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Minutes of the November 2, 2011 Meeting Medical Society, Garden City, NY

Chairman Scott Glazer called the Council to order at 2:15 P.M.

Members Present:	Members Excused	Members Absent
Tracy Abamont	Joseph Laino, Jr	Bernard Beckerman, MD
Allen Cherson, DO	Vincent Kehoe	Marjorie Blieka
Ann DeSimone	James Neitz	Tamara Bloom, MD
Thomas Durfee		Barbara DeClementi, RN
Sean Finnegan		Robin Dunn
Joseph Greensher, MD		Albert Heuser, MD
Scott Glazer		Judith Jax, RN
Alvin Johnson		William Sollin
Charles R. Joyce		
Steven Lenkofsky		
David Linzer, RN		
Paul Napoli		
Doreen O'Grady, RN		
Vincent Papasodero		
James Romagnoli		
Barry Rigney		
Mark Safford, MD		

Alternates Attending for Members Council Member

Alternate

Joseph Laino

Matthew Sanfilippo

Alternates Attending with Members Council Member

Alternate

Steven Lenkofsky

Richard Caminari

Paul Napoli

William Wilson

Barry Rigney

Ken Adams

Guests

Reuhes Siegel

Robert Stefanello

Ed Horace

Drew Fred

Marvin Weiss

Maritza Franqui

James Downey

Staff

John Hassett
Frank Chester
Jaclyn Weiser

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by to accept the minutes of the September 7th meeting – motion carried unanimously.

Chairman’s Report

- Chairman Glazer had a moment of silence for Chris Natoli and member of the military.
- Excusals are Joseph Laino, Vincent Kehoe, and James Neitz.
- Joseph Laino and Barbara DeClementi resigned from the council.
- Merrick Fire Department is hosting a FASNY will preparation December 3rd.
- There is still medication shortage. The list gets updated on the website when we are notified.
- On November 9th there will be a nationwide Emergency Alert System test at 2pm.
- Winthrop Hospital will be hosting a one day trauma conference on November 13th.
- There was an excellent turnout for the Annual Awards dinner.

Vice Chairman

- Thanked the Public Ed Committee and Tracy Abamont for an excellent job putting together the dinner.
- Looking into getting an EMS Night out at an Islanders game.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

The Secretary/Treasure Paul Napoli presented the Council’s financial report as follows:

Balance as of August 16, 2011	\$	76,556.19
Checks 6520 – 6525	-\$	759.08
Deposits & Interest	+\$	8.08
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Balance as of October 15, 2011	\$	75,805.19

NYS EMS Council Representative’s Report

September Meeting was canceled and the 2012 meeting dates have not been posted yet.

Presentation of Correspondence

See attached listing (hand out at meeting) of correspondence to and from the Council.

Executive Director's Report

- John Hassett reported that PCRs have not been sent to the keypunch contractor. Monthly inventory reports were sent to the state
- Program Agencies funds becoming an issue because we still haven't received any money and the DOH would not let us put in for an advance.

Q.I. Coordinator's Report

- Frank Chester reported that there were 148 case reviews and follow up credentials made.

Committee Reports

Executive – Scott Glazer –

- Reminder to all committee chairs that meeting minutes MUST be prepared and sent to Council office.

Communications – James Neitz-

- Edward Horace spoke about Narrow Banding of Medical Control.

Disaster Planning & Coordinating – James Romagnoli-

- Discussed Hurricane Irene.

Education & Training – Sean Finnegan –

- Progress

Legal & Governmental Affairs – Charles Joyce –

- Progress

Membership – David Linzer-

- Progress.

Public Education – Tracy Abamont –

- Next year award submissions to the state will be due earlier. Due to the state wanting the applications earlier we will have to send out the Award application January.
- Sent out survey about the awards dinner.

EMS Systems – Joseph Laino –

- . Progress

REMAC – Mark Safford, MD – see attached report.

Hospital ED – Scott Glazer

. See attached report.

RTAC – Judy Jax –

- No Report.

A motion was made by Cherson/Greensher to accept the officer and committee reports - passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Update on formal letter to BEMS regarding the financial issue if not resolved at SEMSCo/SEMAC meeting.

New Business**Election of Members-**

Election of Kenneth Hettler to the Ambulance Service Provider Seat- Passed unanimously

Election of Craig Robinson to the Trauma Coordinator Seat- Passed unanimously

Election of Officers

Scott Glazer presented the slate as follows: Chairman, Scott Glazer, Vice-Chairman, Vincent Papisodero, Secretary-Treasurer Paul Napoli. Scott Glazer called for a vote, a **motion** was made by Thomas Durfee and seconded by Sean Finnegan to cast one vote for the slate. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Council Alternates and Committee Members

The Chair read all voting and non-voting members submitted by REMAC for Re-appointment to REMAC. - submitted to council for vote - Passed unanimously

Good of the Council

Presentation by Marvin Weiss from Vidacare.

Chairman Glazer announced that the next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2011 at 2:00pm, location to be announced.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Cherson/DeSimone that the meeting be adjourned – motion passed unanimously – meeting adjourned at 1440 hours.

Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee REMAC Meeting Summary October 5, 2011

Physician Members	Present	Other Members	Present
Bernard Beckerman, M.D.	exc	Tracy Abamont, EMT-CC	exc
Anthony Boutin, M.D.	X	Kenneth Adams, RN, EMT-P	X
Michael Cassara, M.D.	exc	Frank Chester, EMT-CC	X
Allen Cherson, D.O.	exc	Ann DeSimone, RN	X
John J. Hassett, Jr. M.D.	X	Robin Dunn, EMT-CC	exc
Albert W. Heuser, M.D.	exc	Sean Finnegan, RN, EMT-P	X
Neil B. Kirschen, M.D.	exc	Scott Glazer, EMT-CC	X
David S. Kugler, M.D.	exc	John J. Hassett, EMT-CC	X
Josh Kugler, M.D.	X	Ernest Heeren, EMT-CC	X
Audi Liametz, M.D.	P	Judith Jax, R.N.	exc
John McNelis, M.D.	exc	Steven Lenkofsky, EMT-P	
Daniel Murphy, M.D.		David Linzer, RN, EMT-CC	X
Victor Politi, M.D.	X	Paul Napoli, EMT-CC	X
John C. Rohe, M.D.	X	Doreen O'Grady, RN	Exc - alt
James Ryan, M.D.	X	Barry Rigney, RN, EMT-P	exc
Mark Safford, M.D.	exc	Craig Robinson, RN, EMT-CC	exc
Joseph Stambouly, M.D.	exc	Gerard Sikorski, EMT-P	
Grace Ting, M.D.	X	Jane Weiss, EMT-CC	X
John Zaso, M.D.	X		
Joseph A. Zito, M.D.	exc		
<u>Guests</u>			
		Maritza Franqui	X
		Rob Cinguemani, EMT-P	X
		Gary Kaplan	X
		Mulvaney – Alt for O'Grady	X

Call To Order

Call to order at 2:20PM by Dr J. Kugler, Vice Chairman. Meeting held at Nassau Medical Society.

Presentation – Representative from the ResQGuard gave a demonstration on the ResQGuard and answered questions (cost per unit is \$42).

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve minutes of August 3, 2011, by Ryan/Ting – passed unanimously.

Correspondence

In-coming: - REMSCo – Dr. Zito appointed to REMAC voting membership
 Bi-County Amb. – Response to PCR issue

Out-going: - Bi-County Amb. – Failure to provide PCR when patient delivered

REPORTS

Chairman – (JK) – No report

SEMAC – (JK) – Nothing to Report, the SEMAC meeting for September 13 was canceled.

Q.I. Subcommittee – (BB) – FC – No report.

Protocol Subcommittee – (JR) – No report – working on a complete set of protocols.

Credentials Subcommittee – (DK) – No report.

Policy Subcommittee – (NK) – No report.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – (JJ) – No report.

STEMI – (GT) – No report.

Unfinished Business

- Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers for 2012-2014: Chairman Josh Kugler, Vice Chairman Mark Safford, Secretary Grace Ting. Chair opened the floor to nominations – none were made.
- Regional Medical Director – The appointment of a Regional Medical Director is being worked on by the Chairman and Council's Attorney. General Consensus is that the REMAC Chairman shall continue to serve as the Regional Medical Director.

New Business

- Recommendations for reappointment of voting members to REMAC – the attendance of the voting members was reviewed and a letter requesting their intentions will be sent to all with poor attendance (Beckerman, Cassara, Liametz, McNelis, Murphy, Stambouly). **Motion:** that membership attendance be reassessed on an annual basis – Boutin/Politi – passed unanimously. **Motion:** that REMSCo be requested to reappoint all those who did not have poor attendance or who reply to the intentions letter – Politi/Boutin – passed unanimously.
- Hospital Diversion – The issue was raised that hospitals are placing only certain parts of the ED on Diversion (e.g. Psych.) and this is not in keeping with the REMAC Diversion Procedure II.D-1. It was re-emphasized that Diversion means that the whole ED is on diversion or there is no diversion for the facility – letter to be sent to all hospital ED & CEO.

Announcements

- The Annual EMS Awards Dinner – 10/18/2011, 6:30pm, Crest Hollow Country Club.
- Congratulations are extended to Dr. Victor Politi on his being appointed Nassau Deputy County Executive for Public Safety.

Motion to adjourn – Cherson/Ting – meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, **December 7, 2011**, at 2:15PM
Nassau Medical Society Building
1200 Stewart Avenue, Garden City

**Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Services Council
Hospital Emergency Department Committee
at Winthrop University Hospital
September 13, 2011**

Facility	Members	Present
Franklin Hospital	John Rohe, MD	e
Long Beach Med. Cen.	Robert Canter, MD	e
	Daniel Hayes, RN	
Mercy Med. Cen.	Daniel Murphy, MD	
	Robert Collins	
	Neuad Grlic, DO	
Nassau Regional Resource Cen.	Mary Mahoney, RN	
	James Roth	
Nassau University Med. Cen.	Anthony Boutin, MD	
	Grace Ting, MD	P
Saint Joseph Hospital	J. Oreste Bruni, MD	P
	Terry Golde, RN	
	Shan Ahmed, DO	
	Vincent Sperandeo, NP	
	Anne Wilson-Rizk	
North Shore Glen Cove	John D'Angelo, MD	P
	Doreen O'Grady, RN	e
	Evelyn Mulvaney	
North Shore Manhasset	Andrew Sama, MD	
	Thomas Rahilly, Ph.D	
	Chris Raio	
North Shore Plainview	Gerard Brogan, MD	
	Alan Kaplan, MD	e
North Shore Syosset	Joseph Garber, MD	P
St. Francis Hospital	Robert Miller, DO	P
	Mark Hoorster, MD	
	Jane Weiss, RN	P
	Kathy Gillian Steiner	
Schneider Children's Hospital	Sally Kuzniewski, RN	e
South Nassau Comm. Hospital	Lori Edelman, RN	P
	Gary Greenwald, MD	
	Josh Kugler, MD	P
Winthrop University Hospital	Barry Rosenthal, MD	P
	Dennis Sheridan, VP	P
RTAC	Judith Jax, RN	P
Nassau Regional EMS Council	Scott Glazer	P
	John J. Hassett	P
NC DOH	Ann DeSimone, RN	P
	Maritza Franqui	P
NYS DOH Preparedness	Drew Fried	P

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:45 am by Chairman Scott Glazer. The minutes of the June 14, 2011, meeting was approved.

Chairman Glazer thanked Winthrop University Hospital for hosting the meeting.

- He provided an overview of the upcoming FCC radio Narrow banding issue and that goes into effect at the end of next year. It will no longer allow EKG to be transmitted via radio and the ambulance agencies will have to obtain cell phones and special equipment to be able to transmit EKG. He indicated that the County is applying for a grant to help reduce the equipment costs for all the agencies.
- He provided an overview of the response to Hurricane Irene. He advised that the REMSCo staffed an EMS desk at OEM all weekend and worked for the County DOH under ESF-8, health and medical. He discussed the facility evacuation and the use of FEMA contract ambulances controlled by them at OEM. Although successful, there were still improvements to be made.
- One area of concern was the ability to update the providers on the status of the ED's. There were many diversions, closures and physical issues at ED's during the storm and one idea is to host a protected website with the ED status.
- Medication shortage and backorder status was discussed and a handout from the local supplier was distributed.
- Peninsula Hospital was on the verge of closing but some last minute investors came to their rescue and ambulances are now being allowed to go there.
- CME Schedule – the Chair asked that all hospitals try to coordinate their CME schedules with the Council office to reduce the number of conflicts.

Unfinished Business

- General Devices E-Net Messenger System – they offered to interested hospitals download, install and use their system to contact MedCon and other hospitals on a trial basis. MedCon, 3 hospitals and the REMSCo office have installed the system which also allows for the transmission of EKG from MedCon to the receiving hospital along with voice messages. Other hospitals are encouraged to tryout the system. Will check with the vendor to see if their system is capable of being used on smart phones and if they are able to have a hospital status report form so that facilities are able to input their status and have that populate a regional table to show all facilities.
- E-PCR Issues – the REMAC had passed a motion that will require future e-PCR vendors that wish to operate in Nassau, to insure that their data will interface under RHiO with hospital's systems. However, the RHiO people were contacted and they indicated that any ambulance agency that wanted their ePCR system to be able to transmit the data to a hospital system would have to register and pay an annual fee, which is not inexpensive.
- Hospital Diversion –It was suggested that each hospital should review and update the list of individuals that are authorized to place the hospital on diversion and send a copy to the REMSCo office. The Diversion reports are being e-mailed by the Council office, when they are received from MedCon. LIJ stated that the pediatric ED did not go on diversion but the adult ED did and they asked that MedCon ask before putting the entire facility on diversion so that pediatric patients are not unduly diverted.
- PCR's – Hospital Copies – Several ED representatives indicated that they are continuing to have issues with primarily commercial providers not leaving copies of PCR's with the patient. Additionally, several crews have indicated that they must wait for a QA review before leaving a PCR. This is improper

and violates state law. The REMSCo will send a letter to all commercial providers reminding them that they must leave a copy at time of patient transfer.

- The chair stated that a regional advisory would be issued regarding contaminated patients being transported to ED's.

New Business

- Backboard Issue – a number of agencies have been complaining that when patients are left at the ED on their backboards, the boards are not secured and are found to have dried blood and body fluids on them. In 1 instance a technician with a Nassau agency who also works for FDNY found his agency's backboard in the ED of a Bronx hospital.
- Patient Decon – the issue was discussed and the need for decontamination of patients was stressed, the office will issue an advisory.
- The Lynbrook FD stated at the last Council meeting that they were having difficulty replacing supplies at an ED – it was forwarded to their representatives and all present stated that they weren't aware of any supply issues at any ED's..

Announcements

- EKG Glove – representative from the company presented and briefed on the product. glove is \$19.00 each (disposable) and reusable cable w/adapter \$250.00
- Annual EMS Awards Dinner – will be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 10/18, 6:30pm – flyer will be sent to all.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

***** Next Meeting Date *****

December 13, 2011
10:30 am
St. Francis Hospital