director	Jason Winslow, MD	
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	Excused
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD / Joseph Zito, MD	
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO / Leo Huertas, MD	
J.T. Mather	Eddie Kim, MD / Adam Wos, MD	X
NYU Langone Hosp- Suffolk	Joseph Artale, MD / Christine DeSanno-Caridi, DO	X
Peconic Bay	Jeffrey Cangelosi, MD / Nick Palamidissi, MD	CANCEL
Southampton	Max Minnerop, MD	
South Shore University	Brian Blaustein, MD/ Anthony Urmaza, MD	Excused
St. Catherine's	Paul Taglienti, MD	
St. Charles	Jeffrey Wheeler, MD / Joseph Garber, MD	
Stony Brook University	Joseph Bove, MD	

Physician Members-at-Large:

Juan Acosta, DO		Christopher Guszack, MD	
Lincoln Cox, MD		Youssef Hassoun, MD	X
Scott Coyne, MD		Lauren Maloney, MD	
Caitlin Feeks, DO	X	R. Trevor Marshall, MD	
Andrew Flanigan, DO		Dr. Jerry Rubano, MD	excused STAC
Gegory Garra, MD	X	James Vosswinkel, MD	excused STAC
Jack Geffken, DO		Daryl Williams, MD	(X)



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EMS Division Staff:

Signature:

Steven Januszkiewicz, Education and Training Coordinator

X

Paul Marra, Chief, EMS Operations

Jennifer Hannigan, Deputy Chief, Executive Secretary

Excused

Christopher Gallway, University Medical Control

X

Edward Boyd, Chair, REMSCO

Non-Physician Members-at-Large:

Signature:

Edward Boyd

John Boyd

X

Jess Boyle

X

Robert Cavalieri

Scott DiPino

Excused

Shawn Edouard

Thomas Fealey

Patrick Gugliotta

(X)

Jason Hoffman

James Jackson

Michael Presta

David Roth

(X)

Daniel Siciliano

Richard Tvelia

Paul Werfel



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Eastern Long Island
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Hospital

Huntington Hospital

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Hospital

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Hospital -Suffolk

Peconic Bay Medical
Center

Southampton Hospital

South Shore
University Hospital

Catherine of Siena Medical
Center

St. Charles Hospital

Stony Brook
University Hospital

Subcommittee: HST

Date: 4/14/26

Location: Dix Hills FD

Chair/Acting Chair: Dr. Guszack Quorum reached? (Y) N

Present at location:

Chris Guszack

Dan Siciliano

Scott DiPino

CAVALIERI, ROBERT

WERFEL, PAUL

Cole Dorengo

Adam Touko

Dina Weyrauch

Brian Gustafson

Jack Geffken

Shawn Esbensen

Trevor Marshall

Present Virtually:

HERE

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