

THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

Minutes Ambulance Committee September 17, 2013

The Ambulance Committee of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met September 17, 2013 at 5:00 PM, at the Offices of the Regional Council, 475 Riverside Drive, Lounge, New York City.

		Present	Absent	Excused
Organizational Members				
Chevra Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance Corp	Harold Jacob		✓	
	Aaron Katz, alt			
FDNY Bureau of Emergency Medical Services	Jonathan Pistilli	✓		
	Abdo Nahmod, alt	✓		
Greater New York Hospital Association	Dominick Battinelli			✓
	Alison Burke, alt			
New York City Police Department	Victor Politi, MD	✓		
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association	District 4 Ryan Gunning, EMT			✓
	James Downey, EMT, alt			
	District 18 Ralph Cefalo, EMT			
	Chris Legaz, EMT, alt			✓
United New York Ambulance Network (UNYAN)	Maryanne Sawyer			
	Joshua Hans, alt	✓		
At Large Members				
	Vincent Barranco, EMTP	✓		
	Yediyah Langsam, PhD	✓		
	Joseph Marcellino, MPH, EMTP, Chair	✓		
	S. Scott Orlanski, EMT			✓
	Jerrold Gelbard, EMTP	✓		
Systems Members				
FDNY Bureau of Emergency Medical Services	Christine Mazzola, EMTP		✓	
	Vacant, alt			
Greater New York Hospital Association	Don Cardone		✓	
New York City Police Department	Victor Politi, MD	✓		
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association	Chris Legaz, EMT	✓		

Staff

Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration
 Marie Diglio, EMTP, Executive Director Operations
 Joseph Raneri, EMT, Disaster Coordinator

Guests

Stephen E. Davis III, Northshore Ambulance

Anthony Logozzo, NYS DOH BEMS

Steven Haim, NYC Community EMS

Travis Kessel, Glen Oaks VAC

Joseph Marcellino, MPH, EMTP, Chair, called the Ambulance Committee to order. Committee members present were asked if they had comments, questions or corrections regarding the Minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting. Hearing none, the Minutes were accepted as written.

Correspondence Report

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

Membership:

- The following members requested to be excused: Mordechai Lax, Maryanne Sawyer, Scott Orlanski, Michael Vatch

From NYS DOH:

- Letter to Universal Emergency Care training center regarding the investigation of potential cheating during the NYS DOH Written Certification Examination held at that facility on June 20, 2013.
 - Letter states that due to severity of investigatory findings, that site will no longer be used as a testing site.
 - NYC Remsco staff asked DOH, what would happen to the personnel involved in cheating? This is of concern because it is alleged that one of the personnel involved in the cheating may be an operator of a regional ambulance service. Will this affect that person's competency & fitness status?

From FDNY:

- Non-Compliance PCR Form Submission for July & August 2013
- PCR Inventory for April, May, June & July 2013

Mutual Aid Plans Received:

- Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.
 - Meeting must be scheduled with TAG to review plans submitted and what to do about plans not submitted.

Transfer of Ambulance Operating Authority Applications received:

- None

Application for Expansion of Operating Territory from SUNY/LICH

- Application being held pending litigation in process, and information from NYS DOH.

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The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.

Review of New Applications for Determination of Need

- No new applications received.

Review of New Applications for Transfer of Operating Authority

- No new applications received.

Public Access Defibrillation Programs

12 NEW and **20 RENEWAL** Notices of Intent to provide Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) were received. .A list is attached.

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Reports

Members: Chris Legaz, Scott Orlanski, Gerry Gelbard, Martin Grillo

As of June 2013 Ambulance meeting:

Corona did not submit corrected plan, as identified in the last meeting. Mutual aid cannot exist between agencies separated by counties. A new mutual aid plan with Whitestone VAC must be submitted. District 4 has 15 squads that have not submitted mutual aid plans. A conference call meeting will be scheduled.

Mutual Aid Plans Recently Received:

- College Point Community Amb Corps – electronic
- Little neck Douglaston VAC – electronic

Security SPECIALTY Sticker TAG

No new applications.

Unfinished Business

Pursuant to last month's discussion regarding regional security ID cards, the following New TAG was created:

Photo ID TAG:

Joshua Hans, Stephen Davis, Jerry Gelbard, Abdo Nahmod

This tag created to revise the current ID card and will have its first meeting via conference call. Members will be sent copy of current ID policy.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding how we can help improve the health of EMS Providers. The EMS Health TAG was created. Maryanne Sawyer, Abdo Nahmod (or designee), Brenda Morrissey, and Michael Jones, MD (from St. Luke's) volunteered to be members. A few more members will be requested.

This TAG was created to investigate ways to improve the health & well-being of EMS providers:

- Weight loss
- Injury Prevention via physical training
- Role of agency Safety Officer

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

July 2013-September 2013

12 New PAD Program Participants

1. The Jones Group, Inc.
2. Phoenix Beverages
3. Hugh O'Kane Electric Company
4. Adria Salidvar
5. Deutsche Bank Recovery Site
6. Marubeni America
7. Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY
8. Vornado [666 Fifth]
9. Trump International
10. National Labor Relations Board
11. Jane St Capitol
12. Royal Bank Of Scotland

20 Renewal PAD Program Participants

1. The Sea Gate Association
2. FRESH DIRECT
3. Deutsche Bank
4. Thompson & Knight LLP
5. AWAS Aviation
6. Coach
7. Hearst Corporation
8. Christ the King Community Day Care/Pre-School
9. Anchin, Block & Anchin
10. Blackstone Group
11. Soros Fund Management
12. Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
13. Needham & Company, LLC
14. Malkin Holdings, LLC
15. TWCC Management Co.
16. American Museum of Natural History
17. The Boys' Club of New York
18. Hearst Corporation
19. Carmel Richmond Health Care & Rehabilitation Center
20. Max Finkelstein Inc.