Called to Order by Chair Mike McEvoy at 12:20 PM.
- Attendance completed by Roll Call
- Staff Report from Jean Taylor:
  - Staffing issues will become a problem in the next few months. Liz Donnelly and Jean Taylor will be retiring. They are in the process of hiring an additional person at the Grade 18 level.
  - Education is currently working on generic so more than one person may be able to receive and answer issues.
  - Gene Meyers reports the online CME Portal is functioning and working well. At the end of the Vital Signs Conference all regions will have instructions to access and use the CME portal.
  - Mike McEvoy asked staff about the approval of the new BLS Skills Sheets. These are still awaiting approval.
  - Mike McEvoy also asked staff about the DLA update for geographic restrictions on course sponsors. This is still being worked on.
  - Email for the instructor portal is EMS.INSTRUCTORS@HEALTH.NY.GOV
- Certified Instructor Coordinator Renewal Policy Changes:
  - CIC Requirements Section 3:
    - There was discussion about the renewal of CICs with retention being an issue driving this.
    - There is a report that there is progress in the Regional Faculty development.
  - Policy Statement on EMT Field Experience:
    - Jean relates this has changed from 10 hours to 10 patient contacts.
  - Policy Statement on Distance Learning:
    - John MacMillan relates that this policy statement allows for up to 50% of asynchronous online learning for a class rather the class is in-person or not. A class may be completed with all didactic portions being done synchronously online.
- Mission Statement and Committee Description:
  - Request from Chair of SEMSCO
    - Mike McEvoy proposed pulling information from the by-laws and working to develop something using the Boardable app.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.
NYS SEMCO Medical Standards Sub-Committee
Tuesday October 19, 2021, 1:00 PM
NY Empire State Plaza Meeting Room 6

- Called to Order by Chair Dr. Marshall @ 1:17 PM.
- Roll Call completed for attendance.
- Old Business:
  o Dr. Marshall requested an update to what the new Quality Metrics Committee and the EMS Innovations Committee will be doing. Both Chairs gave updates.
  o Dr. Marshall asked about trauma registry information updates.
    ▪ Ryan Greenberg relates this can be done. He relates asking which specific metrics they would like to see.
  o BLS iGel Study:
    ▪ If any agencies still want to join, they can reach out to the agency/region spearheading the project. Dr. Murphy relates they have many agencies interested but they have not heard anything back from BEMSATs on approval to move forward. There is no update on this from the Commissioner of Health.
- New Business:
  o FDNY has brought forth proposed changes for their HAZTAC Protocol. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion carries.
  o Dr. Daily asked about the previously approved collaborative protocols and when they would be approved. Director Greenberg relates they were just approved and will be announced at the following meetings.
  o FDNY has brought forth proposed changes for their Rescue Medic Protocol. Much discussion over the dose of IM/IN Ketamine. Motion made seconded to approve. Motion carries.
  o Dr. Marshall brings forth the discussion of the possibility of Buprenorphine programs by EMS as well as the use and safety of Ketamine use by EMS in NYS.
    ▪ Motion by Dr. Dailey to add this to the NYS EMS Formulary. Much discussion followed. Motion to postpone until the next meeting made and seconded. Motion to postpone is carried.
  o Dr. Marshall also brings up pre-hospital pressor use for discussion.
- Director Greenberg mentioned the approval process for disaster protocols. Relates there are still good opportunities for this as time continues. He mentioned having a group or a pathway to move this forward would be good.
- Motion to move forward to work to develop a State EMS Medical Director. Motion seconded. Motion carries.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.
- Meeting called to order at 2:40 PM by Chair Dr. Doynow.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call for attendance.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- BEMSATS staff report:
  - Still operating in COVID operations with multiple people deployed.
  - BEMS is aware of multiple issues with increased drop times and diversion statuses.
  - Working on processing many invoices and working on getting more staff in.
  - Education update as seen this morning.
  - EMSC – PECC program is continuing to grow. There is an excellent peds Pre-Con at Vital Signs
  - Vital Signs is November 11-14. The conference is hybrid. There is a requirement to show vaccination status for in-person attendance.
  - The EMS Memorial was held Sept. 30th with 17 names being added.
  - Bi-weekly EMS Leadership calls still occurring. Education updates will be held the third Thursday of each month.
  - Two new committees are up and running – EMS Innovations and Quality Metrics.
  - The State also just completed 2 Beta courses for EMS Leadership and for mental health.
  - Executive Orders:
    - EMS providers may practice in non-traditional EMS environments.
    - Community Paramedicine continues. Reach out to Deputy Chief Bagozzi should you wish to do this.
    - National Registry is currently accepted.
    - Alternative destinations and treat-in-place are currently allowed.
    - Certifications are not being extended at this time.
    - Other level providers are allowed to give orders to EMS at this time.
    - New trauma program manager, two district chiefs, one administration person, and one part-time data position.
- Education and Training Committee:
  - Report from the previous meeting. See notes above.
- EMSC – Dr. Cooper
  - Reported on the progress of the committee and working on pediatric agitation as well as pediatric sepsis. Also reported on communication being sent to the Commissioner to strongly encourage EMS providers to become vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Medical Standards – Dr. Marshall
  - Brought forth seconded motion for changes to the FDNY HAZTAC protocols:
    - Motion carries.
- Brought forth seconded motion for changes to the FDNY Rescue Medic protocols:
  ▪ Motion carries.
- Brought forth motion for the establishment of a State EMS Medical Director.
  ▪ Motion carries.
- Other items reported on from the previous meeting. See notes above.

- New Business:
  - First Responder PCRs and documentation.
    ▪ There is often a challenge with getting ALSFR agencies who transport with BLS agencies to the receiving hospital.
  - There was much discussion about the issues with hospital crises and the ability for EMS to aid in crises mitigation.
    ▪ Discussion about EMS communicating with hospitals and discussing how to work together. This should not be a region level conversation, but a Statewide interdisciplinary discussion.
  - There was a motion made to send a letter to the Commissioner to strongly advocate for EMS providers to be vaccinated, but not mandated, and to require regular testing if not vaccinated.
    ▪ Motion defeated.
  - Suffolk County gave a presentation on the RSI program.
  - Presentation from the CEO of MURU – The State Protocol App.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.
Called to Order by Chairperson Bashaw at 9:10 AM.
- This committee has been asked by the Chair of the SEMSCO to come up with a Statement of Purpose for their committee.
- There was a discussion of what this committee would handle. Dana Jonas relates this committee should be looking at how mutual aid is approached and executed in NYS. There was some further discussion about staffing as well as ensuring that mandated equipment that comes with a cost should be monitored by this committee as well. It was also mentioned that Policy Statement 06-06 should be looked at and reworked.
- There are many CON actions being handled including municipalities, expansions, BLSFRs, etc.
- **New Business:**
  - Mike Benanati from LaGrange FD spoke on the State of Emergency Medical Services across New York State.
  - This presentation produced a wealth of discussion on how to address the crisis in EMS.
  - Motion to form a TAG to address the EMS crisis with Chief Benenati as the Chair. Motion carries.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:23.
- Called to order by Chair Jason Haag at 10:23 AM.
- Roll call.
- Introductions of Members.
- Discussion on the mission statement of the EMS Innovation Committee and how we will work toward improving EMS.
  o Discussion of the ET3 Model.
  o Discussion of how to get reimbursed for non-traditional EMS delivery
  o Rich Brandt from the Medicaid office, formerly from BEMSTATS is present. He relates NYS Medicaid will be offering a similar program in the future. This is awaiting a regulatory change and public comment has closed. As of this Monday is has moved down the line to voting and for adoption within the State of New York. This will only apply agencies enrolled in ET3 currently.
  o Rich also relates that there is no regulation found where Medicaid will not pay EMS for transport to Medicaid covered facility. This means that EMS can transport to alternative destinations and still be paid by Medicaid. The Medicaid Office and BEMSATS will work on getting this information communicated. It is also important to note that REMSCOs must approve transport to alternative destinations.
  o Kurt Krumperman relates that the mission of this committee does need to have a link to 911 and to the patient’s primary care. Kurt also relates focusing on a single model of reimbursement may be detrimental and all other alternatives should be considered as well. He highlights that clinical thinking does need to be considered here as well.
  o Mark Deavers relates there is a possibility of working with Public Health. With their staffing shortage and EMS having the ability to be more mobile, EMS can work in conjunction with public health to do the work for them and be reimbursed by Public Health with an MOU or something similar.
  o Will be working with Systems on the TAG for EMS Sustainability.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM
Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Philippy at 2:08 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
- Chair’s Report:
  - Chair Mark Philippy mentioned that our single message should be that we are in a healthcare crisis, and all are working together to work through this.
  - Mark related that talk shared by Mike Benanati at the joint meeting of Systems and EMS Innovations this morning.
  - A TAG is forming from this talk/presentation to compose a White Paper on the current EMS crisis.
  - A letter is being drafted to DOH and Health and Hospitals to include EMS in working with them during the Healthcare Crisis.
- Roll Call being completed.
- Motion to approve minutes from the May meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carries.
- Correspondence: None
- First Vice Chair Report:
  - Nominations for officers for Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair are now open.
- BEMSATS Staff Report – Director Greenberg:
  - BEMSATS is still busy with COVID operations.
  - Operations:
    - Diversions are being handled by the Bureau’s Operations Center. Director Greenberg report this is not a case of the hospital off-loading issues on to EMS and that for a facility to go on diversion specific criteria must be met.
    - A link is available to all agencies from their Program Agencies to report long wait time issues at hospitals so they may be investigated in real time.
  - Administration:
    - There is additional staff in this section and payments and invoices are starting to be processed more quickly
    - Community Paramedicine:
      - There are about 50 agencies in the State currently. This was extended with the recent Executive Order.
  - Policy Statement 21-07 has been published outlining distance learning.
  - Policy Statement 21-08 has been published and outlines BLS clinical contacts.
  - EMSC:
    - PECC initiative is continuing.
    - There is an EMSC pre-conference at vital signs.
  - Trauma Systems:
There is an active “Super-Chair” committee where chairs from BEMSATS, STAC, etc. meet to stay in constant communication.

- Vital Signs:
  - Will be in Saratoga Springs in November. Vaccinations required for all attending in person. Currently 400+ registered for in-person and 100+ registered for virtual.

- EMS Memorial Service:
  - Held just a few weeks ago. 17 names were added. This year, in addition to the families receiving a Star of Life, they received a flag that was flown over the Capitol.

- Director’s Office:
  - Bi-Weekly EMS Leadership calls are continuing. Education call will be the third Thursday of each month.
  - BEMS operates a surge and flex center which is handled by Deputy Director Dziura.
  - Emergency regulations that were going to be passed for this meeting got covered by the recent Executive Order. Other regulations are forthcoming in 2022 including Part 800 updates for minimum equipment.
  - Two trainings were held over the summer including EMS leadership and dealing with mental health issues.
  - Director Greenberg spoke on the Executive Orders out currently which he reported the same on at SEMAC yesterday – see notes from that meeting.
  - Director Greenberg spoke on new staff coming to BEMS which he also reported on at SEMAC yesterday – see notes from that meeting.
  - Question about Vital Signs Awards – letters will be going out tomorrow to the recipients.
  - EMS Memorial Question – The 99 places have been filled. What direction is going to happen now that it is filled? There is an expansion plan being worked on that will hopefully be physically completed over the winter. More information to come. Input/feedback on the expansion of the Memorial should be forwarded to Director Greenberg and Valerie Ozga.

- SEMAC Report:
  - See notes from yesterday’s SEMAC meeting.

- Medical Standards Report:
  - See report from yesterday’s meeting.
  - There are three action items to bring forth.
    - Motion to approve FDNY HAZTAC protocol changes. Motion carries.
    - Motion to approve FDNY Rescue Medic protocol changes. Motion carries.
    - SEMAC respectfully requests that the Commissioner of Health create a position State EMS Medical Director who will report directly to the Commissioner of Health and serve as the Physician Subject Matter Expert on EMS. Motion carries.
- Executive Committee Report:
  - Use of the Boardable App should be used by all SEMSCO members. All Committee Chairs should be putting all action items and motions in the Boardable App.
  - Each Committee Chair was asked to create a purpose document for their committee to outline their purpose and their deliverables.
  - The Protocol Approval process was discussed, and we will be working to revive the protocol approval process to the once-a-year review/approval unless there is an emergent need.

- Education and Training Committee:
  - See notes from yesterday’s meeting.

- Finance Committee:
  - Did not meet yesterday. Will be virtually within the next week.
  - Educational Cost Survey is ready to be released.
  - Working on a fiscal sustainability of EMS project.

- Systems:
  - See report from the System’s Committee

- Legislative:
  - Multiple EMS bills have been passed by the Senate and the Assembly which are awaiting the Governor’s signature. She has until 12/31/2021 to sign these. One of these bills A-7366 and S-2121 to assist dispatchers with training in dealing with patients, specifically those with mental health problems, be better cared for prior to help arriving.
  - A mission statement has been published to Boardable for input from the committee.
  - There was discussion about EMTs being able to vaccinate outside of an Executive Order. There has been a bill issued by Senator Godfried.
  - Steve Kroll spoke on work done by NAEMT and AAA on the workforce shortage issue. There entities have petitioned congress to fund EMS training and reimbursement better.
  - NYSVARA has been collaborating closely with UNYAN on many legislative issues. NYSVARA is advocating that the Medicaid reimbursement study from 2017 be examined and that the upcoming budget is a possibility for the lack of reimbursement to EMS from Medicaid. Also discussed the fact that EMS training reimbursement has not increased in many years, which needs to happen. This is a project in concert with the finance committee.

- Safety Committee:
  - Two current projects are revisions of BEMSATS policy on Emergency Vehicle Operations as well the continued work on the Provider Resiliency Project.

- Quality Metrics:
  - Reported on their progress on collecting data metrics from the State and other National repositories.
- Also working on a revision to the Quality Assurance manual.
- EMS Innovations:
  - See notes from earlier meeting.
- EMS for Children:
  - See section in SEMAC notes.
- STAC:
  - No report:
- Old Business:
  - Steve Kroll brings forth the EMS Workforce paper from 2019. They are getting ready to do a 2021 Survey with the same and new questions to produce a report to the EMS workforce in 2021 compared with 2019.
    - Some discussion on the importance of this followed.
- New Business:
  - Jean Taylor makes mention that she sees many here who she has never seen at the EMS Memorial. It is just above us and she would be willing to show people.
  - Jared Kutzin makes a motion to form a TAG for diverse, equitable, and inclusive EMS workforce. Seconded by Steve Kroll. Director Greenberg asks Mr. Kutzin what the point of the TAG is and their deliverables. TAG is formed.
  - Motion by Jason Haag, seconded by Teri Hamilton to dissolve the current PIER Committee of the SEMSCO. Motion carries.
    - A TAG was formed by the Chair with Aiden O’Connor as a chair to investigate media outreach, social media, and other outreach/education for work of the SEMSCO.
- Motion to adjourn by Jason Haag, seconded by Jared Kutzin. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.