

**Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
REMAC Meeting Summary
October 4, 2017**

Physician Members	Present	Other Members	Present
Alex Axelrad, M.D.		Kenneth Adams, RN, EMT-P	X
Anthony Boutin, M.D.	X	Frank Chester, EMT-CC	X
Allen Cherson, D.O.	X	Bruce Cohn, JD, EMT-CC	-
Nenad Grlic, D.O.		Ann DeSimone, RN	Exc
Michael Guttenberg, M.D.	Exc	Paul Divver Jr., EMT-P	X
John J. Hassett, Jr. M.D.	X	Gary Ferrucci, EMT-CC	X
Neil B. Kirschen, M.D.	X	Annemarie Glazer, RN	Exc
David S. Kugler, M.D. SEMAC/Chair	X	Scott Glazer, EMT-CC	Exc
Josh Kugler, M.D. Vice Chair	X	Mary Harms	X
Thomas Kwiatkowski, M.D.	Exc	John J. Hassett, EMT-CC	X
Josh Moskovitz, M.D.	Exc	Ernest Heeren, EMT-CC	X
David Ng, M.D.	Exc	Judith Jax, R.N.	X
Datev Pedjian, M.D.	X	David Linzer, RN	X
Victor Politi, M.D.	X	Evelyn Mulvaney	X
John C. Rohe, M.D.	X	David Neubert, MD (MMC)	Exc
James Ryan, M.D.	X	Vincent Papasodero, EMT-CC	
Mark Safford, M.D.	Exc	Barry Rigney, RN, EMT-P	X
Grace Ting, M.D.	X	Peter Timinelli, EMT-P	
John Zaso, M.D. Secretary	X		
Joseph A. Zito, M.D.			
<u>Guests</u>		<u>Guests</u>	
Joseph D'Andrea, MD	X	Brian Sherwood	X
Charles Mackie	X	Nicholas Lilli	X
Michael Mazzola, MFD	X	Paul Omichinski	X
Neal Smith	X		
James Downey	X		

Call To Order

Call to order at 2:15PM by Dr. D. Kugler, Chairman. Meeting held at Nassau University Medical Center.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve minutes of August 2 2017, by Ryan/Hassett – passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- In-coming: -- Nixon Peabody, LLP – Appeal of REMAC Suspension of ALS Services, Inc. to SEMSCo
- V. Papasodero E-mail – Woodmere FD Medical Director Resignation
 - NYS DOH BEMS – Notice of Appeal to SEMAC from ALS Services
 - Vigilant E&H H&L – Request to Use BLS CPAP, 12-Lead EKG, Naloxone, and Albuterol
 - Dr. Savasta, Oyster Bay FD – Advising that Life-Vac will be used by agency

- Ann DeSimone, NC DOH – Advising of a Change in Chempack contents

- Out-going: -- Roslyn Highlands H&L E&H – Approved to use BLS Naloxone
- All Agencies Medical Directors & EDs – Advising Proposed Protocol Changes and Comment Period are Posted on Web
 - Lynbrook FD – Restrictions on use of BLS Equipment & Medications

REPORTS

Chairman – (DK) – Thanked NUMCC for hosting the REMAC meeting. Announced grave health condition of REMAC member Dr. Michael Guttenberg; gave a brief history of his involvement in EMS; he is now in hospice at home. Read correspondence. Reported on the ALS Services, Inc., appeal of the REMAC suspension to the SEMAC and NYSDOH Commissioner. SEMAC turned matter over to a subcommittee to investigate and our suspension was stayed pending a decision by the SEMAC. Discussion of EMS changes for NY with NYSDOH Commissioner.

SEMAC – (DK) – see attached.

Q.I. Subcommittee – (JZ) – see attached report.

Protocol Subcommittee – (JR) – we had a meeting and we have some 2nd Protocols to bring forward under Unfinished Business – see attached minutes.

Credentials Subcommittee – (DK) –there will be a 2nd motion under New Business.

Policy Subcommittee – (NK) – see attached minutes, there will be 2nd motions under Unfinished Business.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – (JJ) will have a meeting 10/5. There is a software company Bryx that is looking to present software that the hospitals would purchase and EMS would be able to use it to submit PCR data to the hospital system.

Unfinished Business

- Medication Shortage – Drug shortages, see list
- ALS Protocol Changes – 2nd **Motion** from Protocol Subcommittee to approve the proposed changes. All changes were reviewed and a vote was taken and Passed unanimously.
- Policy – Policy – I.T – Protocol Utilization (revised) – 2nd **Motion** to approve – there was discussion followed by a **Motion** to table – Ryan/J. Kugler – Passed unanimously.
- Procedure – II.E – ALS Technician Credentialing (revised) – 2nd **Motion** to approve change – modification to the draft was discussed and accepted – Cherson/Ryan – Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Vigilant H&L E&H – Request Approval to Use BLS CPAP, 12-Lead EKG, Naloxone, and Albuterol – **Motion** Cherson/Kirschen to approve requests – Passed unanimously.
- MedCon Physician Credentialing – NSLIJ CEMS Physicians to be credentialed was reviewed – **Motion** to approve list of physicians – Zaso/Kirschen – Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn – Cherson/Zaso – Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, **December 6, 2017** at 2:15PM
Location: NUMC Auditorium

In Memory of
Michael Guttenberg, M.D.

SEMAC Representatives Notes from SEMAC Sept 2017 – by Dr. David Kugler

Education committee report: By Robert Delagi, discussed staffing, testing, credentialing of CIC.

Medical Standards Committee Report: no motions brought forth, the new state BLS protocols were reviewed, amended and to be sent to EMS-C and STAC for review.

Bureau staff report:

Part 800 regulation change is changing age of certification from 18-17, was brought by the Bureau to the SEMSCO per legislative requirements. Labor law requirements do not change regarding employment and volunteering. But opens this up as a volunteer activity...

SEMSCO is addressing 2 CON appeals

Vital Signs-coming soon – October 27-29.

Budget process-details pending. No new data yet.

Trauma update- 44 trauma centers designated. Of which, 39 of the 44 have been ACS verified. Additionally new hospitals that have never been in trauma system are seeking level 3 or level 4 status.

New Trauma regulations: repeal the 708 regulations for quality and review and move to the code 405 regulations (hospital regulations) the regs are posted for comment on state register.

Old business:

Transition of EMT-CC- Education and training committee remarked on Policy statement was to get the ems community to understand background behind the change.

Stroke added to BLS protocols

New Business:

Meeting with DOH Commish was productive with 5 docs from SEMAC regarding changes to NYS EMS.

Notice of appeal from ALS Services inc from Nassau REMAC to suspend authority.

Per Article 30 regs, an Appeal Review Committee convened: Dr Marshal dr Bart-chair dr Dailey, dr Pam Murphy is committee, dr Cushman. To review all data and present to semac for recommendation.

Dr Michael Guttenberg (a Nassau County REMAC Member) was recognized, his contributions to EMS in NYS, and a moment of silence and reflection for him was held.

Narcan-discussion by Bob Delagi-re use of the prefilled syringe 2 mg/2 cc and the new fda approved 4mg/1cc nasal spray. Dr Bart discussed the mechanism of action and the greater receptor affinity for the receptor of carfentanyl and fentanyl than morphine and heroin. So the doubled dose may be more useful here. There is another question of how much should you use? Continue to dose Narcan versus supportive care?

Announcements:

The dept of health covers the cost of co-pay for the purchase of Narcan, and will encourage those at risk to use their personal insurance to purchase Narcan. For those with not insurance they can go to one of the risk reduction facilities.

Lee burns is retiring 12/31/2017-



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Memo

To: Dr. John Zaso

From: Frank Chester EMT-CC QI Coordinator

Date: 10/4/17

Subject: QI Report

- ALS credential database was updated September 26th & new cards printed 28th, currently 818 ALS personal in database.
- Received 42 referrals & conducted follow-ups with no trends noted.
- Attached for your information are the confidential case notes forwarded to Dr. Kuglar on Hatzalah that were in turn sent upstate to the SEMSCO as ammunition against the appeal that they are making on our REMAC's suspension of their privileges. I believe you already have a copy. Our file is now closed and this is in the states hands. I would not mention this at the meeting