



REMSCO Meeting

January 11, 2024

Broome County Public Safety Building and webcast via Zoom

Agenda

Call to Order	Board President- Michael George
Roll Call	Board Secretary- Raymond Standish
Introduction of Guests	Dave Dier/Kurt Behrenfeld- recap of our annual account review
Approval of Prior Meeting minutes	Minutes from November 9, 2023
CON Action	
Correspondence	Enforcement Letters: Christopher Langevin Steven J. Rivera Joseph George Katherine Seipel Tyges Besch
Rap Session	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Executive Committee-</u> Michael George Reporting</p> <p><u>Board Development-</u> Seconded motion to appoint James Morris to seat B1</p> <p><u>By Laws-</u></p> <p><u>Finance Committee-</u></p> <p>As of 1/3/2024 Checking account balance is \$30,376.89 As of 1/3/2024 Investment account balance is \$95,069.53 As of 1/3/2024 CD balance is \$25,556.48 matures on 6/9/2024 2nd quarter Council Grant voucher \$5,911.48 and Program Agency grant voucher \$40,731.68 will be submitted during the week of 1/15-1/19/2024</p> <p><u>Education Committee-</u> James Dean reporting</p> <p><u>Con Committee-</u> Carla Simpson Reporting</p>

	<p><u>REMAC-</u> Next meeting is February 1, 2024 5pm Location to be determined.</p> <p><u>Operations Committee-</u></p>
State Council	Minutes from the December 6, 2023 meetings are attached.
Program Agency	1. NYS is progressing towards NEMSIS 3.5- expect transition to occur in February. Mark is updated the Imagetrend template to reflect these changes.
Old Business	
New Business	Updated meeting calendar
Motion to Adjourn	

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Next meeting: March 14, 2024 7pm



REMSCO Meeting

November 9, 2023 Broome County Public Safety Building and webcast via Zoom

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Call to Order	Board President- <i>Michael George @ 19:02</i>
Roll Call	Board Secretary- Raymond Standish
Introduction of Guests/New Board Members	<i>No guests/new board members present.</i>
Approval of Prior Meeting minutes	Minutes from the September 14, 2023 meeting <i>Motion by Mr. King, Second Mr. Cady – Approved unanimously</i>
CON Action	<i>Carla Simpson – County of Chenango moving from Muni-CON to standard CON. Seconded motion from CON Committee. Hearing officer recommends approval. Roll call vote held, unanimous approval except Stephen Cady and James Dean abstaining due to conflict of interest.</i>
Correspondence	Enforcement Letters: <i>Mike George – No letters received.</i>
Annual Meeting	Mike George - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting schedule for 2024 – <i>motion by josh V, second by K. Button – unanimous approval</i> 2. Review and acceptance of Annual Financial Report – <i>report not received, no action</i> 3. Conflict of Interest statements- due by December 1 4. Re-appointment of Dr. Ann Teng, Dr. John Zevan and Dr. Gabriel Garcia-Ryan to a 4 year terms on REMAC. – <i>Motion by R. Standish – 2nd J. King – Unanimous approval</i> 5. Electing officers- Not needed until 2024. 6. Appointing Standing Committees- Chairpersons – <i>no changes to any chairperson</i> 7. Annual review of the CON deposit amount. Seconded motion from Exec Committee – <i>Mike gave background on needing to raise the amount for a full CON action, from \$5000 to \$7500 based on past CON actions needing additional funding due to costs for the hearing officer and stenographer. Transfer of Authorities would remain at \$5000. Motion approved unanimously</i>

Rap Session	<p><i>S. Cady – Governor has not yet signed the bill for direct payment from insurance to ambulance billing. R. Serowick gave bill numbers – A250-A and S1466. Encouraged individual members and EMS agencies to send in letters of support.</i></p>
Committee Reports	<p><u>Executive Committee-</u> Mike George -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion on CON deposit amount. <i>Covered already.</i> 2. Yearly awards ceremony will be in May- coinciding with EMS Week. Nomination would be due into council by March 1st each year to allow for voting at the March council meeting. <i>Web form being developed to make it easier for nominations to be received by the Region.</i> 3. Need for a special meeting to conduct a vote on the Chenango County CON. Converting from a municipal CON to a permanent CON. Public hearing was on 11/1/2023 and the hearing officer’s report will not be back in time to vote at the November 9th meeting. <p><i>Working on finding out how to be able to attend meetings remotely in order to reduce the travel burden from traveling from outlying areas to the live meeting. More to follow.</i></p> <p><u>Board Development-</u> Ray Standish reporting <i>David Tinklepaugh is now Broome County EMS Coordinator, B1 is now vacant.</i></p> <p><u>By Laws-</u> Copies have been email to all Council and REMAC members. These bylaws have also been posted on our website. <i>Bylaws are complete.</i></p> <p><u>Finance Committee-</u> Josh Vansteenburb reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checking account balance (as of 10/31/2023) is \$16,474.93 • Investment account balance (as of 10/30/2023) is \$85,481.06. • Our 12 month CD- for \$25,000 has a current balance of \$25,305.22. • October vouchers awaiting payment from NYS- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council grant- \$6,748.27. ○ Program Agency Grant- \$41,605.45 <p><u>Education Committee-</u> James Dean reporting. <i>EMS Mental Health Awareness training went well along with the train the trainer class.</i> <i>Industrial accident tabletop is still being worked on</i> <i>2024 UHS Trauma Teaching Day April 13th 2024 looking at a scaled down event for next year with a bigger event every other year.</i></p> <p><u>Con Committee-</u> Carla Simpson reporting- <i>suggestion that council members who are interested, including the 3 county EMS coordinators, work on creating local criteria that is measurable for evaluating CON applications.</i></p> <p><u>REMAC-</u> Dr., Teng- <i>REMAC has a TAG working on updating policy 17-05. Dr. Christopher Ryan is also working on mining some data as it pertains to emergency responses to Walk-ins, Doctor’s offices, etc. This data will also be used to update 17-05. The Stroke Transport Flow chart was approved and has</i></p>

	<i>been sent out to providers. Policy 316 was approved for completing PCR's within 4 hours.</i>
	<i>Operations Committee- No report</i>
State Council	<i>Meetings were on September 12 and 13th. Minutes are attached.</i>
Program Agency	<p>1. <i>NYS is working on the changes necessary to transition to NEMSIS 3.5 by 1/1/2024. NYS has promised that a data dictionary will be released with this change.</i></p> <p><i>Changes to transport destination codes to reestablish codes that were lost in a past update to e-PCR.</i></p> <p><i>Travel for the 2024 to 2025 – Ryan Greenburg approved travel to ImageTrend conference in Minnesota and EMS World Conference in Los Vegas.</i></p>
Old Business	<i>None.</i>
New Business	<p><i>J. Morris – Community Paramedic there is a grant just UVES is participating, any agency in Broome or Tioga can apply to join up. UVES is doing vaccinations, abx and Lasix administrations for sepsis and CHF patients. Lots of wound care too. Hospitals are looking for CPs to help getting patients out of inpatient and back home as home health is overwhelmed. UVES has more work than they can handle, looking for help if anyone is interested. Grant is paying for patient care and some equipment. Seeing a reduction of super-users calling 911 for transport to the hospitals.</i></p> <p><i>S. Cady – Noticed some conflicts in 2024 meeting schedule, Feb, May and December Exec committee meeting dates line up with the SEMSCO meeting. M. George – Will make changes to the schedule.</i></p>
Motion to Adjourn	<i>Motion J. King, Seconded K. Button, Unanimous approval. 19:53</i>

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023

SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
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JUNE 30, 2023

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KURT BEHRENFELD

Certified Public Accountant, PLLC

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Susquehanna Regional EMS Council, Inc.
Binghamton, New York

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Susquehanna Regional EMS Council, Inc. (the "Organization"), which comprise of the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of Organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct my review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

I am required to be independent of the Organization and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Prior Period Adjustment

Organization management determined prior period accrued compensated absences were understated. To correct this error, the beginning net assets without donor restrictions has been restated in the Statement of Activities on page 4. Also, see NOTE 8 on page 13 in Notes to Financial Statements.

Kurt Behrenfeld

Kurt Behrenfeld, Certified Public Accountant
Cortland, New York
November 30, 2023

SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,042
Accounts receivable	47,568
Investments	113,354
Right of use asset - operating lease, current portion	8,716
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	198,680

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

Equipment, furniture and fixtures	64,547
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(63,670)
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	877

Right of use asset - operating lease, net of current portion	38,854
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 238,411
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 28,891
Operating lease liability - current portion	8,716
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	37,607

Operating lease liability - net of current portion	38,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES	76,461

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	161,950
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 238,411

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Non DOH Grant</u>	<u>DOH Grant Program</u>	<u>DOH Grant Council</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES				
NYS DOH funding	\$ -	\$ 159,531	\$ 19,216	\$ 178,747
Investment income, net	6,607			6,607
Other	134			134
Total revenues	<u>6,741</u>	<u>159,531</u>	<u>19,216</u>	<u>185,488</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services	3,973	148,050	-	152,023
Management and general	-	-	24,253	24,253
Total expenses	<u>3,973</u>	<u>148,050</u>	<u>24,253</u>	<u>176,276</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,768	11,481	(5,037)	9,212
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR - AS RESTATED	153,068	(204)	(126)	152,738
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 155,836</u>	<u>\$ 11,277</u>	<u>\$ (5,163)</u>	<u>\$ 161,950</u>

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program				Support	
	Non-DOH Grant	DOH Grant Program	DOH Grant Council	Program Total	Management and General	Total -All
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 103,769	\$ -	\$ 103,769	\$ 9,848	\$ 113,617
Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	-	8,416	-	8,416	860	9,276
Professional fees	-	8,314	-	8,314	963	9,277
Purchased services	-	5,261	-	5,261	3,874	9,135
Supplies and office expenses	3	413	-	416	300	716
Small tools and equipment	-	2,759	-	2,759	3,433	6,192
Facility rental and utilities	-	8,880	-	8,880	720	9,600
Telephone and internet	-	770	-	770	63	833
Travel and meetings	2,261	5,112	-	7,373	851	8,224
Education and training	-	-	-	-	114	114
Insurance	-	3,095	-	3,095	2,732	5,827
Depreciation	673	-	-	673	-	673
Miscellaneous	1,036	1,261	-	2,297	495	2,792
Total expenses	\$ 3,973	\$ 148,050	\$ -	\$ 152,023	\$ 24,253	\$ 176,276

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net assets	\$ 9,212
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	673
(Gain) on investments	(5,767)
(Increase) in operating assets:	
Accounts receivable	(1,307)
Right of use asset - operating lease	(47,570)
Increase in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,719)
Operating lease liability	47,570
NET CASH (USED) FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(908)</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of investments	(40,427)
Proceeds on sales of investments	12,591
CASH (USED) FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(27,836)</u>

NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (28,744)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR 57,786

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR \$ 29,042

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**SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Susquehanna Regional EMS Council, Inc., (the “Organization”) was established in New York State in 1994 as a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of providing coordination of emergency medical services within Broome, Tioga and Chenango Counties in New York State and discharging all responsibilities conferred on a regional council or a course sponsor by Article 30 and Part 800 of the New York Public Health Law. The Organization sponsors and operates emergency and medical services training courses; provides assistance to ambulance and advanced life support services to meet New York State requirements; provides assistance and coordination to the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and Regional Emergency Medical Services Council; supports the implementation of pre-hospital care quality improvement programs; provides pre-hospital care data to various agencies for system analysis, management and quality improvement purposes; provides regional management of Pre-hospital Care Report and Regional EMS Information System; and provides a mechanism to inform EMS agencies of continuing medical education programs

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The Organization complies with the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016–14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. Under this provision, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions — Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and the board of directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions — Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the Statement of Activities.

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) established Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 842, Leases, (ASC Topic 842) by issuing Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, which requires lessees to recognize leases on the statement of financial position and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. The new standard establishes a right-of-use model (RoU) that requires a lessee to recognize a RoU asset and lease liability on the statement of financial position for all leases with a term longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern and classification of expense recognition in the Statement of Activities.

The new standard became effective on January 1, 2022, with early adoption permitted. The Organization has chosen to use the date of July 1, 2022, as the date of initial application. A modified retrospective transition approach is required, applying the new standard to all leases existing at the date of initial application. An entity may choose to use either (1) its effective date or (2) the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements as its date of initial application. Consequently, financial information will not be updated, and the disclosures required under the new standard will not be provided for dates and periods before July 1, 2022.

This new standard has a material effect on the Organization's June 30, 2023, financial statements. While the Organization continues to assess all of the effects of adoption, the Organization currently believes the most significant effects relate to (1) the recognition of new RoU assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position for the Organization's [facilities] operating leases; and (2) providing significant new disclosures about leasing activities.

The Organization has a three-year operating lease for office space from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Contributions

Contributions received or unconditionally pledged, including public and private grants, are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Promises to give

Unconditional promises to give are recognized in the period provided both as revenues or gains and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses, depending on the form of the benefits received. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

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SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

REVENUE RECOGNITION (Continued)

Contributed services

On a limited basis, individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks to assist the Organization with its related programs. Donated services are recognized when the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization. Certain volunteer services are not recognized as contributions in the financial statements since the recognition requirements were not met. Therefore, the Organization does not recognize for accounting purposes the financial value provided by volunteers, who perform their services without compensation.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK AND REVENUES

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and a certificate of deposit. The Organization maintains its bank accounts and certificate of deposit at a local bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Organization did not have any bank balances exceeding the insurable FDIC limit of \$250,000.

The Organization is supported primarily through New York State Department of Health grants. Without the grants, the Organization would not be able to maintain the level of services it currently provides. Revenues from New York State Department of Health comprised approximately 96% of revenue during the year ended June 30, 2023.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is maintained in a separate bank account to control inflows and outflows of sources according to their purpose(s).

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Organization considers all cash on hand, demand accounts, and time deposits with maturity lengths of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

The Organization's accounts receivable are generally uncollateralized and are recorded at their net realizable value. Management closely monitors outstanding accounts receivable and charges to bad debt expense any balances determined to be uncollectible.

Management estimates an allowance for doubtful accounts based on current economic conditions, historical trends, and current and past experience with their customer base. Management estimated an allowance for doubtful accounts was not needed for the year ended June 30, 2023.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in marketable securities are reported at their fair values in the Statement of Financial Position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either by passage of time or by use) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

The Organization follows FASB ASC Topic 820 "Fair Value Measurement", which establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 Measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 Measurements). All of the Organization's investments are Level 1, which is defined as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets the Organization has the ability to access. (See NOTE 5)

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of an asset (ranging from 5-7 years for existing assets being depreciated). The Organization's policy is to capitalize renewals and betterments acquired for greater than \$500 and expense normal repairs and maintenance as incurred. When an asset is sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of, the applicable cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounting records and any resulting gain or loss is recognized.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences are accrued and recorded as a liability and consists of unused employee vacation personal and sick time. Accrued compensated absences for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$20,843.

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**SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

ADVERTISING COSTS

The Organization expenses advertising costs when incurred. There were no advertising expenses for the year ended June 30, 2023.

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses are charged directly to program or support in general categories based on specific identification and allocations based on estimates determined by management. Supporting services include expenses not directly identifiable with any other specific program, but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

INCOME TAXES

The Organization is exempt from income taxes as a not-for-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3) and follows the standards for accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. This standard establishes a recognition threshold and measurement process for income tax positions recognized in an organization's financial statements. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Organization did not have any unrecognized tax benefits or any related accrued interest or penalties.

Significant management judgment is required in determining uncertain tax positions. While the Organization bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, actual results may differ from these estimates, and, as a result, could have a material impact on the financial position.

NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following represents the Organization's financial assets to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months June 30,:

Financial assets at year end:		<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalent	\$	29,042
Accounts receivable		47,568
Investments		<u>113,354</u>
Total financial assets		189,964
Other liquidity resources:		
Available line of credit		<u>25,000</u>
Total financial assets and liquidity resources to meet general expenditures within one year	\$	<u><u>214,964</u></u>

The Organization manages its financial assets so that they are available when general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due.

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**SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 4 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Organization may be subject to audit and evaluation of funds received by various grantors. The outcome of such an audit and evaluation may have the effect of retroactively increasing or decreasing revenue. In the event a subsequent audit or reevaluation determines that an adjustment is required, the adjustment will be recognized in the period during which it becomes fixed and determinable. Management believes that any future adjustments, if any, will not be material to the financial statements as of June 30, 2023.

NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS

Level 1 (see NOTE 2) investments at cost and fair value for the year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Excess of Fair Value (Cost)</u>
ETP's, Mutual, Closed-End & Interval Funds	\$ 81,652	\$ 88,297	\$ 6,645
Certificate of Deposit (CD)	25,057	25,057	-
Total investments	<u>\$ 106,709</u>	<u>\$ 113,354</u>	<u>\$ 6,645</u>

Investment income related to these investments is included with dividends, capital gains, unrealized gain, investment fees in the Statement of Activities consisted of the following for the year ended June 30,:

	<u>2023</u>
Dividend and interest income	\$ 1,896
Unrealized gain	4,745
Realized gain	1,022
Investment fees	(1,056)
Total investment returns, net	<u>\$ 6,607</u>

NOTE 6 - LINE OF CREDIT

The Organization has a line of credit with M&T Bank with a maximum borrowing capacity of \$25,000. The line is payable on demand, is secured by the Organization's receivables, and bears interest at the bank's prime interest rate. For the year ended June 30, 2023 there were no outstanding borrowings on the line.

NOTE 7 – OPERATING LEASES

The Organization has a three-year operating lease for office space from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024.

The following are the right of use asset and operating lease liability for the year ended June 30, (See NOTE 2 - ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD, regarding leases)

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**SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 7 – OPERATING LEASES (Continued)

	2023
Right of use asset:	
Current	\$ 8,716
Non-current	38,854
Total	\$ 47,570
Operating lease liability:	
Current	\$ 8,716
Non-current	38,854
Total	\$ 47,570

A 4.38% (5 year United States Treasury rate as of November 28, 2023) was used as the discount rate to determine the net present value of future estimated operating lease payments reflected (which includes the current operating lease and expectation of continuing lease arrangement through fiscal year 2028) in the above right-of-use asset and operating lease liability.

The following is a schedule of future expected operating lease payments and operating lease liability over the next five years:

<u>Years ending June 30:</u>	<u>Operating Lease Payments</u>	<u>Operating Lease Liability</u>
2024	\$ 10,800	\$ 8,716
2025	10,800	9,098
2026	10,800	9,497
2027	10,800	9,913
2028	10,800	10,346
Total	\$ 54,000	\$ 47,570

NOTE 8 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Organization management determined prior period accrued compensated absences were understated by \$27,966. A correcting entry was made reducing beginning net assets without donor restrictions by this amount in the Statement of Activities on page 4 and establishing a corresponding compensated absence accrual balance to be reviewed annually.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing the financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 30, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

See Independent Accountant's Review Report



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Case Number: 20210151

November 22, 2023

To: All Regional EMS Councils
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Please be advised that as a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Health, the following individual's New York State Certification has been:

Suspended for one (1) year effective 11/08/23. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three (3) years.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(al), 800.3(am), 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(2), 800.16(a)(2), and 800.16(a)(3)

Name: Christopher Langevin
Address: 96 Grove St
New Milford, CT 06776
Birthdate: 12/30/1969
EMT Number: 153229

Please make sure that the chair of your REMAC receives a copy of this form. We are requesting your assistance to help ensure that any advanced medical control privileges, specific agency approvals, or other patient care responsibilities are consistent with the above enforcement action.

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Case Number: 20200375

November 22, 2023

To: All Regional EMS Councils
All DOH Regional Offices

Please be advised that as a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Health, the following individual's New York State Certification has been:

Suspended for one (1) year effective 10/17/23. The suspension is stayed.

Placed on probation for three (3) years effective 10/17/23.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(am).

Name: Steven J Rivera
Address: 103 Fair Street
Carmel, NY 10512
Birthdate: 11/3/1995
EMT Number: 427041

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Case Number: 20220143

November 22, 2023

To: All Regional EMS Councils
All DOH Regional Offices

Please be advised that as a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Health, the following individual's New York State Certification has been:

Revoked effective 10/20/23.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$500.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(7)

Name: Joseph George
Address: 1708 Goslin Pond Road
Summerton, SC 29148
Birthdate: 2/16/1967
EMT Number: 503074

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Case Number: 20210153

November 22, 2023

To: All Regional EMS Councils
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Please be advised that as a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Health, the following individual's New York State Certification has been:

Suspended for one (1) year effective 11/01/23. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three (3) years.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(al), 800.3(am), 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(2), 800.16(a)(1), 800.16 (a)(2), and 800.16(a)(3).

Name: Katherine Seipel
Address: 85 Burgess Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Birthdate: 1/13/1997
EMT Number: 447565

Please make sure that the chair of your REMAC receives a copy of this form. We are requesting your assistance to help ensure that any advanced medical control privileges, specific agency approvals, or other patient care responsibilities are consistent with the above enforcement action.

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Case Number: 20220170

November 22, 2023

To: All Regional EMS Councils
All DOH Regional Offices

Please be advised that as a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Health, the following individual's New York State Certification has been:

Revoked effective 10/16/23.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(5)

Name: Tyges Besch
Address: 1 H Ledge wood Dr, Apt A
Albany, NY 12205
Birthdate: 8/23/1994
EMT Number: 426343

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NY State Emergency Medical Services Council
December 6, 2023

Chairman's Report: Dr. McAvoy

Work on the bylaws continues.

Conflict of interest policy issue was discussed. Individuals with a conflict were asked to recuse themselves from the meeting when voting on a CON appeal.

Vice Chair: Mr. Violante

No report

Second vice chair: Mr. Haag

Elections will be held for the coming year.

Bureau Report: Mr. Greenberg

Service inspections continue.

There are new District Chiefs in Syracuse and the Western Region.

Please make sure that REMSCO vouchers are submitted on time so that payments can be made.

Education: there are 5 pilot programs in place, but they are off to a slow start. They include an Intro to paramedicine program, academy program, etc. They are looking for input on how to move these forward.

Education process timelines are posted on the website and accessible to all. Course sponsors and students can check to see how long the process may take for their submissions.

There is a significant increase in new course sponsor applications up to 3-4 a month. They are looking at the interactions between requests for new sponsors and the existing course sponsors.

The new education regulations are out for public comment and will be out for 60 days. If there are needed modification, they will go back out for more comments. If changes are not needed, they will come to Council in May. If they go back out for comment, they will come to Council in September.

Informatics: ImageTrend Version 3.5 will be out by 1/1/24 and includes more mandatory fields. Agencies need to transition to this software between 1/1/24 and 7/1/24.

EMS -C: Agencies can still join the PECC program.

Vital Signs is looking for speakers for 2024.

OASIS grant for mental health training continues and a speaker is available.

Training on the new MOLST form will be available soon in the Vital Signs Academy course catalogue.

Dr. Thomas Smith: NY Chief Medical Officer, NY State Office of Mental Health: 21 Crisis intervention centers will be opening across the state within 3-6 months. They will have staff available to intervene with mental health patients and prescribe medication. Logistics of who can be transported there need to be developed.

SEMAC: Dr. Doynow

There are 21 physicians in SEMAC, and they were unable to have a quorum. They are working to get more members vetted and working on improving attendance. Agenda items will be moved to the February meeting.

Executive Committee: Dr. McAvoy

Most of the work for SEMSCO is done by committees who meet in-between SEMSCO meetings. Dr. Rabrich will chair the medical standards committee.

Education and training: Mr. Hudson

A work group was formed to make suggestions about the Paramedic Practical Skills Examinations because the National Registry is ceasing their PSE in July 2024. **Director Greenberg indicated that the state will continue to have a PSE regardless of what NRP does until the new regulations are approved.**

There has not been a sunset date set for AEMT-CC providers.

Seconded Motion regarding the sunset of the AEMTCC level of care:

- *All expired EMT-CC providers can continue to refresh at the AEMT level via the established process indefinitely.*
- *The final EMT-CC to Paramedic bridge shall commence in April 2026, thus, to coincide with the timeline below.*
- *The ALS Collaborative protocols will remove the EMT-CC level of care when implemented on the annual revision timeline at 0000hrs on July 1, 2027*
- *All currently certified NYS EMT-CC shall expire at 0000hrs on July 1, 2027, and be automatically recertified at that time at the AEMT level for the duration of their current cycle.*
- *All ePCR platforms in use in NYS shall reflect each previously certified EMT-CC by their new level at 0000hrs July 1, 2027.*

Motion made to remand this to Medical Standards. Motion passed. A survey will be posted on the Bureau website for feedback.

Instructor certification TAG is looking at the certification process for individuals who have other instructor training. They are also reviewing how instructor training should be conducted.

Critical Care interfacility transport committee is looking at training for these providers.

Programs for Field officer training are also under review.

A copy of my notes from the Education and Training Committee meeting is provided with this report.

Finance: Mr. Kroll

The committee has taken data from several sources and developed a paper updating the Emergency Responders workforce shortage. Their goal is to publish a comprehensive paper on the challenges of maintaining the EMS workforce. The committee plans to have the document by early 2024.

Survey data is available to Program Agencies or SEMSCO members for their regions. A large percentage of providers is planning to leave the field and the number of providers has decreased significantly over the past few years.

A Seconded motion for containing recommendation for next year's budget was put forward:

Training and Education Reimbursement: \$7,100,000

EMS Program Agencies: \$4,300,000

Regional Councils (REMSCO's): \$500,00

Total: \$11,900,000

This budget includes a 5% increase for education and training
Reimbursement for courses is still below the cost of the course.

The budget also includes an increase for Program agencies, and they have not had an increase in funding for 20 years and are integral to the operations and functioning of the regions. They will be asked to show why they need an increase.

It was noted that the Bureau Budget needs to support recruitment and retention.

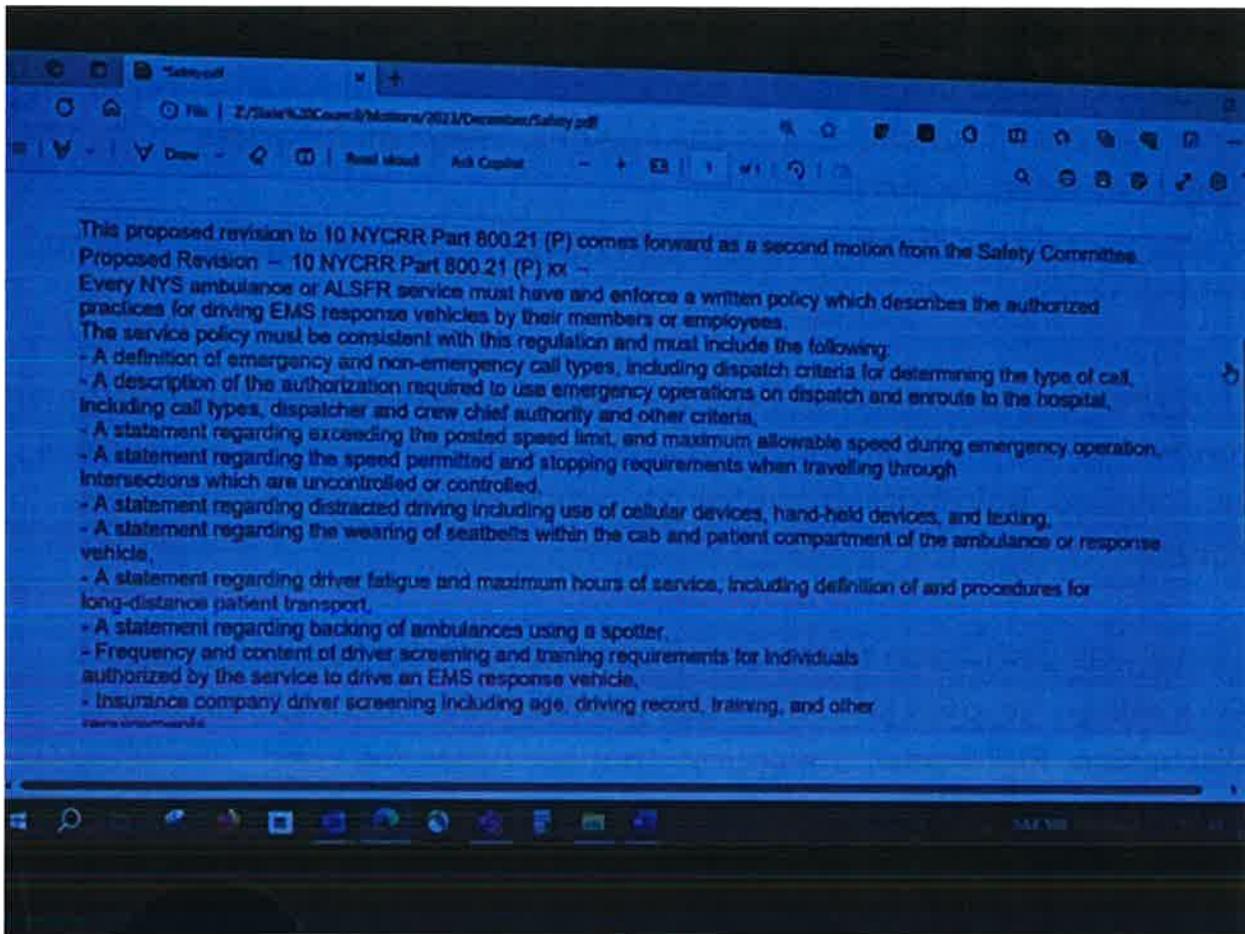
The final budget document will be posted to Boardable. Information on innovative activities and ideas in regions and by program agencies will be solicited. Reimbursement for courses is still below the cost of the course.

There was discussion at the committee about who bears the cost of educating a student who does not get certified. There will be more discussion. Right now, the course sponsor bears the cost.

While the Governor has asked all state agencies to maintain a 0 % increase budget, meetings have been hopeful for the prospect of an increase.

Safety Committee: Mr. Knolls and Mr. Philippy

They are making a proposal for regulatory changes (800.21) requiring agency policies for safety in emergency operations regarding speed, provider fatigue and maximum hours of continuous service. It will require that each service have and enforce a written policy which describes the authorized practices for driving EMS response vehicles by their members and employees.



A subcommittee addressing safety issues including lights and siren reduction and provider fatigue has been formed.

Quality Metrics: Mr. Violante

Information will be on the website for QI program development.

There was a good preconference on QI at Vital Signs, but it was poorly attended. Looking for engagement from agencies and program agencies for training. **The new QI manual will be posted on the Bureau website.**

They have good data on the iGel, and the providers have been very successful in use of the device. The pilot project continues.

Innovations Committee: Mr. Haag

They want to look at what agencies, program agencies and regions are doing, and they want to provide publicity, perhaps a podcast.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion tag:

No information at this time. The survey needs more respondents.

EMS-C: Ms. Eisenhaur:

A significant number of hospitals are interested in a PECC program. The committee has developed suggestions for transportation of pediatric patients in ambulances. Work on these continues. Currently there are no standards.

Rural Health Committee: Mr. Greenberg

There are several meetings planned for information and feedback. A report is planned for Q1 of 2024.

Credentialling work group:

Working on a best practice process document and proposed regulations

Performance Standards work group: Mr. Philippy

Work continues.

Elections: Mr. Haag

Chair: Dr. McAvoy

1st Vice Chair: Mr. Violante

2nd Vice Chair: Ms. Hamilton

Legislative Committee: Mr. Lewis

Mr. Greenberg: the Bureau is reviewing what regulations are dated and need to be updated. The Bureau will prioritize what needs to be addressed and will send issues to the Legislative Committee for work and development.

Systems Committee: Mr. Deavers

4 seconded motions for CONs

1. Town of Alden- Motion to Uphold the REMSCO denial of the application of the Lancaster VAC for establishment of a new ambulance service. Motion passed.
2. Village of Alden: Uphold the REMSCO determination to deny the application of Lancaster VAC for establishment of a new ambulance service. Motion passed.
3. Scarsdale VAC: Motion to approve the REMSCO determination to approve the application of the Scarsdale VAC for expansion of operating territory.

Executive Session regarding conflict of interest. Motion tabled.

4. Ossining VAC Uphold the REMSCO decision approving the CON. Motion tabled.

The CON committee is continuing to work on revising this policy. The committee is trying to develop a document that provides a workable process. A questionnaire was sent out requesting input for a revised definition of "need". The questionnaire will be resent to Council members for input.

Respectfully submitted

Carla Simpson

Training and Education Committee
December 5, 2023

Bureau Report-

Lots of changes and additions to staff. M. Bagozzi has moved to another state agency. New Regional Faculty named and are in place.

A test review session was held, and several items were identified as needing change.

Test processing time is decreasing. Processing new courses is proceeding well. They are receiving a large number of requests for new course sponsors, and they need to determine how to respond to them. The Bureau will consider existing course sponsors when they review new applications.

Processing time for vouchers is starting to improve. They're up to July. They are short staffed.

Director Greenberg: The education regulation was going to go up as an emergency regulation due to the expiration Executive order. It was determined to go through as a regular regulation, not emergency. It will go out for public comment for 60 days and positive comments are also important. At the end of the comment period, it takes about a month for review. If substantive changes, it goes back for public comment again. If no changes, it will come to the May meeting. If there are substantive changes, it will come to the September meeting.

Mr. Hudson: two potential action items. National Registry is ending the paramedic PSE in July 2024. NYS still requires a practical skills exam. A committee was formed to review how we want to move forward. They

will reevaluate the certification process for all levels and see if we want to reformat the entire profession.

EMT-CC Bridge and sunset: 421 students have enrolled, 332 completed didactic, 323 students passed PSE. 4 passed second PSE. 311 passed the NYS Paramedic exam. The bridge course is currently offered biannually. The next cohort starts 4/24. Given declining enrollments, they may decrease the frequency of the course.

Discussion was held regarding a sensible, realistic timeframe to end the EMT-CC level. When the expiration of this level of care was decided, No hard date was set for the sunset.

Mr. Hudson proposed sunset 7/1/2027. All AEMT-CC providers will be recertified as Advanced EMTs. A suggestion was made to ask the REMACs how the sunset of CCs would affect their regions. The Unyan delegate said that he has agencies dependent on CCs for ALS.

Discussion, after we set sunset date, what support do agencies and regions need to maintain their system.

Seconded motion to take these dates to SEMSCo



2024 Meeting Schedule

January

- **1/2 12 pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **1/11 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **1/23 1pm Training and Education**

July

- **7/2 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **7/11 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **7/23 1pm Training and Education**

February

- **2/1 5pm REMAC**
TBD
- **2/13 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **2/27 1pm Training and Education**

August

- **8/1 5pm REMAC**
TBD
- **8/6 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **8/27 1pm Training and Education**

March

- **3/5 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **3/14 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **3/26 1pm Training and Education**

September

- **9/3 12 pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **9/19 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **9/24 1pm Training and Education**

April

- **4/2 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **4/23 1pm Training and Education**

October

- **10/1 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **10/15 Training Topic/Location TBD**
- **10/22 1pm Training and Education**

May

- **5/2 5pm REMAC**
TBD
- **5/14 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **5/9 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **5/19 Awards Ceremony (Tentative) Time TBD**
- **5/28 1pm Training and Education**

November

- **11/5 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **11/7 5pm REMAC**
TBD
- **11/14 7pm Regional Council**
BC PSF
- **11/26 1pm Training and Education**

June

- **6/4 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **6/25 1pm Training and Education**

December

- **12/10 12pm Executive Committee**
PA Office
- **12/17 1pm Training and Education**

Updated 1/11/2024- Changed the dates of February Executive Committee meeting, May Executive Committee meeting, September Council meeting and December Executive Committee meeting.

