



REMSCO Meeting

March 14, 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	
Approval of Prior Meeting minutes	Minutes from January 11, 2024
Correspondence	Enforcement Letters: Leah Cousino Stephanie Lugo Stanford Fire Co. No. 1 Mackenzie Nicol UHS ALSFR Vote
CON Action	UHS ALSFR Vote
Rap Session	Pulsara update- Scott Gurney
Committee Reports	<p><u>Executive Committee- Michael George Reporting</u></p> <p><u>Board Development –</u></p> <p><u>By Laws-</u></p> <p><u>Finance Committee-</u></p> <p>As of 3/7/2024 Checking account balance is \$49,518.97- this includes \$5,934.72 remaining from the UHS CON Action deposit of \$7,500.00 As of 3/7/2024 Investment account balance is \$98,457.49 As of 3/7/2024 CD balance is \$25,721.68 matures on 6/9/2024</p> <p><u>Education Committee- James Dean reporting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trauma teaching Day- May 4th 2. Airmethods and Paramedic program- hosting a difficult airways class- March 26 3. CLI class will be on April 5, 6 and 7th

	<p>4. Tim Fallon 12 lead class- September 4th and 5th</p> <p><u>Con Committee-</u> One outstanding CON Action- Town of Smyrna has a Municipal CON that they will need to convert to a permanent CON by October 6, 2024. Anticipate a public hearing sometime in mid-August to allow for a council vote at our September 2024 meeting.</p> <p><u>REMAC-</u> Next meeting is May 2, 2024 5pm UHS. Still waiting for NYS to complete the vetting process for Dr. Zevan to become our representative on SEMAC</p> <p><u>Operations Committee-</u></p>
State Council	Minutes from the February 7, 2024 meetings are attached.
Program Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our regional transition to NEMSIS 3.5- should occur in late April. Mark is updated the Imagetrend template to reflect these changes. 2. Sunsetting of Critical Care providers- 7/1/2027. Anyone certified as a CC on 7/1/2027 who didn't bridge to Paramedic will automatically revert to AEMT level for the remaining portion of their certification. 3. NYS DOH BEMS has indicated that our new contracts (July 1, 2024) will most likely be a 5 year contract. Possibility of an increase to the Program Agency grant, the Council grant will remain at \$25,000 per year. 4. Purchased 2 meeting Owls 5. Reminder that for an agency to be considered active by NYS, a chart needs to be written under their agency code every 30 days. This applies to all agencies, along with agencies that also have an ALSFR. (Broome Volunteer, Union Volunteer and Vestal Volunteer)
Old Business	1. Annual Awards/recognition. Submissions were due by March 1, 2024.
New Business	
Motion to Adjourn	

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Next meeting: May 9, 2024 7pm



REMSCO Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order	Board President- Michael George- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
Roll Call	Board Treasurer- Alex Khadjadorian- see attached
Introduction of Guests	Dave Dier/Kurt Behrenfeld- recap of our annual account review Steve Sculley-Beaman Melissa Lockwood- NYS DOH BEMS John Morrissey
Approval of Prior Meeting minutes	Motion by Scott Gurney, seconded by Alex Khadjadorian to approve the minutes from November 9, 2023. Approved as written
CON Action	
Correspondence	Enforcement Letters pertaining to the individuals below were read into the minutes by Michael George: Christopher Langevin Steven J. Rivera Joseph George Katherine Seipel Tyges Besch
Rap Session	1. Raymond Serowik mentioned the recent passing of Steven Koerts- a 50 year member of Greene Ambulance. Dr. Martin Masarech gave a short recap of the consummate individual he was. Our condolences to the family 2. Michael Ponticiello mentioned the recent State of the State from Governor Hochul- points of interest for EMS were- Modernizing EMS, Establishing EMS as an Essential Service, Establishing 5 EMS zones. Mike will follow up on what appears in the governor's budget once that is released. 3. Scott Gurney mentioned that UHS is going to be transitioning from Twiage to Pulsara in the next 30 to 90 days. There will be training in the future on this. 4. Kurt Behrenfeld and Dave Dier presented council with a recap of our 2022-2023 Account review.
Committee Reports	<u>Executive Committee-</u> 1. The nomination link for our Annual Awards/recognition. These categories will mirror NYS' categories. Submission are due by March 1. A nomination committee- executive committee members, County EMS coordinators and Course sponsors will review the submissions and bring back to council for Council recognition and/or NYS submission. 2. Discussion on allocating monies to expand the educational opportunities to State/National Conventions/conferences. This money would be separate that

what is currently budgeted in our 2 grants and comes from our investment accounts (CD and Mutual funds) These opportunities would allow for Directors and alternates to submit interest for consideration to the Executive committee. William Loller made a motion that \$10,000 be allocated for these opportunities. This was seconded by David Tinklepaugh. Motion passed.

3. Due to some scheduling conflicts, a motion was made by Michael Ponticiello to amend the previously approved meeting calendar to reflect the following changes:

- February Executive committee meeting February 13
- May Executive committee meeting May 14
- September Council meeting- September 19
- December Executive committee meeting- December 10

Seconded by Curtis Hammond- approved.

4. Mention about the open comment period on the proposed part 800 changes by NYS.

Board Development- Seconded motion to appoint James Morris to seat B1- approved

By Laws-

Finance Committee-

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 were submitted on 1/4/2024

Education Committee- James Dean reporting:

1. CLI class is planned for April 5, 6 and 7
2. Committee is still working on a table top Industrial accident training for use by agencies.
3. UHS Trauma Teaching Day is looking like it will be in May
4. Discussion on Provider Mental Health Awareness training- planning for a session during Trauma teaching day. Curtis Hammond is working on incorporating this into Tioga County's current EMT class.
5. Paramedic program with Airmethods hosted a difficult airways class in December. Successful class with another one being planned for springtime.
6. Tioga County is hosting a TBI class- being taught by Dr. Christopher Berry. Class is on January 25.
7. Tim Fallon 12 lead class tentatively scheduled for September- more information to follow.

Con Committee-

1. Town of Smyrna municipal CON- 2 year period started on October 6, 2022. Attempts by Michael Cox and James Dean to hear back from representatives from the Town of Smyrna and Village of Sherburne (providing ambulance coverage) have gone unanswered.

	<p>2. Anticipate possible Municipal CON actions from the Towns of Bershire nad Richford.</p> <p>3. UHS has submitted an application to start an ALSFR- application is with the CON committee awaiting the decision that the application is complete. Once the application is deemed complete it starts a 60 day window during which a public hearing needs to be held, a hearing officer's decision returned and a full council vote.</p> <p><u>REMAC-</u> Next meeting is February 1, 2024 5pm will be at Lourdes (Guthrie-transition day)</p> <p>1. Will be discussing the attached RTAC letter. Any comments/concerns please pass on to any REMAC Member.</p> <p><u>Operations Committee-</u> Bill discussed a new law requiring an AED for all camps, sporting events etc. Bill is going to work on a checklist outlining what is required.</p>
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Program Agency	1. NYS is progressing towards NEMESIS 3.5- expect transition to occur in February. Mark is updated the Imagetrend template to reflect these changes.
Old Business	<p>Based on council by laws- due to lack of attendance in 2023- John Olsen and Daniel Kerila were suspended as directors in November of 2023. Both indicated their desire to remain on council, via email request to Board President and also as evidenced by their attendance at this meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Josh Vansteenbureg, seconded by Curtis Hammond to reinstate John Olsen and Daniel Kerila as directors on council. Approved</p>
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Motion to Adjourn	8:15pm

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Case Number: 20230200

January 16, 2024

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 1/11/2024. The suspension is stayed.

Placed on probation for three (3) years effective 1/11/2024.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000 (\$1000 stayed).

For violations 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(b).

Name: Leah Cousino
Address: 172 Bayview Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10309
Birthdate: 1/3/1987
EMT Number: 361718

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: 20180548

January 23, 2024

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 8/17/22

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)

Name: Stephanie Lugo
Address: 1969 McGraw Ave Apt 2f
Bronx, NY 10462
Birthdate: 12/18/1979
EMT Number: 408783

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: 20230280

January 24, 2024

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 agency's New York State Certification has been:

Surrendered effective 1/9/24

For violations of Article 30 3012 (1) (f).

Agency Name: Stanford Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.

Address: PO Box 437
Standfordville, NY 12581

Agency Code: 1330

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Case Number: 20230119

March 7, 2024

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 three (3) years effective 3/4/24. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of three (3) years probation.

Assessed a civil penalty of \$12,000. \$10,000 is stayed pending successful completion of probation.

For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2), 800.16(a)(3), 800.16(a)(9), 800.16(a)(11) and 800.15(b)(1).

Name: Mackenzie Nicol
Address: 11 Cedarwood Boulevard
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
Birthdate: 8/25/1997
EMT Number: 441429

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SEMSCO
February 7, 2024

Chairman's report: Dr. McEvoy

Correspondence:

Letter from Southwestern REMSCO asking to delay the sunset of the Critical Care level of care.

Award to Michael Benenati Annual Award from for Benefiting EMS Service.

First Vice Chair Report; Mr. Violante

No report

Second Vice Chair Report:

No report

EMS Staff Report: Mr. Greenberg

Operations – **full-service inspections continue. Working with quality committee to develop quality metrics for inspections.**

Met with the Program Agencies on Monday. Discussed opportunities to spend money for Program Agencies and REMSCOs. Both need to spend their money. They are working towards spending the funds allocated through "Aid to Localities". PAs will see an increase in funds, and they hope to increase funding in the future.

Education- **Pilot programs** were developed to aid agencies and improve education. These programs are underutilized. The academy program has not enrolled many students after the initial courses. Any Course Sponsor can hold one academy course a year. They are going to encourage more courses.

Education

CME and Reciprocity programs were not providing feedback when documents were submitted. Feedback is now provided in the portal affirming a completed submission.

Time for reciprocity certifications as decreased significantly.

New Education regulations period for feedback has ended and it may be up for a vote in May. It provides for 4-year certification. Version 3.5 for PCRs must be implemented by 7/1/24. It is the responsibility of the agency, not the vendor to assure that the data is transmitted.

EMS-C survey will be coming out to agencies within about a month.

Vital Signs will be in Rochester in October. There will be a special operations track.

The EMS Memorial will be held on Wednesday 5/22/24. Hopefully will include the new memorial.

Regulations for aeromedical blood storage and administration are in process.

Mental Health and Wellbeing program ends in March, but online training will continue.

The Bureau will be providing presentations on the Governor's budget. This will be included in the Leadership conference this month.

Community Paramedicine Advisory Group work continues.

The Taskforce planning is proceeding. It will be a public/private partnership. Existing agencies will be contracted for readiness in time of a disaster. Resources will be available in 6 hours instead of 6 days. There are a number of positions (80) that will be hired across the state. They are working to increase the number of paramedics in the state. For every paramedic hired, they will fund an individual to go to paramedic training. The task force is divided into 5 zones. This assures that resources will not be deployed from the affected zone. Each zone will have 5 BLS and 5 ALS ambulances available. These are not the 5 districts discussed last year.

SEMAC: Dr. Doynow:

Recruitment for a State EMS Medical Director continues. The position was posted as a consultant and filling it was unsuccessful. It has been reposted as a full-time position.

Medical Standards: Dr. Rabrich

Seconded Motions:

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2. Motion to approve the changes to the state BLS protocols. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve changes to the NYC protocols. Motion carried.
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Chair of Assembly Healthcare Committee; Ms. Paulin:

Ms. Paulin stated that the NYS Assembly would like to support EMS. However, when legislation is proposed, the EMS community cannot

agree on whether to support it. She also questioned why proposals and changes take so long.

Training and Education: Mr. Hudson:

2 seconded motions:

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Legislative Committee: Mr. Lewis

5 seconded motions:

1. Motion to support needed growth in the EMS workforce. The Legislative Subcommittee asks SEMSCO and the Bureau of EMS for training funds that support and pay for the Paramedic training of a number of individuals equal to that hired by NYS to start the new EMS Task Force. Motion carried.
2. Recommends that the Commissioner support the Senate and Assembly bills which bills remove EMS services from the real property tax cap. Motion carried.
3. The Legislative Subcommittee recommends that SEMSCO communicate to the Commissioner of Health to support the Senate and Assembly bills which allow volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income and local property tax credits. Motion carried.
4. The Legislative Committee Recommends the Commissioner provides support for reimbursement for transportation to alternate destinations. Motion carried.
5. The Legislative Committee requests that the Commissioner support legislation to Increase the Volunteer Firefighter and EMS tax credit from \$200 to \$800. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Mr. Kroll:

The Committee was disappointed that the Governor's budget did not address the shortfall in Medicaid reimbursement. The initiative is called: "get up to Medicare" and it may be introduced as legislation.

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The committee plans to have budget recommendations developed by August to be available for the state budget planning cycle.

Program agencies provided information to the finance committee to document their need for increased funds.

Systems Committee: Mr. Deavers:

Mr. Deavers read the Conflict-of-Interest policy. Anyone with a conflict should absent themselves from the meeting and not vote.

Seconded Motion:

1. Bayside CON: Motion to uphold the decision of the NYC REMSCO to deny the CON for Bay Community EMS. Motion carried.
CON review committee work continues.

Safety Committee: Mr. Knoll

Continuing to work on updating policies.

Quality Metrics Committee: Mr. Violante

Work continues on the QI manual. They are working on a webpage with resources and definitions.

EMS Innovations and Research Committee: Dr. Redlener

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EMS-C Advisory Committee: Ms. Eisenhour

The PEPP program is still available for agencies across the state. The ED program is also available.

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Old Business:

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Training and Education
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Drew :

Up to date on paperwork except some instructor certification process.

Renewals are 3-4 weeks in process.

Will be increasing staff.

Met with PSI for a productive meeting.

Course sponsors now have a Boardable group to share best practices and information.

They are attending regional training and education committees across the state.

Ryan: Reciprocity has been a priority. They have reviewed the process and now have a processing time of 3 weeks (it was 3 months).

When submitting documents, only send what is requested. After submission, sender should get a verification that it was sent.

Bridge program: Allegheny County presentation of the CC to Paramedic bridge. 2017 95% of ALS was provided by CC.

2023 a distance learning site was set up for Paramedic training with excellent results. They are working with Northwell and County will subsidize the bridge program. Almost all remaining CC providers will participate.

Critical Care sunset was referred to Medical Standards and SEMAC for resolution.

Motion to reaffirm sunset discussion to Medical Standards and SEMAC. Recommending that all existing CC can continue to refresh indefinitely. All protocols and certification of CCs will migrate to the Advanced EMT level on 7/1/27. Motion carried.

Last 3 bridge program cohorts have been under 20 students. They are going to run the program once a year. If after the decision to terminate the CC level, they get an increase of applicants they will increase the classes again as long as course sponsors can provide the skills sessions. The last bridge program would start in 4/26.

Extensive discussion

Request for committee to endorse the use of calculators for all NYS certifying exams. Motion carried.

Motion for a pilot program for Paramedic courses to provide PSE stations in class 7/24-1/25 instead of a 1-day PSE exam. As long as portfolios are being completed.

Regional training plan: Forming a TAG with representation of training and ed members from REMSCOs and Program Agencies. Let Don Hudson know if interested.

Standards for Critical Care Transport training: The White Paper recommended a committee of all stakeholders to review this issue.

SREMSCO Attendance 2024

Seat	Director	Alternate	First Name	Last Name	Jan Mtg	Mar Mtg	May Mtg	Jul Mtg	Sep Mtg	Nov Mtg
A1	x		Justin	Schmidt	x					
		x	Samuel	Leslie	x					
A2	x		Christopher	Ryan, MD	x					
A3	x		Scott	Gurney	x					
		x								
A4	x		Katherine	Loveland	X					
		x	Nicole	Cummings						
A5	x		Michael	Ponticiello	x					
B1	x		James	Morris	x					
		x								
B2	x		William	Loller	x					
		x	Prakash	Ramanthan						
B3	x		Ray	Standish						
		x	Steven	Khadjadorain	x					
B4			Ray	Serowik	x					
			Liz	Mednansky						
B5	x		Christina	Broderick	x					
		x	Adam	Holton	ONLINE					
B6	x		Carla	Simpson						
		x	Crystal	Gilt	x					
B7	x		Bethlehem	Emmons-Post	ONLINE					
		x								
BC Coor	x		J.David	Tinklepaugh	X					
		x	Matt	Griswold						
C1	x		Josh	Vansteenburgh	X					
			Roger	Barnhart						
C2	x									
		x								
C3	x		Martin	Masarech, MD	X					
C4	x		Stephen	Cady	X					
C5			Kyle	Griffith	X					
C6	x		Daniel	Kerila	X					
C7			Kyle	Button	X					
		X	Darci	Shepard						
CC Coor	x		James	Dean	X					
REMAC	x		Ann	Teng, DO	X					
T1	x		Alex	Khadjadorian	X					

