

## MEETING SUMMARY

September 16, 2025

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

*NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the November 18, 2025, meeting.*

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as *attachment 1*. Subcommittees did not meet.

Meeting opened at 1900hrs with Chairman Boyd presiding. Chairman Boyd lead the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to approve the July 8, 2025, REMSCO meetings minutes as distributed. The motion was made by Dr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Crosby. The motion passed without opposition.

### Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd

- Chairman Boyd reported that the joint meeting at Ocean Beach FD was a success. He plans on revisiting the idea next for July. Mr. Boyd also thanked Mr. Leiderman for his hard work in putting it all together.

### Vicechair's Report – M. Zender

- No report.

### Budget – T. Prendergast

- Opening balance \$830.47; Deposits: \$0; Credits: \$0; Checks disbursed (Cleared): Check # 1212 \$75.00 (Language Line Services), Check # 1213 \$319.00 (Infrastructure Solutions), Check # 1214 \$319.00 (Infrastructure Solutions); Debit Transactions: \$15.00 (Monthly Service Charge July '25), \$15.00 (Monthly Service Charge Aug'25); ATM Fees: \$0; Checks disbursed not cleared: \$0; Total Disbursements: \$743.00; Closing Checking balance \$87.47. Note: \$15 monthly service charge due to balance being under \$2000.00.
- Chairman Boyd stated that the balance in the treasury is clearly low. He asked Secretary Hannigan to elaborate, as she has been working on the grant with New York State. She stated that the contract has gone back and forth with Suffolk REMSCO and NYS for over a year but was recently resubmitted for approval. All are hopeful that the process will come to a successful solution soon, and Mr. Boyd remarked that we are not the only REMSCO in this predicament.

### Suffolk County EMS Division Staff Reports – P. Marra / S. Januszkiewicz / Dr. Winslow

- Mr. Marra reported the following on operations:
  - Welcome back to James MacDonell and Ellen Komosinski, both are part-time, so days will vary based on need.
  - The Division has taken calls referencing Mandated Reporter Training, no updates for EMS at this time, awaiting guidance from the state.
  - Cyano Kits have arrived and expired kits will be replaced; agencies are being contacted directly for the exchange.
  - CISM team has been active for the past few weeks, and agencies that would like training in-house with an overview of the CISM Team please reach out.
  - Instructor Contracts are out for RFQ, recently amended contract attestations need to be returned to Fire Rescue for processing.
- Mr. Januszkiewicz reported the following on education:
  - Fall classes are underway: four EMT Original Courses have already opened, one additional is opening tonight, three more originals will be opening in the next few weeks.
  - Our St Anthonys High School and Eastern Suffolk BOCES EMT-Original courses have started. Last year's inaugural BOCES program was so well received that enrollment has for this year has tripled.
  - Our second AEMT Original Course started last night. This course also includes a Refresher built into it as well as CORE CME content for those who may be in need of it.
  - Paramedic Refresher begins in a couple of weeks. Seats are still available.
  - EMT Refresher at Medford Ambulance begins October 25th, looking to add additional towards the west end of the county, possibly in Huntington, more to come as this develops

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- Working to schedule an upcoming CFR Course in East Hampton
- Will be providing skills session in early November for Northwell CC to Paramedic Bridge Cohort 13 with Practical Skills Exam to follow in early December
- Partnering with Stony Brook University Pediatric Trauma Service to present lecture on Non-Accidental Pediatric Trauma (Child Abuse), most likely will be held regionally at hosting fire departments or EMS agencies once dates and times are finalized.
- Submitting for EMT Core Content Course Delivery and Paramedic Core Content Course Delivery to be held in the western part of the county beginning late January.
- Finalizing 2nd round of online BLS CME Core Content, hoping to have it on the website by the middle of October. Also, we are in the process of working on 2nd round of ALS Core Content
- We are re-evaluating In-Person CME scheduling for next year as sessions this year have been poorly attended, and we were forced to cancel numerous classes.
- We are hosting a Certified Instructor Update in late October. Two Sessions, one on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> and the second on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Winslow reported the following:
  - “I want to thank the Ocean Beach Fire Department for hosting the July 8 meeting of the REMSCO and REMAC on Fire Island. It was attended by Director Greenberg from New York State and Suffolk County Commissioner of Health Dr. Pigott, and a good time was had by all. Thank you, Ocean Beach.
  - Updates from the REMAC. There were several important REMAC policy updates that were approved including the listing of EMS agency ALS medication options for Olanzapine for behavioral agitation, Cefazolin for open fractures, and Tranexamic acid for hemorrhagic and obstetric shock management. Please review the listing of the EMS agency optional ALS medications and those that are required. A letter was sent out by the EMS Division to every EMS agency as the ALS Drug Authorization letter. There are also educational materials posted on the Suffolk REMSCO webpage including the 2025 protocol update, BLS supraglottic airway training, Tranexamic acid use, and surgical airway for EMS providers training materials. There are also the forms required for participation in the BLS IM Glucagon project for EMTs to administer Glucagon in hypoglycemic patients. The REMAC updated its policy regarding the use of Suffolk County Medical Control and the regional Quality Improvement program. The REMAC also has removed the regional credentialing requirement and began a new process of EMS provider registration. All EMS providers and EMS agency leaders are encouraged to read through the updated REMAC policy manual, and it is posted on the website under the protocols.
  - Other EMS System updates. The Public Access Defibrillation program has been very active this year and there have been many new programs in Suffolk County and lots of updates for long-standing PAD programs. I want to make a public notification that the EMS Division is ready to assist businesses, organizations, houses of worship and public buildings in the PAD program. We want to get as many AEDs out in the community as we can and the EMS Division will assist with appropriate applications, device selection, education and training for personnel. The REMAC is currently updating the Rapid Sequence Intubation Paramedic credentialing process, and this will be discussed at the upcoming REMAC meeting on September 30. If there are any questions or new applicants at this time, they should contact the RSI Committee Chairperson Dr Sandy Glantz.
  - The next REMAC meeting is September 30 here in Yaphank. The next meeting of the Suffolk County Regional Trauma Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday November 19 – and that meeting will be held in the EOC Situation Room at FRES. Last notification is that the New York State Vital Signs Conference is scheduled for November 14th and 15th in Syracuse and there are some pre-conference activities on the 12th and 13th as well.
  - Last, although the Suffolk County REMSCO contract is not yet finalized, the Suffolk County Program Agency contract was fully approved. The EMS Division staff serve the regional councils – the REMSCO, REMAC and RTAC, and serve the EMS agencies and EMS providers in Suffolk County in a grant funded contract with the New York State Department of Health and this contract is for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029, and is for a total of \$1,310,210. I want to thank the EMS Division staff of FRES for their work under Program Agency – especially Dina Wayrich and Jen Hannigan, and I want to thank the NYS DOH staff for their cooperation and assistance with executing the contract.”

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**SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy:**

- Ms. Miller-McEvoy's reports on SEMSCO and the state subcommittee meetings can be found here as *attachment 2*.

**Joint Commission on the Use of Lights and Sirens- Dr. Marshall**

- Dr. Marshall reported that there are no updates, but work continues.

**Education and Training**

- No report, and the subcommittee needs a new chairperson.
- Mr. Boyd asked members to please join at least one subcommittee.

**Resource Needs- E. Boyd**

- No new applications, nothing to report.

**Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti**

- No report.

**Nominations Committee – S. Slovensky**

- With the recent loss of Jamie Atkinson, Steve Slovensky has stepped up as the chair of the Nominations Subcommittee. Mr. Slovensky reported that there are thirty members of REMSCO, and ten are up for reelection. Mr. Slovensky is sending out letters to those ten. There are a few seats with attendance issues, which will be discussed at the November meeting. Mr. Slovensky also sent out letters to organizations who do not have alternates asking them to identify the alternate for their organization.

**Performance Improvement - B. Talmage (absent, Dr. Winslow gave report)**

- Dr. Winslow reported that the REMSCO Performance Improvement Subcommittee and the REMAC QA/QI Subcommittee will merge and work together, as they have similar tasks and goals.

**Legislative Report- R. Franz**

- Mr. Franz reported that the four NYS bills that were included in the July meeting legislative report have not been delivered to the Governor for her signature or veto. They are expected to be delivered by November.
- Dr. Winslow stated that a bill is on the governor's desk. (S7501A / A8086A) This bill directs counties to develop and maintain comprehensive emergency medical system plans, establishing a local planning process for coordinated services.

**Bylaws– B. Talmage (absent)**

- No report.

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**Public Information- J. Manzi**

- Mr. Manzi announced that the CPR and Trauma Save Awards are November 1<sup>st</sup>, even though there is training happening the same day in Islip.
- The REMSCO Awards Ceremony is on October 22, 2025, at 7PM at Southold FD. Invitations will be sent out shortly.
- Dr. Winslow reminded the group to nominate providers for Trauma Save Awards, as the nominations for those awards come from hospitals.

**Old Business**

- None.

**New Business**

- Mr. Marra asked that the REMSCO pick the time and location for the next REMSCO EMS conference. Mr. Boyd suggested that we return to the same location as at the last conference. No opposition to the idea was offered. Mr. Prendergast offered to check the availability of the hotel on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and will report back. Speaker applications will be accepted soon, and subject tracks may be offered.
- Mr. Manzi brought up the idea of REMSCO offering scholarships to BLS and ALS providers. Dr. Winslow mentioned that there is some money slated for scholarships in the Program Agency Grant. There was some discussion, and there was a lot of interest in moving forward. It will be discussed further and work will begin.
- Mr. Zukosky introduced Suffolk County Community College's new alternate, Brianna Gladding.
- Dr. Marshall informed the group that the REMAC will be asking agencies to submit a list of their active providers at the end of the year. More information will be available soon.
- Mr. Miglino was recognized by the chair. He submitted a letter which can be seen here as *attachment 3*. There was some discussion on the topic. The county awaits policies from the state but can send a letter of support for the EMT-CC level of certification.
- Mr. Sunderman was recognized by the chair. He asked the REMSCO for a letter for elected officials so he could invite them to the REMSCO Awards and the CPR and Trauma Awards.
- Mr. Manzi inquired if the Program Agency has awarded any scholarships; Dr. Winslow reported that they are awaiting direction and criteria from NYS.
- Mr. Slovensky made a motion for the REMSCO to send a letter of support for the EMT-CCs to NYS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zukosky and passed without opposition.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Franz, seconded by Mr. Zukosky, at 1946 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on  
 Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
 7:00 PM  
 SCEMS, 360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 1B, Yaphank NY 11980.**

**ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

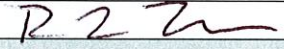
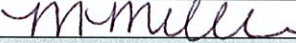

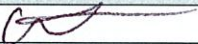
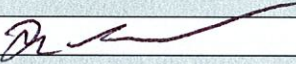

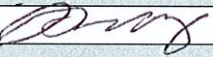

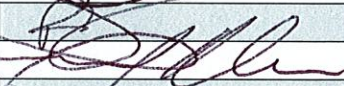
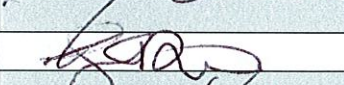
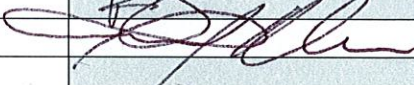
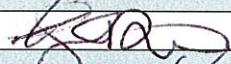

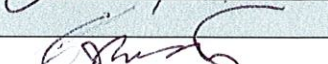
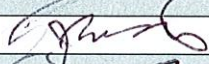
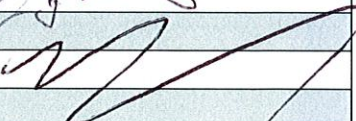

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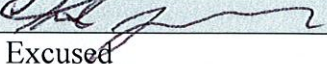

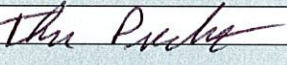
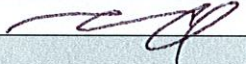

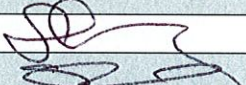
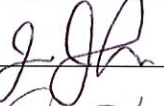
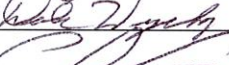





**MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST**

**Date: September 16, 2025**

**Location: Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank**

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Representative/ Alternate</b>	<b>Signature</b>
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller-McEvoy	 
	Frank Milza	
Commercial Transport Sector	Joseph Cutrone	
East End Ambulance Coalition	Katie Hand	
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Martin Leiderman	
North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association	Jerry Diffley	
	Peggy Killian	
NYS Society of Physician Assistants	Mark Zender, PA-C	
NYSVARA, District 7	Robert Franz	
	Edward Merchant	
Sun River Health	Angelo Viera	
	Carlos Ortiz	
Southampton Town EMS Advisory Committee	Ian King	
	Martin Leiderman	
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Amanda Zinicki-Ceckowski	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	W. Michael Masterton	
	Dina Wayrich	
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	 
	Brianna Gladding	
Suffolk County EMS Coordinator	Paul Marra	
Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	Dr. Jason Winslow	
Suffolk County Emergency Nurses Association	Connie Kraft, RN	 
	Donna Rivera, RN	
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq.	
Suffolk County Fire District Association	John Manzi	 
	Raymond Reilly	

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Suffolk County FRES	Gregory Miniutti	
	Steve Januszkewicz	
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	Excused
	Frank Boneventre	
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Tom Donnelly	
	Bill Shilling	
Suffolk County Medical Control	Christopher Gallway	
	Stephen Slovensky	
Suffolk County Police Department	Dr. James Vosswinkel	
	Peter DiPrima	
Islip Town Ambulance Chiefs Association	Jamie Atkinson	
	Scott Crosby	
Northwell Health / South Shore University Hospital	Cono Cimino	
Suffolk County Volunteer Fireman's Association	Thomas Prendergast	
Suffolk REMAC	Dr. R. Trevor Marshall	
	Dr. Jack Geffken	
Catholic Health Services of Long Island	Dr. Eric Decena	
	Winston Lee	
Suffolk RTAC	Susan Henderson	
	Dr. Rich Scriven	
University Hospital EMS	Stephen Slovensky	
	Shawn Edouard	
<b>GUEST NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
Jim Jackson	Northwell EMS	
Dale Wyckoff	Ocean Beach	
Christopher Fischer	Stony Brook Trauma	
Susan Henderson	Stony Brook	
James Vosswinkel	Stony Brook	
Cory Thomas	Stony Brook Children's	
Mike Presta	PJEMS	

## SEMSCO September 2025 Highlights

1. Nominations 2026
  - a. Chairperson – Don Hudson
  - b. First Vice Chair - Tim Egan
  - c. Second Vice Chair- Al Kim
2. EMS Staff:
  - a. Program/REMSCO agency contracts – award letters have all been sent out. Around half of the agencies have executed contracts. The other half have not submitted and need to so they do not lose funding.
  - b. Approx half a million dollars has been paid out this fiscal year so far.
    - i. Of that 2.1 million in education and training
      1. Prior years we were at 1.9, 1.5, 1.8 spent. We are seeing an increase in expenditure due to paramedic reimbursement.
  - c. Recommended budget from the May meeting – comments available by end of week. So it can be submitted to the commissioner's office on time.
    - i. 15% increase for REMSCO and REMAC
    - ii. 10 % increase for education
3. Education:
  - a. NYS is not part of the National Registry, but we do align with them:
    - i. You can take the state exam OR take the NR exam and send the state your results state will validate and then give you a card.
    - ii. Registry in July transitioned to a new system – NYS can not accurately validate score, completion through this new system
    - iii. Could yield a 4-8 weeks turn around time, instead of up to 14 days – permitting the system will allow us
    - iv. Students can take the NYS exam and get card immediately
4. Med Standards
  - a. Update on BLS Supraglottic Airway (SGA) Implementation and next steps
    - i. Data from 445 cases to 841 – 2024-2025 same time frame
      1. 646 placed – 51 not places – 62 not reported in state report
      2. Overall success 2024 – 94%
      3. Overall Success 2025 – 93%
5. Education and Training
  - a. EMT-CC – Commissioner is not going to support the motion/timeline to sunset the EMT-CC – wants it to go back to the committee – come up with a new solution

- i. Commissioner has decided he will not authorize the motion – will need to go back to training and ed and medical standard
- ii. Concerned with the deadline date and the workforce issue
- iii. Understands this is a small group of individuals that it effects
- iv. Deputy Commissioner will be at more of these meetings as the information is not always getting to the commissioners desk timely and appropriately. This is an important part of the system and we need to make sure that our pre hospital partners are represented

6. Finance:

- a. Status of the Federal Medicaid State Plan Amendment to Implement State Medicaid Payment for Treat in Place
  - i. Motion: SEMSCO to write Commissioner of health “reinforcing the value of implementing Medicaid payment for Treat in Place and transport to alternative destinations, expressing support for continued efforts towards expeditious implementation’.
- b. The current Medicare “add-on” payments expire on September 30, 2025. Without the extension of these ground ambulance “add-ons,” beyond September 30, 2025, urban ambulance services will receive a 2% cut, rural ambulance services will receive a 3% cut, and super rural ambulance services will receive a 22.6% cut.
  - i. NAEMT has an advocacy letter online that EMS agencies can use and send to their members of congress. We do not want to see a Medicare cut
- c. SUNY Reconnect – Governor's initiative ages 25-55 for people who do not have a degree to go back to school.
  - i. NYS has 24 paramedic programs in community colleges
  - ii. EMS is included as one of the approved degrees
  - iii. Free community college – SUNY : you can see all the approved lists

7. New Business

- a. Regulation Update: 10 NYCRR Part 800, Sections 80.24, 800.24, and 800.26, Vehicle and Equipment Regulations – See attached report
  - i. Modernization of our equipment
  - ii. Proposed regulation and change log provided
  - iii. Posted, reviewed,
  - iv. Role call vote - passed

## September 2025 Committee Meetings/ SEMAC/ SEMSCO

**Tuesday September 9, 2025**

### **8:00 am – 9:00 am Finance**

1. Continued Discussion of Data on Hospital Offload Delays a. Second quarter data analysis from NYS DOH from NYS electronic patient care report (e-PCR) database and on-line reports filed by EMS agencies
  - a. Second quarter update: 2 hospitals that have a greater than 45 minute offload delay (down from 6 hospitals first quarter)
2. Update on the Status of the Federal Medicaid State Plan Amendment to Implement State Medicaid Payment for Treat-in-Place (legislation signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2024)
3. Discussion of Provisions in the Federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA or H.R.1) That Could Impact EMS
  - a. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Summary: <https://files.constantcontact.com/0706891c001/cd83f7a8-4ca4-4d6b-b1ef4558d10d9655.pdf?rdr=true>
  - b. Discuss the potential for Rural Health Transformation Program funds to support EMS in NYS
    - i. \$50 billion nationwide to be allocated to States between 2026 and 2030
4. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2027 State Budget Recommendations
  - a. “Aid to Localities-Special Revenue” includes payments for EMS training and education, contracted program agencies, and Regional EMS Councils (REMSCO’s).
    - i. Recommended budget from the May meeting – comments available by end of week. So it can be submitted to the commissioners office on time.
      1. 15% increase for REMSCO and REMAC
      2. 10 % increase for education
    - ii. Approx 50% of program agencies and REMSCO have current contracts completed
    - iii. Since the last meeting every agency has been engaged with a contract.
    - iv. Education Funding – 2.1 million spent
      1. Prior years we were at 1.9, 1.5, 1.8 spent. We are seeing an increase in expenditure.
      2. Seeing an increase due to paramedic reimbursement

## 5. Federal EMS Funding

- a. The current Medicare “add-on” payments expire on September 30, 2025. Without the extension of these ground ambulance “add-ons,” beyond September 30, 2025, urban ambulance services will receive a 2% cut, rural ambulance services will receive a 3% cut, and super rural ambulance services will receive a 22.6% cut.
  - i. NAEMT has an advocacy letter online that EMS agencies can use and send to their members of congress. We do not want to see a Medicare cut
- b. b. If Congress does not waive the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (SPAYGO) Trigger to Ensure deficit neutrality, Medicare payments could be reduced up to 4%

## 6. Update on Availability of Recruitment and Retention Funds Budgeted for Program Agencies

- a. Regional Recruitment and Retention Allocations (\$15,000)
  - i. Must have an active contract to use this money
- b. Regional Paramedic Scholarship/Tuition Support Allocations (\$20,000)

## 7. Course Sponsor Fiscal Sustainability

- a. Next steps on survey results on payment for Paramedic education from recent Paramedic students
  - i. “I am paying for Paramedic school myself” = 152 (72.4%)
  - ii. The agency where I am employed or a member is paying the full cost = 41 (19.5%)
  - iii. The agency where I am employed or a member is paying part of the cost = 17 (8%)
    1. Agency pays 0-25% = 2
    2. Agency pays 25-50% = 6
    3. Agency pays 50-75% - 2
    4. Agency pays more than 75% = 7
- b. SUNY Reconnect – Governor's initiative ages 25-55 for people who do not have a degree to go back to school.
  - i. We have 24 paramedic programs in community colleges
  - ii. EMS is included as one of the approved degrees
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## 8. New Business

- a. Committee is looking for a liaison to serve on the Education subcommittee

## 9:15 am – 10:15 am Education and Training

1. NYS EMS Report
  - a. Greenberg / Chesney/ Lockwood
    - i. NYS is not part of the National Registry, but we do align with them.
      1. You can take the state exam OR take the NR exam and send the state your results state will validate and then give you a card.
      2. Registry in July transitioned to a new system – NYS can not accurately validate score, completion through this new system for repropstidy.
    - ii. Independent submission for CME are going smoothly. Increased audits across the board.
2. Old Business
  - a. PSI updates - format for retrieving exam scores / vouchering for certification
  - b. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Updates
    - i. New York State Practical Skills Examination (NYS PSE) TAG - Paramedic Originals – NYS Policy released 24-07 1. EMT Original “pilot program” - policy forthcoming
    - ii. Field Training Officer (FTO) TAG
      1. Micro credentialing – funding
      2. Look at “NYS Pilot Leadership Development Program”- Policy 23- 08b as a model for curriculum and funding
      3. Working with Systems Committee, what is the roll of agencies in mentoring newly certified providers- Is this divorced from “education”? (medical school vs. residency – Trade schools vs. apprenticeship analogies)
      4. Survey went out last week – opportunity to see what FTO programs are currently successful. Please share if you have any success stories
    - iii. Course Funding TAG
      1. Working jointly with Finance Subcommittee- awaiting impact of previous increases
        - a. 2.1 million spent for this current year our of around 6 million total.
    - iv. Regional Training Plan TAG
  - c. Provider recert numbers - How are providers recertifying, in what numbers, and at what levels?
  - d. Function Job Descriptions- update available?

- e. Update on SEMSCO vote (2/2025) to remove the restrictions from Certified First Responder (CFR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class to allow course sponsors to charge tuition as well as get full State Reimbursement- like for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) and Paramedic classes. Current NYS Policy 23-09b.
3. New Business
- a. EMT-CC – Commissioner is not going to support the motion/timeline to sunset the EMT-CC – wants it to go back to the committee – come up with a new solution
    - i. Commissioner is looking at all workforce issues
    - ii. Provide commissioner's office with the TAG report of 2017
    - iii. How many practicing EMT-CC do we have at this time and how many bridged to a paramedic – will have those numbers for the December meeting
  - b. Representation from this committee for EMS-C – no official representation from this committee
  - c. Resiliency for our providers

**10:30 am – 11:30 am Legislative and Regulations**

- 1. 2025 EMS Legislation Update
  - a. S8486: Update from Division Staff on implementation of Treatment in Place
  - b. S1515: Removes EMS services from the real property tax cap, allowing local municipalities to expand and support their local EMS services. Sen. May. c. S7501-A / A8086-A: Comprehensive EMS Plan Bill
    - i. Guidance Document/Toolkit for counties
- 2. Regulatory Packet Updates
  - a. Equipment and Vehicles- second Public Comment period
  - b. Ambulance Build Standards- in final review for initial Public Comment period complete
  - c. Blood Administration Programs- in final review by Division
  - d. Systems Agency Performance Standards (SAPS)-
    - i. Systems- in final drafting by Division
    - ii. Quality- in final drafting by Division
  - e. Community Paramedicine- Advisory Group working toward framework
  - f. Quality Metrics- Documentation Standard- in drafting by Division
  - g. Rescue Inhalers- in drafting by Division

### **11:45 am – 12:45 pm Systems**

1. Old Business
  - a. Certificate of Need (CON) Process Working Group Update
  - b. Performance Standards Update
  - c. Other Old Business
  - d. Low Acuity Calls
  - e. Wall Times
2. New Business

### **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Safety**

1. Old Business
  - a. Management of escalation tactics
    - i. Draft is nearing completion. Draft to go out middle of September to then discuss at December meeting.
    - ii. Vital Signs course DOT for EMS providers – 20 seats open
  - b. Policy 00-13 – Operation of Emergency Medical Services Vehicles
    - i. A rough draft document will be sent out prior to the December meeting.
  - c. Hazardous Response Plan
    - i. Draft Document with Data for review
  - d. Restraint Policy
    - i. A lot of discussion on this with the TAG.
    - ii. Draft Document
  - e. Stretcher Operations
    - i. Two Main Objectives
      1. Letter Sent to Stryker
        - a. Requesting information from vendor
        - b. Worked with ergonomics experts, hospital staff, EMS and more.
      2. Education
        - a. Two-fold training
        - b. What type of injuries are we seeing with power stretchers and power loaders
  - f. Red Lights and Sirens Review
2. New Business
  - a. Table Top Exercise
    - i. December SEMSCO meeting
    - ii. Rich P to give update
  - b. Workplace violence

- i. Data in the escalation policy draft

### **3:15 pm – 4:15 pm Quality Metrics**

1. Activity Report
  - a. QM Survey-providing guidelines for State Inspections
  - b. Prehospital Quality Improvement webpage
  - c. National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) Measure Report Building
  - d. Clinical Data Integrity Technical Advisory Group TAG
    - i. Procedures/Medications/Impressions Defined List Workgroup
    - ii. Chart Failures
  - e. Quality Metrics Education
    - i. Vital Signs Conference- Preconference
    - ii. Vital Signs Conference- presentation- “Measure What Matters: Taking the Vital Signs of Your EMS System”
    - iii. New York City Quality Course- October 15, 2025
  - f. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)
    - i. Providing Outcome Data to EMS
  - g. Reviewing the recommendations for action items
2. New Business
  - a. MURU 2025 Q2 Statistics & Analysis

### **4:30 pm – 5:30 pm EMS Innovations and Research**

1. Innovations Workgroup Reports and Discussion
  - a. Behavioral Health Care Collaboration for Crisis Stabilization Centers
  - b. Research Subcommittee
  - c. Artificial Intelligence in EMS
  - d. Essential Services
2. SEMSCO/ Wadsworth Collaboration
  - a. Exploring expansion of testing capabilities pre-hospital beyond what is currently approved or EMS (i.e. blood glucometry) in collaboration with Wadsworth Laboratory.

## **Wednesday September 10, 2025**

8:00 am – 10:00 am Medical Standards and Protocols

1. Old Business
  - a. Update on BLS Supraglottic Airway (SGA) Implementation and next steps
    - i. Data from 445 cases to 841 – 2024-2025 same time frame
    - ii. 646 placed – 51 not places – 62 not reported in state report
    - iii. Overall success 2024 – 94%

- iv. Overall Success 2025 – 93%
- v. Where is this policy now? No ETA at this time – when we do have a approved policy we will send out on our list serve. Not yet approved.
- vi. Approved for licensed agencies – BLS First Responder agencies do not fall under legally.
- b. Blood Implementation update
  - i. Draft of regulations – waiting to post for public comment. Hoping to have it posted before next meeting
- c. Clinical data integrity Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
  - i. Developing defined code lists
- d. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) training and credentialing process
  - i. Standardized training program that REMAC has signed off on and approved – the state does not have this, but each county may. Should the state have a standardized program and the county does the sign off process
    1. Skill / Procedure – takes about 2 hours to complete.
    2. Link surgical airway training with the RSI
    3. Can a region credential a RSI medic or does the agency have to credential the provider
    4. Regional can set minimum standards – but individual agency medical director would credential
    5. Referring back to training and ed – for a possible minimum standard of care for the state – recommendation to follow nation ed standards

## 2. New Business

- a. Balanced crystalloid solutions – regional options
  - i. Hospital representative of each hospital system on REMAC
  - ii. Leave logistics to the region but lets add .....
- b. Assuring EMS Professionalism and standards of care
  - i. If there is something that is doing immediate risk the Commissioner has the authority to temporary remove privileges – then they have 14 days to investigate.
  - ii. A regular investigation would take about a year
  - iii. Regional quality improvement feedback – do you send it back to their agency medical director for feedback?
- c. Specialty Care Transport TAG update
  - i. Intent of TAG is to start with best practices and not re create the wheel
- d. EMT-CC

- i. Commissioner has decided he will not authorize the motion – will need to go back to training and ed and medical standard
  - ii. Concerned with the deadline date and the workforce issue
  - iii. Understands this is a small group of individuals that it effects
  - iv. Deputy Commissioner will be at more of these meetings as the information is not always getting to the commissioners desk timely and appropriately. This is an important part of the system and we need to make sure that our pre hospital partners are represented.
- e. Medical Director Verification Form Change
  - i. Regional REMAC approval has been removed from the form. Ryan will look into it, first he his hearing of it
- f. LlifeNet NY
  - i. Looking to add Finger thoracostomy to their practice
  - ii. Being rolled out across the country
  - iii. They have done 3 this year
  - iv. Following TCCC guidelines from 2018 for their national guidelines
  - v. Get this onto the December agenda for a formal presentation
    - 1. Work with the RSI TAG
    - 2. Submit protocols for review
- g. Cervical Collar discussion

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm SEMAC**

- 1. Bureau Staff Report: Ryan P. Greenberg, Director
  - a. Operations –
    - i. Six new investigators around the state, partnering up with seasoned staff
  - b. Administration –
    - i. Program/REMSCO agency contracts – award letters were sent out. Around half of the agencies have executed contracts.
    - ii. Half a million dollars paid out
    - iii. 2.1 million in education and training – take notes from yesterday's meeting
  - c. Education
    - i. National Registry – they are going through an upgrade (started in July) - we have not been able to confirm the information that is needed since this upgrade.
    - ii. Could yield a 4-8 weeks turn around time, instead of up to 14 days – permitting the system will allow us

1. Students can take the NYS exam and get card immediately

d. Meeting

i. Next staff meeting is in October

ii. EMS-C

iii. EMS for children grant funding has been extended

1. Hiring a part time person

iv. Vital signs conference registration is open

1. Main conference – Friday and Saturday

v. Memorials–

1. EMS - May

a. Submit honoree soon

2. Fire Memorial –

a. 120 names – 9/11 related

vi. Council Dates – coming out soon

1. Regulations – Coming up to vote at SEMSCO

2. Blood regulations coming up for public comment

3. Community Paramedicine – continue to work on

vii. Recruitment and Retention – 2 dates (Long Island and Finger Lakes) -  
1 day course

viii. State Medical Director

1. All paper work has been submitted

2. Waiting on it to be posted – will be sent to all SEMAC and  
SEMSCO members incase they know of anyone

e. Deputy Health Commissioner-

i. Commissioner will not accept the EMT-CC sunseting date. Sending it  
back to the education and training committee

ii. Due to the workforce shortage

iii. Need to figure out how to move forward from them

iv. Commitment to listen and learn. Participating with the  
SEMAC/SEMSCO to be an asset for us.

2. Reports of Standing Subcommittees:

a. 1. Education: Donald Hudson

i. No seconded motions

ii. EMS Classes for 2025

1. 950 EMS classes filed

iii. Several TAGs they continue to work on as well as new ones

b. 2. Medical Standards/Protocol: Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO

i. No seconded motions

- ii. Update on BLS Super glottic Airway
      - 1. Policy close to completion – should be released in the very near future
      - 2. BLS First Response agencies are not regulated the same – so they are not included in the
    - iii. RSI training and credentialing process
    - iv. Crystalloid
      - 1. Referred to the collaborative group to review at their normal cycle
  - c. 3. EMS-C Amy Eisenhauer
    - i. Potential job posting of a part time staff to work with Amy
    - ii. Always ready for children program
      - 1. 30+ hospitals participating – another 12 or so applications just received
    - iii. National EMS Readiness Program Survey
      - 1. Coming up this fall, request every 5 years
      - 2. ACS requires their hospitals to complete
      - 3. Looking for at least 80% participation
- 3. Old Business:
  - a. SEMAC Bylaws – term limits
  - b. Agency Medical Director
    - i. Made some recommendations at the May meeting. Is there any update on the credentialing process
      - 1. Not to go with regulations but some best practice guidelines
      - 2. Right now there is nothing that stops an agency from getting a non qualified doctor since the REMAC does not currently have to sign off on the form.
      - 3. Asking that medical directors in the region are approved by the region.
- 4. New Business:
  - a. Supraglottic Airway (SGA) for Basic Life Support First Response (BLSFR)

**1:30 pm – 4:00 pm SEMSCO**

- 1. Chairperson's Report
  - a. Committees need more support, if you'd like to join more please do.
- 2. First Vice Chairperson's Report
- 3. Second Vice Chairperson's Report
  - a. Nominations: Nominations are open until the December meeting

- i. Chairperson – Don Hudson
  - ii. First - Tim Egan
  - iii. Second - Al Kim
- 4. EMS Staff Report – Ryan Greenberg
  - a. Copy Report from earlier
  - b. Education regarding
- 5. SEMAC
  - a. No motions to bring forward
  - b. Med Standards
    - i. Update to the BLS Super glottic airway – almost complete and will be out soon. Will be distributed widely.
      - 1. Discussion on BLS First Response agencies – and why they were not included – they are under different
      - 2. Hudson valley data update – 445 cases in 2024 , 2025 841 cases – success has moved from 94% to 93%
    - ii. Blood implementation – progress – TAG working on a best practices
    - iii. RSI credentialing process
      - 1. Baseline, or minimum standard across the state
      - 2. Already included in paramedic curriculum at the college level
    - iv. Crystalloid solution to their formulary
      - 1. Referred to the protocol committee for the next cycle
    - v. TAG – Erin Reese
  - c. Term Limits
  - d. Agency Medical Director
- 6. Committee Reports
  - a. a. Executive
  - b. b. Med Standards
  - c. c. Education & Training
    - i. Calendar year of 2025 – 950 EMS courses have been filed
  - d. d. Finance
    - i. Hospital offload time delays -
      - 1. Greater than 45 minutes more than 10 percent of the time dropped to 2 hospitals
    - ii. Treat in place
      - 1. Law requires that EMS agencies will get paid by medicaid for treat in place
      - 2. Need permission from CMS to approve it

3. Motion: SEMSCO to write Commissioner of health reinforcing the value of implementing Medicaid payment for Treat in Place and transport to alternative destinations, expressing support for continued efforts towards expeditious implementation.
- iii. Federal HR1
    1. Makes major changes to the Medicaid program –
    2. Motion: SEMSCO to write Commissioner McDonald reinforcing how EMS could contribute to the NYS Rural Transformation funding application and have a work group reach out to the Director of NYS DOH Rural Health to facilitate the integration representatives into the application development process
  - iv. Committee completed
  - v. Contracts in place for program agencies
  - vi. Medicaid rates expire on September 20, 2025- large cuts once this hits.
    1. NAEMT Website – under advocacy tab – you can send a letter to your member of congress providing your support
  - vii. SUNY Reconnect Program
    1. 72.4 % of medic students self-financed their class
    2. 9 (current) program agencies can pay for at least 2 individuals to attend medic class
    3. 12 of the 24 paramedic programs are in a community college and can participate
  - e. EMS Systems
  - f. Legislative
    - i. Goal to come up with guidance for creation of a comprehensive plan for each county.
  - g. Safety
    - i. Table top exercise for December Meeting
  - h. Quality Metrics
    - i. Regulations packages and performance standards still being worked on
    - ii. Agency self-reflection – first draft of survey -
    - iii. Quality metrics education coming up at Vital Signs conference
    - iv. Muru stats
  - i. EMS Innovations and Research
    - i. Behavioral Health WG – working on finalizing documents on integration with EMS and crisis stabilization centers

- 1. Education plan to support this effort
      - ii. Research and Pilot project pathway -
      - iii. Wadsworth collaboration
        - 1. Phase 1 almost complete – CLEARA labs currently available
          - a. Community Paramedicine
        - 2. Moderate complex tests – involves above EMS capabilities
      - iv. Artificial Intelligence WG -
    - j. j. EMS-C Advisory Committee Update
      - i. Videos have been recorded and are in the process of being edited – hope to have them completed for December Meeting
      - ii. Procedural comfort for pediatric patients -
        - 1. Survey will be built for December that will be sent to around 100 hospitals (Always Ready for Children)
      - iii. Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN)
      - iv. Vital Signs – Pediatric classes available
        - 1. Airway house of horrors
        - 2. Planned at home birth
        - 3. Class on Neonates
        - 4. Class on basis pediatric assessment
    - k. k. State Trauma Committee Update
      - i. No update
7. Old Business
  - a. a. Update on the Rural Ambulance Services Taskforce Report
    - i. No update
  - b. Report regarding ambulance offload time – do not believe it was ever released/completed
8. New Business
  - a. a. Emergency Medical Technician – Critical Care
  - b. b. Borough of Manhattan Community College Paramedic Program Letters
  - c. Regulation Update - 10 NYCRR Part 800, Sections 80.24, 800.24, and 800.26, Vehicle and Equipment Regulations
    - i. Modernization of our equipment
    - ii. Proposed regulation and change log provided
    - iii. Posted, reviewed,
    - iv. Role call vote - passed



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Chair Boyd,

By way of this letter I am requesting that Suffolk REMSCO initiate a letter to the NYS Commissioner of the Department of Health & the Governor thanking them for their leadership regarding the retaining of the EMT-CC. At such a critical time in EMS, where many systems nationwide are on the verge of collapse, this position's retention will keep valuable providers in place to help save lives as we navigate the future. Hard times sometimes call for bold moves. The notification of the NYS SEMSCO at their September 2025 meeting by the Health Commissioner, via his Deputy, that their recommendation to sunset the EMT-CC in July of 2027 was such a move and should be applauded.

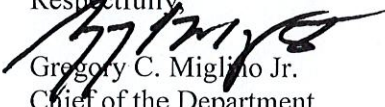
I would further request that this body consider adopting the following position regarding the good fortune shown by this action:

1. That REMSCO look to immediately let the current EMT-CC know that they may continue to renew at this time and that there is currently no longer a date to eliminate the position.
2. That current EMT-CC's be made aware that they can still refresh the EMT-CC
3. That REMSCO contact Northwell and see if there is now any interest in continuing to offer an EMT- CC to Paramedic bridge for the near future.
4. That Suffolk REMSCO offers at least one original EMT-CC class per year.
5. That Suffolk REMSCO offer a regular EMT-CC refresher class to capture those that may have left the system thinking it was going away.
6. Looking towards the future, Suffolk REMSCO not only continues the rollout of the AEMT, but looks to SEMSCO to authorize an expanded skillset to include as many of the EMT-CC skills as possible, with a goal of eventually merging the two in possibly 5-6 years. Or the development of an AEMT II title for such purpose.

Under the current circumstances, as it pertains to the loss of EMS personnel over the last few years, these actions can help us reinforce the available providers as we work to move into the future.

Last, I would once again ask that this body, via the Chair, direct that our representatives sent to SEMSCO or SEMAC take no position in direct opposition to the interest or direction of the Suffolk REMSCO and our citizens.

Respectfully,

  
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