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NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE TRAUMA EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 7, 2024
TIME: 2:00 p.m. to 4:54 a.m.
CHAIR: MICHAEL MCEVOY
LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn
235 Hoosick Street
Troy, New York

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2 (The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.)
3 CHAIR MCEVOY: I have the privilege
4 to call to order the meeting of the State Emergency
5 Medical Services Council, welcome members,
6 participants and observers. As a reminder, this
7 meeting is subject to open meetings law and it's
8 being broadcast over the internet.

9 So that you know, these webcasts can
10 be accessed at the Department of Health website
11 @health.ny.gov. The on-demand webcast will be
12 available no later than seven days after this meeting
13 for a minimum of 30 days, and then, a copy will be
14 retained by the Department for four months.

15 A suggestion when you're speaking,
16 please indicate who you are. And identify yourself
17 as a council member, D.O.H. staff, or in case of a
18 public member, introduce yourself when you come up to
19 the microphone. If we could stand for the Pledge of
20 Allegiance.

21 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag
22 of the United States of America and to the republic
23 for which it stands, one nation, under God,
24 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

25 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. If the

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- 2 APPEARANCES:
- 3 Al Kim
- 4 Alan Lewis, Ambulance for Profit
- 5 Amy Eisenhauer
- 6 Andrew Knoell
- 7 Carl Gandolfo
- 8 Carl Gandolfo, Advanced EMT
- 9 Donald Hudson, Nassau REMSCO
- 10 Carla Simpson
- 11 Christopher Smith
- 12 David Simmons
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- 14 David Violante, Hudson Valley REMSCO
- 15 Donald Duvall, Jr.
- 16
- 17 Donald Hudson
- 18 Douglas Isaacs
- 19 Dr. Donald Doynow, SEMAC CHAIR
- 20 Dr. Douglas Fish
- 21 Dr. Jason Winslow
- 22 Dr. Jeffrey Rabrich, Nyaack Hospital
- 23 Dr. Michael McEvoy
- 24 Dr. Michael Redlener
- 25 Dr. Robert Crupi, NYC REMSCO
- Elizabeth Langsam
- Elizabeth McGown
- Gregory Gill
- Jared Kutzin
- Jason Haag, Finger Lakes REMSCO
- Jerry Gilbert
- Jon Washko
- Mark Deavers
- Mark Philippy, SEMSCO CHAIR
- Maryanne Portoro
- Michael Bena
- Mickey Forness
- Ryan Greenberg, Bureau of EMS
- Scott Clark
- Steven Dziura, Bureau of EMS
- Steven Kroll
- Valerie Ozga, SEMSCO
- William Masterton, Suffolk REMSCO

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2 secretary could call the roll.

3 MS. ALLEN: Allison Burke, Stephen
4 Caty, Scott Clark.

5 MR. CLARK: Here.

6 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Crupi.

7 MR. CRUPI: Here.

8 MS. ALLEN: Mark Deavers.

9 MR. DEAVERS: Here.

10 MS. ALLEN: Dan Duvall.

11 MR. DUVALL: Duvall, here.

12 MS. ALLEN: Michele Forness.

13 MS. FORNESS: Mickey Forness, here.

14 MS. ALLEN: Carl Gandolfo, Gregory

15 Gill.

16 MR. GILL: Gill, here.

17 MS. ALLEN: Jason Haag.

18 MR. HAAG: Jason Haag, here.

19 MS. ALLEN: Teresa Hamilton.

20 MR. GILBERT: Jerry Gilbert alternate
21 for Teresa Hamilton.

22 MS. ALLEN: Thank you. Donald Hudson.

23 Dr. Isaacs.

24 MR. ISAACS: Present.

25 MS. ALLEN: Al Kim.

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Redlener. 3 MR. REDLENER: Redlener, present. 4 MS. ALLEN: David Simmons. Carl -- 5 MS. MONTROSE: Carla Montrose, 6 alternate. 7 MS. ALLEN: Okay. Carla Simpson. 8 MS. SIMPSON: Carla Simpson, present. 9 MS. ALLEN: Christopher Smith. 10 MR. SMITH: Christopher Smith, 11 present. 12 MS. ALLEN: Chad Smith. 13 MR. SMITH: Chad Smith, present. 14 MS. ALLEN: David Violante. 15 MR. VIOLANTE: Violante, present. 16 MS. ALLEN: Roll call complete. We 17 have quorum. 18 MR. HUDSON: Excuse, Mr. Chair, Hudson 19 present and just walked in. 20 CHAIR MCEVOY: So noted. First item 21 of business is to review the minutes of the December 22 6th, 2023 meeting. Any comments, corrections, death 23 threats otherwise or I'll entertain a motion to -- 24 MR. WASHKO: Motion to approve, Mr. 25 Chairman.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. PHILIPPY: Second piece of 3 correspondence, just on the NOLREMS letter too, I 4 just want to say thank you to NOLREMS too for 5 identifying what they see is, some issues and 6 troubles. Some of which we were aware of, you know, 7 and working with, I think, at the point of getting a 8 letter. 9 But also some that I think just 10 further emphasize things that maybe we weren't aware 11 of. And so that opportunity to be able to see it, 12 respond to it, address it, and work together on 13 mutual expectations really was appreciated. 14 So thank you for that one and to any 15 region that feels that they're having issues or 16 specific things related to instructors education, you 17 know, the opportunity to -- to write a letter to the 18 bureau or to State council or anything to work on 19 solutions. 20 We encourage, we know that, you know, 21 some things are -- take longer than desired at times. 22 But we work on a regular basis to correct that, but 23 please don't, you know, don't ever assume I guess at 24 what I would say is that we always know of every 25 issue or things that kind of a problem and you're</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 welcome to bring that at any point to us. 3 MR. DEAVERS: Question Mr. Chair, 4 would that be made part of the minutes then we could 5 read it at a leisure, that letter? 6 CHAIR MCEVOY: It was posted on 7 Boardable for members. 8 MR. GREENBERG: It is a document, I 9 believe is also -- it's not posted on the website, 10 but it's listed as a document for correspondence. 11 They'd have to contact Teresa but she can email that 12 out. There's some particular personal names that are 13 mentioned. So that's the reason I know. 14 CHAIR MCEVOY: As Mr. Lewis says the 15 second correspondence received December 20th, from 16 the Southwestern Regional E.M.S. Council and it is a 17 request to delay sunseting of the critical care 18 level until July 1, 2030, to whom it may concern I am 19 writing to express the position of Southwest Regional 20 E.M.S. Council regarding the proposed sunseting of 21 critical care level within New York State E.M.S. 22 We appreciate the ongoing efforts of 23 the Training and Education Committee to review and 24 enhance the E.M.S. curriculum, ensuring the highest 25 standard of care for our communities. After careful</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 collaboratively in ensuring that any changes made to 3 the E.M.S. curriculum align with the best interests 4 of both providers and the patients we serve. 5 Thank you for your time and 6 consideration. Tom Sampson, Chairman Southwestern 7 Regional E.M.S. Council. And this will be an item of 8 discussion on the agenda later today. That's all the 9 correspondence that I have. 10 Next item is Chairman's report. And I 11 want to take a second to present an award to Michael 12 Benamonte. If he could come up here. This is an 13 award that is given annually by the folks from Pulse 14 Check the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue 15 Association. 16 And where is he? Well, there he is, 17 coming from behind. And it basically says this is 18 presented to an individual for consistent work 19 spanning 10 or more years of teaching, publication, 20 or research, and then, in addition have a profound 21 impact toward improving E.M.S. services or systems at 22 the local, State, or national level, including 23 positive impact on the volunteer nonprofit E.M.S. 24 community. 25 And this is proudly presented to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 consideration and consultation with our stakeholders, 3 Southwestern Regional E.M.S. Council strongly 4 recommends that sunseting the critical care level be 5 delayed until no earlier than July 1, 2030. 6 Our region has experienced the 7 benefits of having critical care level providers who 8 bring advanced skills and specialized training to the 9 pre-hospital setting. These providers play a crucial 10 role in improving patient outcomes, especially in 11 cases where a high level of care is required during 12 transport. 13 Sunseting of the critical care level 14 will prematurely lead to a crisis in our region. We 15 acknowledge the need for periodic review and updates 16 to E.M.S. education certification standards. 17 However, we believe that extending the timeframe for 18 sunseting the critical care level will allow us more 19 time to address potential challenges in bridging to 20 paramedic and ensuring smooth transition for the 21 E.M.S. providers in our region. 22 We appreciate your attention to this 23 matter and your commitment to maintaining the highest 24 standards of care within the New York State E.M.S. 25 system. We look forward to an opportunity to work</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 Michael T. Benamonte from the LaGrange Fire District, 3 who as you all know was the gentleman who was 4 responsible for the report heard round the world on 5 E.M.S. systems sustainability, so congratulations. 6 And I'm probably going to ask him to 7 talk about another project a little bit later on 8 today. That is all I have, first vice chairman. 9 MR. VIOLANTE: Thanks, Mike, I have 10 nothing to report for this meeting. 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: Okay. And under second 12 vice chairman, it says that we're going to have a 13 training on Boardable. We were advised by counsel 14 that, since that applies only to the people seated at 15 the table here, that that might not be the best time 16 to do that at an open meeting. 17 Since the open people have no idea 18 what Boardable is, nor do they care. So we'll 19 schedule that with a WebEx or a actual Boardable 20 training. And then, we'll record it so that members 21 here who do use Boardable and those sitting around 22 the room will bash their heads against the wall 23 attempting to use Boardable can figure out how it 24 works at some point in the next month or so. 25 I'm also going to make some slight</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 tweaks in the order of committees because a couple of 3 them that require someone else to talk prior to them 4 for you to understand the flow here. So we'll start 5 out I guess with the E.M.S. staff report, Director 6 Greenberg. 7 MR. GREENBERG: Thank you so much. 8 Welcome, everybody. And I actually have the honor, 9 at the beginning of our bureau report to introduce 10 Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Doug Fish, who is the Deputy 11 Commissioner of O.P.C.H.S.M., which is the office of 12 which we report up to within Department of Health and 13 has come to join us for part of our meeting here 14 today and want to give me an opportunity to say a few 15 words, introduce himself. 16 He is formerly you might know Dr. 17 Morley was in the deputy commissioner spot and Dr. 18 Fish is the new deputy commissioner. 19 MR. FISH: Thank you, Ryan. And good 20 afternoon, everyone. It's a real honor privilege to 21 be with you today. As Ryan said, Dr. Morley retired, 22 you know, in December. So I stepped in an acting 23 deputy commissioner role in the primary care hospital 24 management world. So it is a real privilege to be 25 with you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 emergency, just so willingly and graciously. And it 3 was endless hours that everyone put in during the 4 pandemic. 5 And to know, I was on the ground in 6 Javits with Ryan and Steve and all of you in your 7 various communities. So thank you for all that you 8 did to help us get through and navigate and survive 9 the SARS-COVID-2 pandemic. 10 And I just will pause and take a 11 moment to see if you have any questions. If I can't 12 answer, I'm sure our team can, but just wanted to 13 give the opportunity and again to say thank you for 14 what you do. All right, Ryan, back to you. Thank 15 you. 16 DR. GREENBERG: Dr. Fish, I feel 17 obligated to tell you that the questions normally 18 don't come on the first time but as soon as they feel 19 comfortable on the second time, there's going to be 20 many. But I will say and again, I think, you know, 21 Dr. Morley came to us and started his career as an 22 E.M.T. Dr. -- Dr. Fish's, you know, with us now and 23 truly boots on the ground. 24 We've worked together at Javits many 25 hours and late nights. And so really excited to have</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 My background is that for the last 3 nine years, I've been with the department in the 4 Medicaid office. So I've been the chief medical 5 officer and still working in that capacity while I've 6 been doing this acting role. So had learned a lot 7 about the department, but I'm learning a lot more 8 now. So it's been a really good experience. 9 Before that, I practiced for over 20 10 years internal medicine, infectious disease and still 11 see patients in the hospital on weekends where I do 12 consulting. So all that to say just how much I 13 personally and we in the department value all the 14 work that you do day in and day out to keep New 15 Yorkers safe. So it's a daunting task that you take 16 on without complaint. 17 So we're just deeply appreciative. 18 And thank you for all that you do, all that you do to 19 advise the department, our office in particular. We 20 are indebted to you for your service. So I thank you 21 for that. And I have had just the great opportunity 22 to work with Ryan and Steve. 23 It really started, I'll just mention 24 that at Javits, right, that's where we first 25 interacted. So you all came to that public health</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 you here and a part of this and a part of the team. 3 So going into the bureau report for operations, we 4 continue to do our initial prior to full-service 5 inspections, we continue to send out the survey for a 6 self-assessment of an agency. 7 We had a really interesting update in 8 this -- in the past few days, that we're going to be 9 working with the quality committee to take an 10 opportunity during this full-service inspection at 11 the end of this full-service inspections to share 12 some additional information related to quality and to 13 share maybe a one pager that the quality committee is 14 going to come up with where agencies can find just 15 information, what they can do, some best practices 16 and what they can look for, for work. We recognize 17 that a full-service inspection is part of an 18 inspection. But it's also an opportunity to learn. 19 It's an opportunity for district 20 chiefs to share information out there to share things 21 with other agencies. So that they can see kind of 22 best practices from around the State and, you know, 23 kind of bring them into their agencies not have to 24 recreate the wheel, we're happy to see that one move 25 forward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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2 On the administration front, we
3 continue to move forward on putting contracts in
4 place and paying invoices and paying, you know,
5 having the program agency contracts and the REMSCO
6 contracts, have their invoices submitted and things
7 of that nature.
8 We had a really good conversation on
9 Monday with the program agencies, talking about a
10 number of different things, one of which is, in some
11 cases, we see in about a third of our program
12 agencies under spending in the REMSCO funding.
13 And so we're going to share some of
14 that additional information out. But one of the
15 other things that we talked about there was what are
16 some other opportunities that REMSCO can spend money
17 on. So how would they spend money and so that
18 opportunity there.
19 So we're going to work on some of
20 those things in order to -- to get the money that's
21 allocated out there and you know, it's there or it
22 disappears, out to those REMSCO that would like to
23 use it. Same thing on the program agencies, you
24 know, we have many program agencies around the state
25 doing, you know, excellent work in helping with each

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2 of you within your regions.
3 And, you know, yet we still see an
4 underspend in a lot of that. And so one of the asks
5 that came up in this one, the program agencies were -
6 - how is that or why is that. And can we help each
7 other in spending that.
8 So we're going to be sharing some
9 additional information with that program agency
10 groups on that one. As well as there was an
11 excellent report given to us on, sorry, sign-in
12 sheets going around, there was an excellent report
13 given to us from the Finance Committee related to
14 funds and aid to localities.
15 So for those who -- who aren't aware
16 our aid to localities funding pays for program
17 agency, it pays REMSCO funding and it pays education
18 over the past several years, since COVID, really,
19 that prior to COVID, that group or that pot of money
20 was spent every year and ran out every year, it was
21 great.
22 And since then, it has been several
23 million dollars under spent. And so we are working
24 towards that of how do we get back to making sure
25 that we're providing enough education out there, as

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2 well as some of the initiatives that was given from
3 this body from the Finance Committee. I think Steve
4 might talk about it later, I'm not sure.
5 But some recommendations, some were
6 for some increases in different things to see some
7 additional funding. So they're all recommendations
8 in to have certain components of that have increased
9 funding coming along with it in the future, something
10 that I'm sure many of your programming teams would
11 say they haven't seen since I think 1999 was the last
12 time that we saw that.
13 And then, the ultimate goal would be
14 to assist in regular, maybe even smaller increases so
15 it's not just stagnant. There is money that's within
16 aid to localities right now that that we see, we'd be
17 able to make these initiatives possible.
18 And so we're excited to see that come
19 up in the future as well. So we're moving forward on
20 that one, again, working with several different
21 groups in order to make that happen. So in the world
22 of education, we have several pilot programs out
23 there and this is my asked to everybody in the E.M.S.
24 community that's -- that's watching as well as
25 everyone around this table.

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2 These pilot programs were developed
3 out of asks from each of you, how can you improve
4 your agency, how can you improve your -- we used to
5 get members in, how can you improve different things
6 on -- on providing education for free.
7 And so we created these pilot
8 programs, we've had a lack of engagement related to
9 these pilot programs. And so we're really trying to
10 figure out how do we increase this lack of
11 engagement. One of the pilot programs is an academy
12 style class paying reimbursement at a higher rate in
13 order to be able to train E.M.T.s and paramedic --
14 train E.M.T.s in a shorter period of time.
15 And we just haven't had that many
16 apply to run those programs. One of the suggestions
17 that came up in the past two days, was to possibly do
18 what we did when this program was originally
19 established. When it was originally established, it
20 was established for six hundred and fifty E.M.T.
21 seats to learn how to become an E.M.T.
22 And it was done with about 400 of them
23 going to National Guard and 250 going to civilians.
24 We were told literally across the board that they ran
25 out of seats, they didn't have enough, they wish they

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 would get more. 3 And so when we made the academy's 4 pilot program, we thought, well, if we make it for 5 every core sponsor, it would run out of seats again, 6 it'd be another good thing. It hasn't taken that 7 same path forward. 8 And so one of the recommendations that 9 came forward was, well, can you do it with a set 10 deadline, can we do it the same time again that you 11 did with the first one. Maybe that will attract then 12 you can advertise in the same thing. 13 So it's one things we're going to look 14 at, we're going to see if we can do it as a 15 coordinated group and, you know, maybe have 20 16 classes happen at the same time, the way that we did 17 the last time and I think Chief Chesney is looking at 18 me right now, like, hold on, I know what the work was 19 like for the last pilot program when we did this all 20 at once. 21 And so we're going to look at it, one 22 of the things is with hopefully some a little bit 23 more advanced notice and not as crunched together. 24 In addition, in the world of -- of education, we have 25 our C.M.E. and our reciprocity programs that really</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 work in moving that forward and being able to get 3 additional providers out onto the road into your 4 agencies that are there. 5 From the regulations point of view 6 education regulations, they were out for public 7 comment, they closed yesterday. And we did get a 8 number of public comments. Thank you for everybody 9 who did respond. We're working on our part now 10 internally, to respond to -- to look at all those and 11 evaluate if there's any significant changes that need 12 to happen. 13 If significant changes do need to 14 happen, it'll go out for public comment period again 15 for sixty days, and then, come back if significant 16 changes do not need to occur, then you will see them 17 most likely at the May meeting, we'll be able to 18 implement those changes at the May meeting. 19 Including moving from a three-year to 20 a four-year certification, because that's what most 21 people tend to notice in that one gigantic packet. 22 In regards to NEMESIS, in our data and informatics 23 folks, 3.5 is out, the scheme turns out, you can 24 start as early as next Tuesday, if you chose to, to 25 roll out 3.5 in your community.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 appropriate places in the appropriate times. 3 E.M.S. for children continues to do a 4 lot of different projects around the State in the 5 eyes and ears that are out there on a regular basis 6 to higher education, delivering different things. 7 And one of the big things that is out there now is we 8 have an emergency department program for Always Ready 9 For Children, which supports pediatric readiness. 10 This is very much like the PEG program 11 that you see for your agencies. By the way, if 12 anybody wants to sign up one, please do. And it is 13 now out there for emergency departments as well. 14 There's also an E.M.S. for -- E.M.S. for children 15 survey that will be coming out in May. 16 That's a federal survey that comes out 17 to see how agent -- E.M.S. agencies in New York State 18 are doing, related to emergency prepare -- sorry, 19 related to care of pediatric patients within New York 20 State. And then, the last on the E.M.S. for children 21 side is the next advisory council meeting is here at 22 the Hilton Garden Inn on May 6th. 23 Vital Signs coming up in October, call 24 for speakers just closed. We had a record number of 25 call for speakers this year, more than we've ever</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 understand, I'll just leave it at that. Make sure 3 you go to the mother ship. 4 The last part of Vital Signs this year 5 is that I'll bring up for Vital Signs is related to 6 special operations. So we have a new track this 7 year, a special operations and rescue track. This is 8 feedback from our E.M.S. community related to wanting 9 to know more, wanting to, you know, be out there and 10 do something different. 11 For those who are in E.M.S. as well if 12 you are really hardcore into special operations 13 things don't forget about down in New York City on 14 May 2nd to the 5th of 2024. They also have their 15 special operations training that happens at their 16 fire academy. And it is -- it's incredible. So I'll 17 just leave it at that one too. 18 Two different options for some 19 education going on in that one. Our memorial happens 20 Wednesday, May 22nd, this year, it's on a Wednesday, 21 not the Tuesday. There are eight honorees that are 22 going on the wall. And that will hopefully include 23 our new E.M.S. memorial. So our tree has filled up 24 and it's time to expand. 25 Unfortunately, as we expand, we will</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 seen before. Vital Signs 2023 was really successful. 3 We hope to see that success happen in 2024 as well, 4 it'll be happening from October 16th to the 20th. 5 We were actually just out there for a 6 planning meeting. And really excited to see the 7 space, really excited to notice that we can add more 8 tracks and do things that some other spaces just 9 doesn't have the space to be there, looking at both, 10 you know, things that are on the education front, but 11 also things for those who come to be able to see the 12 City, to be able to see more, to be able to see this 13 amazing museum called the World of Play and the 14 Strong Trauma Center and different things. 15 So we're really looking at a lot of 16 different things that are out there to -- to, you 17 know, kind of increase your education, but also offer 18 you the opportunity to see another part of the State. 19 For those of you who don't know, I know I mentioned 20 the SEMAC, I mentioned at Tier 2. 21 It is the home of the first Wegmans, 22 I've learned a lot about Wegmans and supermarkets. 23 This place is incredible. When you turn and say, why 24 did Director Greenberg say I should go to a 25 supermarket for dinner? When you go there, you'll</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 have a tree in the middle. And then, there will be 3 two wings that will have the names engraved and 4 people who come will be able to etch the name of 5 their loved one that is up on either side or either 6 one of the wings as described. 7 And thank you to everybody on this 8 council who helped in planning and designing the new 9 memorial. Some other things just in other items. So 10 the blood regulations are moving forward in order to 11 have, be able to store and carry blood in air 12 medical. 13 The Community Paramedicine Advisory 14 Group is being developed right now. And they'll be 15 working on community paramedicine regulations related 16 to the pilot program that is currently in place. The 17 county assistance five million dollar grant which is 18 a grant that will offer up to five hundred thousand 19 dollars for 10 counties, is -- is moving forward. 20 Hopefully that will be out in May or 21 June of this year. And OASIS, so we have a mental 22 health and well-being program that was run by Jenny 23 Salman from the Bureau of E.M.S. that was funded by 24 OASIS for the past couple of years that will be 25 coming to sunset in -- the live classes will be</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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2 coming to a sunset in March of this year.
3 And I -- we're really excited to see
4 that we'll continue online training. But the
5 opportunity train several hundred providers over the
6 past couple of years in this additional training made
7 our day of how to deal with patients with substance
8 abuse and mental health illnesses.
9 We know this is a big issue and we
10 know that this is, you know, a factor of things but I
11 just wanted to stop and thank Jenny for all of the
12 work that you've done over the past couple of years
13 with this one to make this project as successful as
14 it has been. So thank you, Jenny.
15 [Applause]
16 **MR. GREENBERG:** On regulations, we
17 spoke about education just a few minutes ago, the
18 equipment regulations are continuing to move through
19 the process. In relation to the Rural Health
20 Ambulance Task Force, I think somebody's going to be
21 -- is he going to be giving an update later? Yeah,
22 so you'll be getting an update later on that one.
23 So I'm going to stay away from that
24 one. There is with Part V., so the budget has Part
25 V. in it, which has a lot related to E.M.S.,

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2 essential services, and expansion to community
3 paramedicine program, and a number of different
4 things.
5 We'll be doing WebEx sessions for all
6 the SEMSCO members, the SEMAC members, the REMAC
7 members, the REMSCO members and our E.M.S. community
8 as a whole. So we encourage you sometime over the
9 next couple of weeks to join us for one of these
10 meetings. We'll be posting those dates.
11 The E.M.S. leadership call, which
12 happens on the third Thursday of every month, this
13 month has been expanded from one hour to an hour-and-
14 a-half. In order to do that presentation there you
15 can sign up right on our website.
16 If you go to E.M.S. forms page,
17 there's a drop down there to sign up for those
18 leadership briefings, this month that we related to
19 Part V. One of the things that's also come up is the
20 State E.M.S. task force.
21 So there are two one-page flyers that
22 should have been given to everybody on this, on any
23 of the councils and there are public documents which
24 are shared with everyone. There are two two-pagers,
25 one of the two-pagers is related to Part V., it talks

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2 about each of those sections, breaks it down a little
3 bit.
4 What -- what it's about, the other one
5 is related to State E.M.S. task force. So State
6 E.M.S. taskforce was put into legislation last year
7 as -- as initiatives in order to be better prepared
8 for disasters, when they happen to being able to
9 mobilize quickly.
10 And so that two-pager talks a little
11 bit about the taskforce, what the framework would be,
12 where things are moving forward with. The biggest
13 part of the task force is our public private
14 partnerships. So the task force will have about
15 sixty ambulances, but won't have an ambulance, it
16 will have sixty ambulances through partnerships with
17 local agencies.
18 They will be paid for readiness,
19 they'll be paid to have one of their ambulances
20 available and ready should a disaster occur, and to
21 be able to roll that out. There'll be 25 B.L.S.
22 ambulances, 25 A.L.S. ambulances and 10 critical care
23 ambulances that will be under contract.
24 That contract and payment for
25 readiness also allows us to be able to turn the

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2 switch on in a matter of hours, as opposed to a
3 matter of days. Because there's already a contract
4 in place. This is a huge factor.
5 When we talk about that snowstorm from
6 last year, we talked about Buffalo. And we talked
7 about how long it took us as a State to be able to
8 help the local area, it took us six days. Under this
9 task force, under these contracts put in place, we'll
10 be able to make that happen in six hours, opposed to
11 six days to be able to mobilize and make these things
12 happen.
13 That's a huge difference and we're
14 really excited to see that. In addition, there is
15 State staff who will be hired full-time, there are a
16 number of positions in there, about 80 paramedics
17 will be hired Statewide, throughout the entire State,
18 to help with our day-to-day preparedness, help with
19 the readiness, to help with the equipment, to help
20 with other things.
21 When we talk about great ideas and
22 concepts coming out of these two days, this is one of
23 them. We had a conversation, like we need every
24 paramedic we could, you know, Alan Lewis on a regular
25 basis reminds us of that, you know, in the field and

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 doing these things. 3 And so we need a lot of different 4 things in order to make things function, in order to 5 make us ready to respond to a disaster or an 6 immediate emergency when things happen. And so there 7 are -- there are about 80 positions that will come 8 into this task force to help the day-to-day to 9 planning. 10 Now, we understand that hearing some 11 of the concerns of this one over the course of two 12 days, we also recognize we need to work to help 13 increase the number of paramedics and make sure that 14 there's not, you know, a number that goes down that 15 80 number seems like a lot, but that's also over 16 probably a two-year period-ish, you know, it depends 17 on timing of things. 18 And what we're going to do at the 19 State is we're going to look to see, for every 20 paramedic position that we, you know, look to hire in 21 the State, can we fund an E.M.T. to go to paramedic 22 training, to make sure that each of those positions 23 is, you know, backfilled or supplemented in the 24 E.M.S. 25 And then, I think if we set up the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 sure that we have allocated resources and staff 3 around the State, in order to be able to respond to 4 an emergency when we're in it. Each zone has two 5 economic development areas within it. 6 And if there's an emergency, let's say 7 in Nassau County and there's flooding and Nassau 8 County calls the State and says, we need additional 9 X, what we would do is not pull resources from the 10 zoning which is affected. 11 So if Zone 1 is affected, we're going 12 to work from Zone 2 or Zone 3 or Zone 4, pull those 13 contracted resources in from those zones, pull their 14 specialized equipment in from those zones so that 15 we're not affecting the local resources, which 16 probably are already taxed, if they're calling us at 17 the State level to say we need help. 18 So the zones are literally just the 19 distribution, each zone will have that cache of five 20 B.L.S. and five A.L.S. ambulances under partnership 21 with those public private partnerships. The zones 22 will be divided and, you know, so that we know how to 23 respond the way we respond to where things are, as 24 well as to make sure there's a certain amount of 25 equipment in each part of our State and that is the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 model correctly, maybe we can even continue to do 3 that after. So if there's, you know, 80 positions 4 that or 80 people who are trained as paramedics under 5 State funding. Is there another 80 after, is there 6 funding for another 80 after, and then, continue to 7 not just keep the number the same of paramedics 8 around the State. But to increase the number of 9 paramedics around the State. 10 And so the task force will be working 11 on different initiatives like that as well. The 12 testers will also be purchasing specialized equipment 13 and supplies and things like that, you know, in order 14 to move that forward and be ready and to be able to 15 respond in a short period of time should the need 16 exist. 17 MR. : Talk about zones. 18 MR. GREENBERG: Zones, thank you. So 19 one of the big questions that we get with the task 20 force in this if you look at it, you'll see that the 21 task force is separated out into five zones. This is 22 not the districts from last year, probably the 23 biggest question, zones are not the districts from 24 last year. 25 All the zones do is allow us to make</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 zones within it. 3 They are truly working within the 4 system and working within that given area in order to 5 supplement and provide additional resources. Last 6 but not least, there are two people who I'd like to 7 mention. So Dr. Lewis Marshall, who I think 8 unfortunately had to go home and already, so he is on 9 his way back down to New York City. 10 He has served the council for almost 11 25 years and almost 20 years I think as Med Standards 12 Chair. He did say that he became Med Standard Chair 13 because he made the mistake of going out for a cup of 14 coffee and came back in and became chair. 15 But I will say it was probably one of 16 the best decisions, both the team meeting going to 17 get a cup of coffee and whoever was in the room to 18 move him into that role. And he's a phenomenal 19 leader. He's done amazing things for us at the 20 State. 21 I think in the New York City region, 22 as well as under his leadership down there and really 23 has been a true mentor to me and many of the 24 department staff on, you know, protocols and just 25 history, you know, I would, you know, ask him</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 questions on certain things. 3 And all of a sudden, two days later, 4 he'd call and say, I looked this up, by the way, I 5 read the minutes from, you know, 2004. And we said 6 this and I was like, how did you even find that. So 7 I just want to say thank you to -- to him for all his 8 leadership, his years of service and his commitment 9 to the E.M.S. community and his physician direction. 10 So thank you, Dr. Lewis Marshall. 11 [Applause] 12 MR. GREENBERG: Second, I would like 13 to thank our immediate past Chairman, Mark Philippy, 14 who has been sitting on council for a number of years 15 now and, you know, closer to the -- the amount of 16 time that I've been here. But his -- his term is 17 coming near to an end now and his service, his time, 18 his commitment and his commitment to making sure that 19 I move things forward or different things and didn't 20 lose track of time was absolutely incredible. 21 We spent many late nights on the phone 22 calls together, his drives back and forth are 23 sometimes the -- the perfect time to capture I think 24 both of us. But the ability to take a committee like 25 this and really unite it, have it focus on, you know,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 that group to kind of see what the -- what the role 3 of these -- these groups, SEMAC SEMSCO are in to 4 advise from an E.M.S. point of view as being the 5 physicians who have the best understanding of 6 paramedic scope of practice. So just bring that to 7 you as a suggestion from those scripts. 8 MR. GREENBERG: Anything that was made 9 during the -- the last one, I appreciate the 10 suggestion and we'll absolutely be looking to make 11 sure that there is representation of, you know, our 12 State council members, you know, in forming that 13 committee. 14 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. And with 15 that, we're out of time. I'll take a motion -- no. 16 SEMAC Chair, Dr. Doynow. 17 MR. DOYNOW: This will be rather 18 quick. As Ryan mentioned, we did thank Dr. Marshall 19 for being the Med Standard's Chair for over 20 years. 20 And his choice to get a cup of coffee at the right 21 time. We also want to mention Dr. Rabrich is now the 22 new Med Standard's Shair and he's not smiling as much 23 as Dr. Marshall was when he left the room. 24 Other issues, State Medical Director 25 is going forward, Ryan had mentioned before it looks</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 a common goal, have it move things forward is 3 something that, you know, many leaders strive to do. 4 Not everybody achieves it, but it is 5 absolutely something that you've achieved, we've 6 achieved amazing things over the past couple of years 7 under your leadership. I would like to say thank you 8 for everything that you've done as chair, everything 9 that you continue to do for the E.M.S. community, and 10 everything that you've done to make E.M.S. advance in 11 New York State. So thank you very much. 12 [Applause] 13 MR. GREENBERG: With that, that's the 14 end of my report. 15 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any questions for 16 Director Greenberg? 17 MR. RABRICH: Yes. 18 CHAIR MCEVOY: Okay. 19 MR. RABRICH: Yes. So with regard to 20 community paramedicine, you talked about the advisory 21 group and as you know, there was some lively 22 discussions around community paramedicine earlier 23 today and I think the consensus of the physician 24 participants is the importance of an E.M.S. physician 25 representative of those bodies participating with</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 like it's going to be a full-time position. And I 3 think we'll get some qualified people applying for 4 that. Let's see, Al already gave us a lot of 5 information on E.M.S. essential services is slowly 6 moving forward, which I think is very important. And 7 I guess he'll give a better report when we get to 8 legislative later today. 9 And with that, I'm going to turn it 10 over to Dr. Rabrich to talk about the second mo -- 11 motions from Med Standards. 12 MR. RABRICH: Thank you. So Med 13 Standards brought forth seconded motions regarding 14 the protocols. The first was the collaborative 15 A.L.S. protocol update, which included the 16 alternative medication formulary and hospice care 17 protocols. 18 That was approved by the SEMAC. So we 19 bring that here, those protocols. 20 MR. DOYNOW: Can we see that? 21 MR. RABRICH: It's got to warm up. 22 It's warming up. 23 MR. DOYNOW: It's a State projector. 24 MR. RABRICH: Yeah. Basically, the 25 motion is to -- to approve the collaborative A.L.S.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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2 protocol update. It's fading into view now.
3 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** And it -- there was
4 some discussion about --
5 **MR. RABRICH:** Yes.
6 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** -- effecting date and
7 they did make their motion say that it would follow
8 the usual plan even though this should have been
9 voted on --
10 **MR. RABRICH:** Correct.
11 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** -- December when we
12 didn't have a quorum. It was -- it will be voted on
13 here today and if approved will go into effect as
14 planned July 1.
15 **MR. RABRICH:** Correct. So that --
16 that is the motion for this group for approval if
17 there's discussion on the A.L.S. protocol update.
18 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Hearing none, can we
19 have a roll call vote?
20 **MS. ALLEN:** Scott Clark.
21 **MR. CLARK:** Scott Clark, yes.
22 **MS. ALLEN:** Dr. Crupi.
23 **MR. CRUPI:** Crupi, yes.
24 **MS. ALLEN:** Mark Deavers.
25 **MR. DEAVERS:** Mark Deavers, yes.

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2 **MS. ALLEN:** Don DuVall.
3 **MR. DUVALL:** DuVall, yes.
4 **MS. ALLEN:** Michele Forness.
5 **MS. FORNESS:** Mickey Forness, yes.
6 **MS. ALLEN:** Carl Gandolfo.
7 **MR. GANDOLFO:** Carl Gandolfo, yes.
8 **MS. ALLEN:** Gregory Gill.
9 **MR. GILL:** Gill, yes.
10 **MS. ALLEN:** Jason Haag.
11 **MR. HAAG:** Jason Haag, yes.
12 **MS. ALLEN:** Don Hudson.
13 **MR. HUDSON:** Don Hudson, yes.
14 **MS. ALLEN:** Dr. Isaacs.
15 **MR. ISAACS:** Isaacs, yes.
16 **MS. ALLEN:** Al Kim.
17 **MR. KIM:** Al Kim, yes.
18 **MS. ALLEN:** Steve Kroll.
19 **MR. KROLL:** Kroll, yes.
20 **MS. ALLEN:** Andrew Knoell.
21 **MR. KNOELL:** Andrew Knoell, yes.
22 **MS. ALLEN:** Jared Kutzin.
23 **MR. KUTZIN:** Jared Kutzin, yes.
24 **MS. ALLEN:** Al Lewis.
25 **MR. LEWIS:** Al Lewis, yes.

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2 **MS. ALLEN:** William Masterton.
3 **MR. MASTERTON:** William Masterton,
4 yes.
5 **MS. ALLEN:** Michael McEvoy.
6 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** McEvoy, yes.
7 **MS. ALLEN:** Elizabeth McGown.
8 **MS. MCGOWN:** Elizabeth McGown, yes.
9 **MS. ALLEN:** Mark Philipp.
10 **MR. PHILIPPY:** Philipp, yes.
11 **MS. ALLEN:** MaryAnne Portoro.
12 **MS. PORTORO:** MaryAnne Portoro, yes.
13 **MS. ALLEN:** Dr. Rabrich.
14 **MR. RABRICH:** Rabrich, yes.
15 **MS. ALLEN:** Dr. Redlener.
16 **MR. REDLENER:** Redlener, yes.
17 **MS. ALLEN:** Carla Simpson.
18 **MS. SIMPSON:** Carla Simpson, yes.
19 **MS. ALLEN:** Christopher Smith.
20 **MR. SMITH:** Smith, yes.
21 **MS. ALLEN:** Chad Smith.
22 **MR. SMITH:** Chad Smith, yes.
23 **MS. ALLEN:** And David Violante.
24 **MR. VIOLANTE:** Violante, yes.
25 **MS. ALLEN:** Motion passes.

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2 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Thank you.
3 **MR. RABRICH:** Thank you. The next
4 motion was on the B.L.S. protocol update. The same
5 motion that it be approved with the implementation
6 date of July 1, as the A.L.S. one was. So any
7 discussion on the B.L.S. protocol?
8 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** All right, hearing
9 none.
10 **MS. ALLEN:** Scott Clark.
11 **MR. CLARK:** Scott Clark, yes.
12 **MS. ALLEN:** Dr. Crupi.
13 **MR. CRUPI:** Bob Crupi, yes.
14 **MS. ALLEN:** Mark Deavers.
15 **MR. DEAVERS:** Yes.
16 **MS. ALLEN:** Don DuVall.
17 **MR. DUVALL:** DuVall, yes.
18 **MS. ALLEN:** Mickey Forness.
19 **MS. FORNESS:** Mickey Forness, yes.
20 **MS. ALLEN:** Carl Gandolfo.
21 **MR. GANDOLFO:** Carl Gandolfo, yes.
22 **MS. ALLEN:** Greg Gill.
23 **MR. GILL:** Gill, yes.
24 **MS. ALLEN:** Jason Haag.
25 **MR. HAAG:** Jason Haag, yes.

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 was routed back to these three groups and so here it 3 is now having gone through Training and Ed and 4 through Med Standards and through SEMAC and basically 5 describes the process for sunseting the E.M.T. 6 critical care. 7 The bullets are, all expired E.M.T. 8 critical cares can continue to refresh at the 9 A.E.M.T. level via the established processes 10 indefinitely. The final E.M.T.C.C. to paramedic 11 bridge, will -- shall commence April 2026, to 12 coincide with, the next bullet, the A.L.S. 13 collaborative protocols will remove the E.M.T.C.C. 14 level of care when implemented on the annual revision 15 timeline, July 1, 2027. 16 And all currently certified New York 17 State E.M.T.C.C. shall expire July 1, 2027. Not 18 them, but their cards shall expire. And they will 19 automatically be recertified at that time as a 20 E.M.T.s for the duration of their certification 21 cycle. 22 And then all E.P.C.R. platforms in use 23 will reflect each previously certified E.M.T.C.C., at 24 their new level on July 1, 2027. Those are the 25 proposals that went through the three committees so</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 But I can't tell you -- we can -- I have to say this 3 quite loudly. We can't fill the ambulances we have 4 in some of our communities with trained people. 5 So those ambulances are sitting idle 6 until more people are trained to come into our 7 businesses and our volunteer groups. It's -- it's 8 across the board, it's not just paid services that 9 are experiencing in this. 10 So I caution us to be careful when we 11 start to eliminate E.M.S. people. Thank you very 12 much. 13 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you, yeah, Don. 14 MR. DUVALL: Now, we're just going to 15 add more procedural so there's a seconded motion that 16 will come forth from the Training and Ed that 17 literally is verbatim, are we handling all three at 18 once or do we have to re-vote when this same exact 19 motion comes up during Training and Ed's report. 20 We're lifting this from you. So it's 21 one burden off your shoulders. Thank you. 22 CHAIR MCEVOY: Happy to take the heat 23 for you. 24 MR. RABRICH: Are there other 25 discussion on this?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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 2 **MR. SMITH:** So Chad Smith from
 3 Midstate REMSCO. For a minute I didn't know where I
 4 was from. Just wanted to make sure I spell it right.
 5 So speaking from my region, I know we have several
 6 agencies that are reliant on critical cares for this
 7 and I know that it's a good thing.
 8 It's a good move for the industry to -
 9 - to sunset this and move them up to the paramedic
 10 level when they complete their training. It's good
 11 for the community paramedicine, it's good for
 12 everybody. But I mirror the -- the concerns of the
 13 southwest region of possibly looking at instead of
 14 2027, looking at 2030.
 15 One more cycle would help the
 16 agencies, would help the providers, get just that
 17 much closer to becoming paramedics then stepping down
 18 to the A.E.M.T. level. I don't know if anybody else
 19 has that same concern or same idea. But that's my
 20 thoughts.
 21 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Thank you. Sorry, go
 22 ahead.
 23 **MR. DUVALL:** It's all good. I believe
 24 that we should embrace standards and levels of
 25 certification consistent with the national scopes of

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 2 years now. None of us bring this to the table
 3 lightly.
 4 The -- the impetus behind setting a
 5 date was to give people, regions, agencies and, you
 6 know, ultimately serve our patients with a planned
 7 phase out. You know, having again been involved, as
 8 many of us were in the initial discussions way back
 9 when about setting, you know, talking about a sunset,
 10 the formulation of the bridge program, and everything
 11 that went into that up to date.
 12 You know, not making excuses for not
 13 setting a timeframe back then, but I think there was
 14 a lot of trepidation, as they were understandably
 15 would be today. The unknowns back then, where we
 16 really didn't know how many providers were in each
 17 region, who was active, most of the State wasn't on
 18 E.P.C.R. at the time, or we weren't -- we weren't
 19 capturing any sort of data on any level that any of
 20 us could feel certain about where we were, where we
 21 were going, where we wanted to be.
 22 I would suggest to the group that
 23 we're in a much different place right now. And, you
 24 know, whether it was right or wrong not to set a date
 25 back then, I think it's time to set a date now and

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 2 practice model in it. I am a firm believer in the
 3 A.E.M.T., as a mid-level.
 4 It would not hurt my feelings to see
 5 critical care completely sunsetted. However, as part
 6 of the original discussions, when we made the
 7 decision not to leave out the curriculum and continue
 8 investing in the level of care, we left an open-ended
 9 timeline.
 10 And some people had had discussions
 11 within the last couple of nights. Remember it as I
 12 do, we purposely left that timeline open. In
 13 hindsight, it may not have been the smartest move to
 14 get everybody on board.
 15 But at the same time, it's a promise
 16 we made at the time and I think we need to honor that
 17 promise and look at retiring the level through
 18 attrition as we originally planned.
 19 **MR. RABRICH:** Thank you. Other
 20 discussion?
 21 **MR. SMITH:** Thank you, Don. So as
 22 Chairman of the Training and Ed Committee, you know,
 23 we didn't take this lightly, as has been said, this
 24 has been an ongoing discussion actively for quite
 25 some time. And then, retrospectively for seven-plus

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 2 allow time, as proposed 2027, three years from now --
 3 three-plus years from now, for regions and providers
 4 to plan. As training and Ed Chair I was also -- I
 5 will offer to any regional provider, agency, or
 6 otherwise, to meet with them virtually, I'm not, you
 7 know, able to travel everywhere.
 8 But virtual is probably at least an
 9 initial option. And if that turns into an in-person
 10 appearance, that's fine. You're more than welcome to
 11 drive Downstate to see me too. But that being said,
 12 whatever the hold up, trepidation, misunderstanding,
 13 or lack of information.
 14 That information is that might be
 15 preventing somebody from bridging, that might be
 16 preventing an agency from embracing that, from might
 17 be, you know, preventing a SEMAC, a REMAC, or a
 18 REMSCO from looking at A.E.M.T. level of care.
 19 All of these things are rolled
 20 together to, you know, formalize our system,
 21 formalize our system rather and really move it ahead,
 22 not to take anything away, but to add. And I think,
 23 from Training and Ed's perspective, putting a date on
 24 this and giving people a plan to either move up or
 25 stabilize what has been a dying level of care for

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 some time is a value added, not a value removed. 3 So that being said, if anyone wants to 4 meet or discuss bridge or anything else, I would just 5 suggest to the group I know not everyone makes all 6 the meetings. But we did have a presentation from 7 Allegheny County that initially in December's meeting 8 voiced concern that, amongst other things, the 9 example I would give is that people couldn't drive 10 down to New York, down to Long Island in order to 11 take the bridge programming. 12 Only in coming here, asking the 13 question and challenging us, could we then explain to 14 them that while the bridge is essentially online, you 15 don't have to travel very much or anywhere to do it 16 and the part of their presentation that's pertinent 17 to the discussion is of the 12 or 14 current 18 E.M.T.C.C.s since that discussion in November, they 19 have all but two of them either in a bridge or 20 formulating to get into the bridge to stabilize their 21 system and push the level of care up, not down. 22 So kudos to them. Thank you for 23 coming to the table with the question initially and 24 I'm enamored by what you're able to pull off in the 25 last two months. So there was a success here. We</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. DUVALL: DuVall, no. 3 MS. ALLEN: Mickey Forness. 4 MS. FORNESS: Mickey Forness, no. 5 MS. ALLEN: Carl Gandolfo. 6 MR. GANDOLFO: Carl Gandolfo, yes. 7 MS. ALLEN: Gregory Gill. 8 MR. GILL: Gill, no. 9 MS. ALLEN: Jason Haag. 10 MR. HAAG: Jason Haag, yes. 11 MS. ALLEN: Don Hudson. 12 MR. HUDSON: Hudson, yes. 13 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Isaacs. 14 MR. ISAACS: Isaacs, yes. 15 MS. ALLEN: Al Kim. 16 MR. KIM: Al Kim, yes. 17 MS. ALLEN: Steve Kroll. 18 MR. KROLL: Kroll, yes. 19 MS. ALLEN: Andrew Knoell. 20 MR. KNOELL: Andrew Knoell, yes. 21 MS. ALLEN: Jared Kutzin. 22 MR. KUTZIN: Kutzin, yes. 23 MS. ALLEN: Al Lewis. 24 MR. LEWIS: No. 25 MS. ALLEN: William Masterton.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 just have to embrace that. So thank you. 3 MR. RABRICH: The letter from 4 Southwestern that was read during communications. 5 There was discussion about that this morning as well. 6 And it seemed to me like a little bit of a change at 7 heart. I wonder if, you know, I think it was Dr. 8 Walters, maybe one of the docs from the Southwestern 9 Region sounded as though they were a little bit 10 different in their position as well from when they 11 drafted their letter. If anybody wants to speak on 12 that. 13 MR. DUVALL: Yeah, for the record, Dr. 14 Walters voted in favor of this and could speak to it 15 so. 16 CHAIR MCEVOY: Got you. Okay, I think 17 we've had good discussion. Can we have a roll call 18 vote? 19 MS. ALLEN: Scott Clark. 20 MR. CLARK: Scott Clark, no. 21 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Crupi. 22 MR. CRUPI: Crupi, yes. 23 MS. ALLEN: Mark Deavers. 24 MR. DEAVERS: Mark Deavers, yes. 25 MS. ALLEN: Don DuVall.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. MASTERTON: William Masterton, 3 yes. 4 MS. ALLEN: Michael McEvoy. 5 CHAIR MCEVOY: McEvoy, yes. 6 MS. ALLEN: Elizabeth McGown. 7 MS. MCGOWN: McGown, yes. 8 MS. ALLEN: Mark Philippy. 9 MR. PHILIPPY: Philippy, yes. 10 MS. ALLEN: MaryAnne Portoro. 11 MS. PORTORO: MaryAnne Portoro, yes. 12 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Rabrich. 13 MR. RABRICH: Rabrich, yes. 14 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Redlener. 15 MR. REDLENER: Redlener, yes. 16 MS. ALLEN: Carla Simpson. 17 MS. SIMPSON: Carla Simpson, yes. 18 MS. ALLEN: Christopher Smith. 19 MR. SMITH: Chris Smith, yes. 20 MS. ALLEN: Chad Smith. 21 MR. SMITH: Chad Smith, no. 22 MS. ALLEN: David Violante. 23 MR. VIOLANTE: Violante, yes. 24 MS. ALLEN: Motion passes. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. RABRICH: Thank you. All right. 3 Thank you. So just on the protocols, as a reminder, 4 the protocols now go through legal review, and then, 5 be send to the commissioner to make sure that 6 everything's in alignment, for example, the 7 vaccination protocol if that comports with the 8 requirements. 9 And that'll be the next steps and that 10 concludes the Med Standard's report. 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any questions for Med 12 Standards? Before I jump over to Don for training 13 and Ed, I wanted to mention that Assembly Member, 14 Paulin, who is the highest ranking member of the 15 Assembly Committee on Health is here. 16 And Assemblywoman, would you like to 17 say a few words? 18 MS. PAULIN: Yes. 19 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you so much. 20 MS. PAULIN: Thank you. Can you all 21 hear me? You know, I am the post COVID health care, 22 I just have this committee for last year and this 23 year with the retirement of Jay Godfrey, mt good 24 friend and mentor, and inherited post COVID health 25 issues workforce shortage across the board.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 by which those kinds of decisions since with REMSCO, 3 it was nearly unanimous support, how are those 4 decisions made so it'll better help me understand 5 helping you in the future. 6 Helping everyone in the future, 7 helping the rural E.M.S., who are having the 8 workforce shortage and a location shortage, right, 9 it's -- the distances are ridiculously far. And yet 10 you want the response times to be the same as you 11 would in a suburban or urban area. 12 So we need to -- we have a lot of work 13 to do together, I look forward to it. And I look 14 forward to hearing all about the discussions going 15 forward. And I plan on following it much more 16 closely because of the dire need that we have. Thank 17 you. 18 MR. GREENBERG: Thank you so much. 19 [Applause] 20 MR. GREENBERG: Those of you who don't 21 know, as well, Assembly Member Paulin, the community 22 paramedicine bill that came through last year was one 23 of the initiatives that she had forwarded in that 24 front and has helped kind of really move us forward 25 in knowing a lot of the work not only her, but her</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 And of course, I would say, this one 3 stands out. Your service and your commitment to the 4 community is so paramount to our success in 5 healthcare. And I just want to thank you and 6 appreciate your leadership and all that you do. 7 And certainly, we're going to be 8 taking the governor's proposal very seriously. Last 9 year, you know, we were able to achieve some things 10 together. I was struck, however, in going through 11 last year and I don't know if it'll be the same, 12 although I do expect it will be, that there's really 13 no agreement among you. 14 There seems there were groups opposing 15 last year's changes and yet there were groups within 16 you supporting them. And that I think, can continue 17 if we're going to make progress, everyone has to 18 respect their own local area. 19 And I will say that the reason I came 20 today is because my local area is on the table on one 21 of your agenda items. And it's been delayed several 22 times. And, you know, we in our area need that 23 change in order for our local E.M.S. to be able to 24 survive. 25 So I wanted to understand the process</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 entire office, Mark is here as well. 3 But, you know, just being able to have 4 that and I think we're seeing more and more of E.M.S. 5 is, you know, it's in crisis, we have our problems. 6 But it's also being recognized. And I think this 7 just says a lot on that recognition of where we are 8 advancing and working to, you know, correct the 9 system in many different ways. So thank you also for 10 joining us today both of you. 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: Don Hudson. 12 MR. HUDSON: So I'll take a moment if 13 I may, before I give my education report. To the 14 legislative members that we now have in presence to 15 the deputy commissioners that we have their 16 attention. I haven't been here as long as some. 17 But I would suggest to this group that 18 we're in a position now that I don't know we've ever 19 found ourselves. So everyone's talking about E.M.S., 20 not just us. We see the people in this room continue 21 to grow, which was not always the case. 22 I don't know what viewership at home 23 is like. But I would hope that too is on the rise 24 either live or recorded. What I'm suggesting is, 25 now's the time, if ever to do the things that we</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 continue to talk about and debate and we're not going 3 to have unanimous agreement on anything. 4 I don't know that we should, we want 5 that conscientious dissension at times, especially to 6 spark debate. But I guess to our legislative 7 counterparts, I would ask for your help and guidance 8 in helping us navigate a world that is completely 9 alien to me, which is how the government works and 10 what the processes are to get things done. 11 And I understand that might be a whole 12 lifetime to understand if ever, but I want to say 13 that because I'm sure I'm not alone in the room. So 14 as we need the governor's help, as we want to provide 15 guidance to our Commissioner of Health and partner 16 with the people that represent the patients we -- we 17 serve our legislative counterparts. 18 It truly is, you know, a combined 19 effort. So enough about me, let's talk about you. 20 So the motion to allow, I guess we have two forwarded 21 motions coming forth. And I'm not going to be able 22 to read that either. Can one of the -- I know what 23 it says, but I don't know --. 24 MS. MCGOWN: Motion to allow the use 25 of calculators on all New York State E.M.S.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 to substitute in course, student's skills, 3 evaluations, and program student's skill portfolios 4 in place of a former one or two day practical skills 5 exam for paramedic, original students. 6 MR. HUDSON: And thank you to Ms. 7 McGown for being the reader. This also is sort of 8 tied or not sort of, it's tied to the cessation of 9 the National Registry Practical Skills Exam and the 10 continuing discussion of what impact that will have 11 on, in this case, paramedic original education, which 12 is the easiest of the lifts. 13 And then, what that impact will be in 14 further discussion as to the other levels of care. 15 CHAIR MCEVOY: . 16 Discussion on either of 17 these motions, calculators or practical and the 18 paramedic original? 19 MR. HAAG: Mr. Chair, if I may. Jason 20 Haag. Just curious about P.S.I. with the turning on 21 of the calculator option, I know there was a surprise 22 increase a few months ago, just want to make sure 23 this isn't going to cause another surprise increase 24 for the testing fee for P.S.I. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: Is Drew here? Drew -- Drew says no. Chief Chesney, come on up.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 certification exams. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: So that's a short one, 4 it mimics what the National Registry has done on 5 their exams some time ago. So it's again, sort of 6 leveling the playing field. Because this is 7 statutory and your next motion -- psychic hotline 8 says is also statutory. Could we bundle those, 9 unless someone finds this controversial? As I am 10 naive in the ways of how things are supposed to be 11 done, I will take your advisement and combine them 12 gladly. 13 MR. HUDSON: Mike, just to clarify 14 this motion, it's not bring your own calculator, 15 it'll be on the P.S.I., when you take the exam like 16 the National Registry for the folks outside. D.O.H. 17 would tell the testing vendor to turn on the 18 calculator on the screen for the student. 19 So then Mr. Chair, do you want to read 20 the other motion, we'll joint -- vote on them? 21 CHAIR MCEVOY: Yeah. 22 MR. HUDSON: Beth, you may have to 23 read this one too. 24 MS. MCGOWN: Effective July 1st, 2024, 25 to allow any programs, accredited paramedic program</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. CHESNEY: I didn't even get to 3 hear it, so I didn't really get to send it. 4 MR. KNOELL: With regard to the price 5 to the students. 6 MR. CHESNEY: I'm good. While I don't 7 have a definitive on that, I've already communicated 8 with P.S.I. on this possibility, and it was not one 9 of the items brought up. And as Ryan and I would say 10 to them, they owe us a couple favors, so I don't 11 assume this will be an issue. 12 MR. HAAG: That's the answer I was 13 hoping for, thank you. 14 MR. HUDSON: Perhaps it's not --. 15 MR. GREENBERG: You stated several 16 ticket complaint numbers for the calculator. Thank 17 you to all of you who have participated. 18 MR. HUDSON: Perhaps it's an 19 opportunity to remind P.S.I. they might have charged 20 us to turn it off. 21 MR. MCEVOY: Any other discussion on 22 either of the motions, if not, we will have a roll 23 call vote, they're both statutory. 24 MS. ALLEN: Okay. Scott Clark. 25 MR. CLARK: Scott Clark, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MS. ALLEN: Jared Kutzin? 3 MR. KUTZIN: Jared Kutzin, yes. 4 MS. ALLEN: Al Lewis? 5 MR. LEWIS: Al Lewis, yes. 6 MS. ALLEN: William Masterton? 7 MR. MASTERTON: William Masterton, 8 yes. 9 MS. ALLEN: Mike McEvoy? 10 CHAIR MCEVOY: McEvoy, yes. 11 MS. ALLEN: Elizabeth McGown? 12 MS. MCGOWN: McGown, yes. 13 MS. ALLEN: Mark Philippy? 14 MR. PHILIPPY: Philippy, yes. 15 MS. ALLEN: MaryAnne Portoro? 16 MS. PORTORO: MaryAnne Portoro, yes. 17 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Rabrich? 18 MR. RABRICH: Rabrich, yes. 19 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Redlener? 20 MR. REDLENER: Redlener, yes. 21 MS. ALLEN: Carla Simpson? 22 MS. SIMPSON: Carla Simpson, yes. 23 MS. ALLEN: Christopher Smith? 24 MR. SMITH: Chris Smith, yes. 25 MS. ALLEN: Chad Smith?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. KROLL: The committee is bringing 3 forward five motions and we'll do them one at a time. 4 I don't believe they require a roll call vote so we 5 can, you know, do them by voice vote. The first one 6 refers to something that Director Greenberg already 7 discussed. 8 To support needed growth in the E.M.S. 9 workforce, the Legislative Subcommittee asks SEMSCO 10 to recommend to the Bureau of E.M.S. that training 11 funds be used to support and pay for the paramedic 12 training of a number of paramedics equal to the 13 number that that are going to be hired by New York 14 State to staff -- New York State to staff the new 15 E.M.S. task force. 16 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any discussion on that 17 motion? If not, all in favor signify by raising your 18 hand? 19 ALL: Aye. 20 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any opposed, same sign. 21 Any abstentions? Motion carries. 22 MR. KROLL: The second motion that 23 will be up on the screen, I'm going to read the 24 original motion that was passed as a seconded motion 25 and then I'm going to ask the chair to allow me to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 make an amendment to the motion. 3 In some discussions earlier today we 4 felt some clarifying language that doesn't affect the 5 substance of the motion but affects the -- the -- how 6 it reads was important to do. So the original motion 7 is that the Legislative Subcommittee recommends that 8 SEMSCO endorse Senate Bill 5000 by Senator May and 9 Assembly Bill 4077 by Assemblywoman Lupardo that 10 remove E.M.S. services from the real property tax cap 11 to reduce barriers to E.M.S. funding. 12 The change that I'm going to move when 13 making the amendment is going to be that we change it 14 to read that the Legislative Subcommittee recommend 15 that SEMSCO communicate to the Commissioner of Health 16 support for these bills. 17 So we're really just modifying the 18 language of how we're expressing our support to be 19 more closely aligned with the way it should be 20 written as an advisory body to the Commissioner of 21 Health. 22 CHAIR MCEVOY: And I think --. 23 MR. KROLL: So that would be -- and 24 we're going to make that same change in all four 25 motions, communicate to the Commissioner of Health</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any discussion on this 3 motion? If not, all in favor signify by raising your 4 hand. Any opposed, same sign. And abstentions? 5 Motion carries. 6 MR. KROLL: I'm going to move to the 7 fourth motion now, and I do want to mention that 8 there's a common theme of all these bills. These 9 bills were part of a package that was discussed at 10 the press conference last week that many of our 11 legislators held. 12 And I think many have seen that lots 13 of us were all in the same place with a lot of 14 senators, assembly members, and they have put 15 together and -- and reinforcing what Al said, they 16 put together a whole package of legislation that's 17 being moved forward this year that -- that -- that 18 supports us in E.M.S. 19 So the fourth motion, the Legislative 20 Subcommittee recommends that SEMSCO endorse S-6630 by 21 Senator Mannion and A-6274 by Assemblymember Barrett 22 that allows volunteer firefighters and ambulance 23 workers to claim both the State income and local 24 property tax credits. 25 And then again, I move to amend that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 support for -- in lieu of the word, endorse. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any discussion on this 4 motion? Does that then require a second, it would. 5 I says it's an amended motion. 6 MR. HUDSON: I second the amendment -- 7 . 8 CHAIR MCEVOY: Or second to the 9 Amended motion by Don Hudson. Any discussion? If 10 not, all in favor signify by raising your hand? Any 11 opposed, the same sign. Any abstentions? Motion 12 carries. 13 MR. KROLL: The third motion, the 14 Legislative Subcommittee recommends that SEMSCO 15 endorse S-8486 by Senator Hinchey that would 16 establish a mechanism within the Medicaid fee 17 schedule to provide reimburse -- to provide a 18 reimbursement to E.M.S. agencies and telemedicine 19 providers for treatment in place and transport to 20 alternate destinations. 21 And then, again, I'm going to make the 22 motion -- move that we amend the motion to the 23 SEMSCO, communicate to the Commissioner of Health 24 support for. 25 MS. SMITH: I'll second that motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 motion to read that SEMSCO communicate to the 3 Commissioner of Health support for these bills. 4 CHAIR MCEVOY: Second by Mike 5 Masterton or William Masterton. Any discussion on 6 this motion? If not, all in favor or signify by 7 raising your hand? Any opposed, same sign. Any 8 abstentions? Motion carries. 9 MR. KROLL: The final motion it reads, 10 the legislative subcommittee recommends that SEMSCO 11 endorse S-7286 by Senator Martinez and A-7524 by 12 Assemblymember Thiele that increases the volunteer 13 firefighters' and ambulance workers' personal income 14 tax credit from 200 to 800 dollars for eligible 15 individuals. 16 And again, amended to read that SEMSCO 17 communicate to the Commissioner of Health support 18 for. 19 CHAIR MCEVOY: Second to that change 20 by Mark Philippy. Any discussion on this motion? 21 Hearing none, all in favor signify by raising your 22 hand. Any opposed, the same sign. Any abstentions? 23 That motion passes, and for the record, all motions 24 were unanimously approved. 25 MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Kroll. Let</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 me share with you now the items that were supported 3 by the Legislative Committee. E.M.S. as essential 4 services in the works, and we have lots of hopes that 5 a workable legislative initiative will be passed, and 6 this committee supported essential services. 7 Treatment in place and transport to 8 all our destinations are very -- very important, and 9 I'll mention why for just a minute. As I said, one 10 out of three ambulance requests by nine one one are 11 often not transported. 12 Some of those are people with -- 13 diabetics that are awakened with medications and they 14 refuse treatment, which is kind of usual now, and 15 somebody that's overdosed with drugs that have been 16 converted by medications and they too, don't want 17 transport to hospitals. 18 These transports and the care provided 19 and time committed are not paid for. This bill that 20 we have before the State will permit ambulance 21 services -- all ambulance services that charge for 22 this type of care can bill Medicaid for this service, 23 so I hope you all support it. 24 Next one is the committee embraces the 25 healthcare collaborative to improve models in the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. GREENBERG: Five million dollars 3 for -- up to five hundred thousand dollars for ten 4 counties. 5 MR. LEWIS: Have -- have some of these 6 counties already applied, or is this something that 7 will start --? 8 MR. GREENBERG: The R.F.P. hasn't gone 9 out yet. So the R.F.P. is in final draft position, 10 and then, we'll go out and come back based on need 11 and the scoring mechanism and we'll get the 12 determination. 13 MR. LEWIS: Thank you. The only other 14 thing I would ask is, I mentioned it earlier is, I 15 believe we need to do more P.S.A.s, I don't -- I 16 don't think everybody knows that E.M.S. is in a 17 disastrous situation. We need P.S.A.s, we need 18 Facebook, we need TV ads, we need more people to know 19 that we need more people. 20 We are in crisis and the more that we 21 can share that we need them may help us get those 22 people to step forward and want to be paramedic -- 23 E.M.T.'s and paramedics. And that's the end of my 24 report, sir, thank you very much. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. Any</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 region, community paramedicine, I believe will play 3 an important role in this initiative. The committee 4 supports the expanded definition of E.M.S. more in 5 line with what E.M.S. does every day in every 6 community across the State. 7 We also support the concept of the 8 five E.M.S. zones, and we're hopeful the legislature 9 will add new E.M.S. funds in the final budget along 10 with a Statewide focus on training for new E.M.T.s 11 and paramedics to stabilize E.M.S. before the state 12 hires D.A. paramedics. 13 We support county operated E.M.S. 14 programs that are needed across the county. We hope 15 these programs are partnering with existing services 16 and not pushing them out to capture more market 17 share. I'll talk about the E.M.S. grants for just a 18 minute if I could. 19 So there's ten -- Mr. Director, if I 20 could, so there's ten grants that have been funded by 21 the budget and they're about to be released for 22 people to counties to apply for. Is that correct? 23 MR. GREENBERG: You're talking about 24 the county grants, the five million dollars? 25 MR. LEWIS: Yes -- yes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 questions for Legislative and for Finance, I believe 3 that's your finance report also, Mr. Kroll, correct? 4 MR. KROLL: I do -- I do have some 5 additional things from finance. No motions, but some 6 discussion. 7 CHAIR MCEVOY: Okay. 8 MR. KROLL: We had a -- we, you know, 9 we discussed between Finance and Legislative a lot of 10 the things that were -- that you heard about. I also 11 want to mention a few of the other things we did. 12 First, we recognized and discussed at 13 our meeting that there's something that was not in 14 the proposals that we just talked about. One of them 15 -- that is that we continue to be paid far less than 16 the cost to deliver services for -- by the Medicaid 17 program. 18 And that we were disappointed that 19 there was not anything in the budget that would 20 change the Medicaid rates this year. As you know 21 Medicaid makes up Statewide somewhere around one 22 third of the ongoing service call volume, and we are 23 paid substantially less than our costs for that one 24 third of the calls. 25 Even with the things that were in the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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2 budget last year, for which we are quite grateful for
3 the increases that were in there last year, but we
4 are hoping that there will be some further increases.
5 Assemblymember Hevesi from New York
6 City has told us that he intends to introduce
7 legislation that will bring about an increase in the
8 Medicaid rates and we are colloquially calling it get
9 us to Medicare, you know, the Medicaid rate should be
10 brought up to the Medicare rates.
11 It was pointed out by Mr. Kroll
12 yesterday that that still doesn't get us to our
13 costs, but if they were to get us to the Medicare
14 rate over a period of three years, that would be a
15 really great step forward, so we're pushing forward
16 on that conversation.
17 I also want to mention that we
18 discussed the rural grant funding available from the
19 federal government, and that is the SIREN grant
20 program. I did send something out on Boardable to
21 all the SEMAC and SEMSCO members about this, and I
22 ask you to share this back in your regions because
23 we're on a schedule now.
24 There is going to be somewhere around
25 thirty million dollars available in this next federal

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2 fiscal year for grants to rural emergency medical
3 services through the Substance Abuse and Mental
4 Health Services Administration. These grants will
5 cover a two-year period at a maximum amount of four
6 hundred thousand dollars.
7 These can be covering recruiting
8 personnel, training and education of personnel, and
9 equipment and supplies. It is related to substance
10 abuse, but not exclusively substance abuse. In other
11 words if you are, you know, the -- it is in the
12 interest of the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental
13 Health Administration that rural ambulance services
14 have robust capacity to respond, have the work force
15 to respond.
16 So I realize this does not matter in
17 every single region of the State, but in regions of
18 the State with rural providers that are defined as
19 rural, the amount of money the federal government's
20 putting into this is triple what it was in the last
21 grant cycle, so it's going from about ten million to
22 about thirty-one million.
23 That means a lot of ambulance agencies
24 can get this money and the grants are due on March
25 20th. So if you have rural providers in your region

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2 I encourage you to let them know about the grant
3 funding that's available.
4 Groups like the American Ambulance
5 Association and the National Association of E.M.T.s
6 and probably also the I.A.F.F. have been doing
7 seminars on helping members to be able to apply for
8 these grants. So I think it's an important resource.
9 Director Greenberg already discussed
10 the education funding a little bit and so I want to
11 emphasize that we were reported to at the Finance
12 Committee that we're about two million dollars short
13 -- no, I'm sorry, that's not the right term.
14 We -- there's going to be about two
15 million dollars left in the budget on educational
16 spending this year. So in his report he already
17 discussed some of the things that we can do. For
18 example, he discussed how we could have more academy
19 style classes and how he's thinking about with the
20 team ways to do that.
21 He also discussed that, you know, the
22 motion that was made coming earlier about the ability
23 of us to provide some more training dollars to
24 paramedic students to get them from E.N.T. and
25 paramedic for each of the people that are being hired

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2 into the E.M.S. task force.
3 But I think it's important for
4 everyone to take back to the REMSCOs and the REMACs
5 or to their county meetings or when the core sponsors
6 get together. There's money out there that's not
7 being vouched for, it's not getting used.
8 It is -- we have done a great job as a
9 Finance Committee pushing forward and asking for
10 there to be more funds in that budget, and the answer
11 back is as soon as you spend all that money we can
12 talk about giving you more.
13 So I think the director and the bureau
14 staff are trying to do things and we can give them
15 more suggestions on what to do, not just the ones
16 that we already have so that they can find ways to
17 make sure that money gets spent.
18 But it's also incumbent on us in the
19 field to get that money spent, right, we have to in
20 our local regions, and so one of the discussions
21 yesterday was there is a shortage of C.I.C.s and
22 maybe we want to teach more classes, we need more
23 C.I.C.s.
24 The suggestion that was made about
25 that is what if these task force paramedics also

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 become C.I.C.s and are able to, as part of their 3 responsibility, or maybe they become C.L.I.s and they 4 can assist in teaching. 5 So it's a partnership of shared 6 responsibility, the bureau can do what it can, but 7 we, all of us, and all of the people back in our 8 communities have to come up with ways to spend this 9 money. The best thing that can happen in the Finance 10 Committee is in May, or rather in -- or in September, 11 whenever we meet, we hear that we're on pace to run 12 out of money, because we used it all, then we can go 13 and ask for more training money, so that's my pitch 14 on -- on that. 15 The committee has been asked to have 16 next year's budget recommendations done, not at the 17 December meeting, but by earlier. We're going to try 18 and wrap it up in August because we've been told 19 basically that is when the Department of Health is 20 required to submit their stuff to the bureau to -- to 21 the -- to the budget folks inside the Department of 22 Health that send in the requests. 23 So we've been doing a good job of 24 getting our job done, but we've got to get it done 25 earlier. And I think that concludes my report, and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 know you do want to do. But provide us with all the 3 financial information possible so we can fiscally 4 make accurate recommendations to be provided to the 5 commissioner and also to the Governor. 6 We have not had -- the program 7 agencies in New York State have not received any 8 increase in funding since 1997. I think that's a -- 9 that's a very long time. So the -- the monetization 10 of this State E.M.S. is really much clear appropriate 11 funding for the expansion of 21st century regional 12 E.M.S. administration in all side. 13 They know we can work together on 14 this, please, you know, keep us involved, you know, 15 we'll share information. Okay. So we also -- we can 16 share our inputs with you so we make sure that we 17 help each other, you know, get -- get the funding 18 that we all agree we need. 19 MR. KROLL: Thanks. Just to follow 20 what Dr. Crupi said, I definitely want to acknowledge 21 here that the program agencies worked very closely 22 with the Finance Committee to provide justification 23 that explained how their role has changed over the 24 last two decades, how their engagement and their 25 response -- the -- the resources they've had to bring</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 thank you. 3 MR. CRUPI: Yeah, can I just make a 4 brief statement, Robert Crupi, New York City, REMSCO, 5 and I -- I -- my -- my statement actually are going 6 to thanking for your comments earlier regarding the 7 budget, again, working with the -- with us in 8 addressing us as the individual councils in what we 9 need to be thinking about. 10 But speaking for myself as a SEMSCO 11 member and I -- I think the Finance Committee will 12 agree, you know, feel free to speak up, if you don't. 13 We want to acknowledge the work done by Director 14 Greenberg and the Bureau of E.M.S. to really support 15 an increase in funding for partner E.M.S. and 16 regional E.M.S. councils. 17 With all the proposed government 18 budget currently has no increase in funding for part 19 of the agencies. We do understand the bureau is 20 working to ensure some additional funding that will 21 be available, provided to keep during the new 22 contract period beginning July 1st of 2024, so we -- 23 we thank your help with that. 24 We ask the bureau to continue to 25 support for the agencies in New York State, which I</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 to bear to do their jobs have increased. 3 And so that's part of the -- the -- 4 the work the Finance Committee has done to provide to 5 the Department of Health, and I think I -- I agree, 6 you know, with Dr. Crupi that we're just -- we have - 7 - it's sort of an incomplete in this area as a 8 Finance Committee and as a SEMSCO because we're in 9 the middle of a contracting cycle. 10 We're hoping that that contracting 11 cycle when the contracts get removed bears out the 12 fruits of just what Dr. Crupi was talking about. 13 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. Let me move 14 on to sandwiched in between these last two reports 15 Mark Deavers and E.M.S. Systems. 16 MR. KIM: Mr. Chairman? 17 CHAIR MCEVOY: Go ahead. 18 MR. KIM: I -- I'd just like to add 19 one thing to Committee Chair Steve Kroll, thank you 20 for the great work on the Finance Committees Mr. 21 Kroll. I -- I just wanted to add maybe one word to 22 the matching of Medicaid reimbursement to that of 23 Medicare, adding the word prevailing Medicare because 24 as you know, that's a moving target. 25 And so I mean, while we're asking, I -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 - I recommend keeping current. Thank you. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. 4 MR. DEEVERS: Good afternoon. I will 5 attempt to keep this brief. I have one seconded 6 motion, I guess I have to read more words. In 7 accordance with Public Officer's law, Article Four 8 seventy-four, Code of Ethics Rule, with respects to 9 conflicts of interest, no officer or employee of a 10 State agency, member of a legislature, or legislative 11 employee should have any interest, financial or 12 otherwise, direct, or indirect, or engage in any 13 business, or transaction, or professional activity, 14 or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in 15 substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his 16 duties in the public interest. 17 For the purpose of this meeting, 18 interest shall include any interest, financial or 19 otherwise, whether as owner, officer, director, 20 fiduciary, employee, consultant, or supplier of goods 21 or services in any agency or organization. 22 Any member who has an interest in an 23 agency or organization that is subject of an 24 application under Article Thirty of the Public Health 25 Law that is or will be before the council for</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 89</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 application of March 21st, 2021. On an appeal of the 3 determination of the New York City REMSCO's denial of 4 the application was made by Bay Community Ambulance 5 Corps. 6 The public hearing was held on May 7 21st, 2021 via Zoom. Hearing officer report dated 8 June 23rd, 2021 finding was that the determination of 9 need was met and recommendation to approve from 10 Timothy Hannigan, Esquire. 11 At the REMSCO meeting on July 21st, 12 2021, the application was denied. Bay Community 13 Volunteer Ambulance Corps appealed this decision on 14 August 10th. On July 29th, 2022, Sean O'Brien the 15 A.L.G.A. recommends the decision of the REMSCO be 16 upheld. 17 On December 7th, 2022, this body voted 18 to uphold the REMSCO's decision, and an appeal was 19 filed in Queens County Court on April 5th of 2023. 20 Stipulation and discontinuation of proposed order 21 from Queens Supreme Court, signed by the Honorable 22 Joseph Esposito, is dated September 26th, 2023, and 23 it remands the decision back to A.L.J. and this body. 24 The A.L.J. report dated November 13th, 25 2023 by John Turka states, and I've got to pull that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 consideration or determination shall identify such 3 interest to the council or committee at any meeting 4 when the application is to be considered. 5 Refrain from discussing such 6 application with any member of the council or 7 Department of Health staff at any time prior to or at 8 any council or committee meeting when the application 9 is being considered. Shall absent themselves from any 10 portion of the meeting when such application is being 11 considered and shall not participate any vote of the 12 council or committee on the application or complaint. 13 So in respect to the Bay Community 14 Volunteer Ambulance Corps CO-1 appeal, is there any 15 members who need to declare a conflict at this time? 16 MR. GAILBARD: Mr. Chairperson, Jerry 17 Gailbard. Although I'm not a fiduciary or pecuniary, 18 my entity is collaterally mentioned in the 19 recommendation, therefore, I'll recuse myself from 20 the matter. 21 MR. CRUPI: I would also need to 22 recuse myself because I met Director Chu of the Bay 23 Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps. 24 MR. DEEVERS: All right. So in the 25 matter of The Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 up real quick. The July 29th, 2022 report and 3 recommendation of A.L.J. O'Brien to the SEMSCO should 4 be amended to reflect that there was a need at the 5 time for additional E.M.S. in Bayside. 6 The report and recommendation should 7 be further amended, however, to also include the 8 finding that since the REMSCO Hearing Officer and 9 A.L.J. O'Brien's report were made, Glen Oaks has 10 received SEM -- SEMSCO approval for its expansion 11 into Bayside on the application made before Bay 12 Community's application. 13 The applicant herein has not met its 14 burden of proving that there continues to be public 15 need in Bayside. SEMSCO should review and consider 16 the finding in making the determination whether to 17 deny or grant the application. 18 The A.L.J.'s report and recommendation 19 should otherwise be unchanged. So the seconded 20 motion coming out of the Systems Committee is 21 resolved to uphold the July 21st, 2021 determination 22 of the New York City Regional Emergency Medical 23 Services Council which denied the Bay Community 24 Voluntary Ambulance Corps application for the 25 expansion of Ambulance Service Primary Operating</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 Territory. So we need a roll call. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: So is there any 4 discussion on this motion? If none, the decision of 5 the Systems Committee was what? 6 MR. DEEVERS: To uphold the July 21st, 7 2021 determination of the New York City REMSCO which 8 denied the Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps 9 application for expansion. 10 CHAIR MCEVOY: And that's the seconded 11 motion that comes forward? 12 MR. DEEVERS: That is the seconded 13 motion. 14 CHAIR MCEVOY: So if there's no 15 discussion, we can take a roll call vote on this. 16 MS. ALLEN: Scott Clark? 17 MR. CLARK: Scott Clark, yes. 18 MS. ALLEN: Mark Deavers? 19 MR. DEEVERS: Mark Deavers, yes. 20 MS. ALLEN: Don DuVall? 21 MR. DUVALL: Duvall, yes. 22 MS. ALLEN: Mickey Forness? 23 MS. FORNESS: Mickey Forness, yes. 24 MS. ALLEN: Carl Gandolfo? 25 MR. GANDOLFO: Gandolfo, yes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MS. MCGOWN: McGown, yes. 3 MS. ALLEN: Mark Philipppy? 4 MR. PHILIPPY: Philipppy, yes. 5 MS. ALLEN: MaryAnne Portoro? 6 MS. PORTORO: MaryAnne Portoro, yes. 7 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Rabrich? 8 MR. RABRICH: Rabrich, yes. 9 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Redlener? 10 MR. REDLENER: Redlener, abstain. 11 MS. ALLEN: Carla Simpson? 12 MS. SIMPSON: Carla Simpson, yes. 13 MS. ALLEN: Christopher Smith? 14 MR. SMITH: Chris Smith, yes. 15 MS. ALLEN: Chad Smith? 16 MR. SMITH: Chad Smith, yes. 17 MS. ALLEN: And David Violante? 18 MR. VIOLANTE: Violante, yes. 19 MS. ALLEN: Motion passes. 20 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. 21 MR. DEEVERS: Other than that the -- 22 the highlight, you know, the -- the definition of 23 need seems to be our stumbling block in getting a 24 solid new guidance document. With a good definition 25 of need, I really think could alleviate a lot of</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MS. ALLEN: Greg Gill? 3 MR. GILL: Gill, yes. 4 MS. ALLEN: Jason Haag? 5 MR. HAAG: Haag, yes. 6 MS. ALLEN: Don Hudson? 7 MR. HUDSON: Hudson abstained. 8 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Isaacs? 9 MR. ISAACS: Isaacs, yes. 10 MS. ALLEN: Al Kim. 11 MR. KIM: Al Kim, yes. 12 MS. ALLEN: Steve Kroll? 13 MR. KROLL: Kroll, yes. 14 MS. ALLEN: Andrew Knoell? 15 MR. KNOELL: Andrew Knoell, yes. 16 MS. ALLEN: Jared Kutzin? 17 MR. KUTZIN: Kutzin, yes. 18 MS. ALLEN: Al Lewis? 19 MR. LEWIS: Al Lewis, yes. 20 MS. ALLEN: William Masterton? 21 MR. MASTERTON: William Masterton, 22 yes. 23 MS. ALLEN: Mike McEvoy? 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: McEvoy, yes. 25 MS. ALLEN: Elizabeth McGown?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 these roll call votes coming out of my subcommittee. 3 So, you know, if you do have a draft 4 of the definition of need and if not already put it 5 in the Google form, please shoot it to me in an 6 email, text it, make it into a paper airplane, I 7 don't really care because, you know, any idea we can 8 have so we as a committee can -- can work towards 9 tightening up zero six zero six would be awesome. 10 MR. PHILIPPY: Mr. Chairman. 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: Go ahead. 12 MR. PHILIPPY: Mark Philipppy, for Mr. 13 Deavers on that last moment -- item on the definition 14 of need. My -- my parting shot here as I -- as I 15 leave the -- the group, but I would ask the deputy 16 director or anyone from the bureau, what does this 17 SEMSCO have in this regard because as I've done some 18 internet searches and I -- I -- I wanted to 19 participate in that survey, but I found myself 20 stymied by the fact that there doesn't seem to be any 21 consistent language that I can find from any state in 22 the -- the union that really addresses this issue. 23 There's certainly some language in 24 certain areas, for example, the Commonwealth of 25 Kentucky has a very interesting way of doing it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 They kind of put it off by saying E.M.S. operating 3 authority will be granted based on need as determined 4 by the State's comprehensive E.M.S. plan, which would 5 be great if we had a comprehensive E.M.S. plan. 6 But -- but also the Commonwealth of 7 Massachusetts has something completely different and 8 actually goes very -- very strictly along 9 determinations based on a lot of math. So I'm 10 wondering if -- if the -- the bureau might or through 11 the SEMSCO have some resources that can help inform 12 this. 13 MR. DZIURA: So I'll speak and I'll go 14 back to some work Mr. Lewis, and me, and Mr. McEvoy 15 did like a hundred years ago, the last time this tag 16 came up, and I wasn't in this role, I was in a 17 different role and there was a pretty exhaustive 18 search for what other states had done. 19 And it resulted in nothing, the -- the 20 only consistent thing we could find is inconsistency. 21 MR. PHILIPPY: So I am in good -- I'm 22 in good company then. 23 MR. DZIURA: Yes. And I'm validating 24 what you found, so I -- I would say from the 25 standpoint of E.M.S. and we have asked NASEMSO at</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 from our model, but point taken. 3 MR. DZIURA: A -- a lot of them are 4 built on community needs assessments though, so I 5 think your -- your reference to a comprehensive plan 6 that's why we need to get to one of those plans. 7 MR. LEWIS: If I could comment. We 8 did, and -- and I think Rich was involved with that 9 search when we did it across many states. And I 10 think we found -- we do a better job of it than they 11 do because it's -- it's almost -- almost a rubber 12 stamp on some of these things. 13 And you know, people should not look 14 at C.O.N.s negatively, they should look at them as 15 balancing systems. And I believe the C.O.N. for 16 E.M.S. is meant to help balance the system, not 17 overloading it because if you overload it, what 18 happens, one company is running the other out of 19 business, and all these things are happening. 20 And you get too many systems in a 21 given area, and the paramedics and E.M.T.s don't get 22 the opportunity to use their skills. So it's -- it's 23 a balancing system whenever we do. So we -- we 24 looked at that, and I don't know if Rich has a lot of 25 information, you may still have what we looked at.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 various meetings when we've been there and there -- 3 there just isn't consistency among states. 4 But that shouldn't stop New York State 5 from developing in really good definition as the 6 model for the country. It wouldn't be the first time 7 we did something that was a model across the country, 8 and maybe we should take up that torch and create 9 that good definition that other states across the 10 country could use. 11 And, you know, I think we may need to 12 get out of our box of looking just at the E.M.S. 13 perspective and take a look at how different states 14 apply C.O.N.s or determinations of need as it relates 15 to hospital systems, because that is much more 16 clearly defined in a lot of state statutes. 17 So we may want to start looking at 18 other health care provider sectors to see what 19 crossovers we can steal, borrow. 20 MR. PHILIPPY: And -- and -- and 21 that's where we go down the rabbit hole of numbers, 22 which -- which may be the answer, but again that, 23 that -- that's because there are -- are multiple 24 factors that involve building multi-million dollar 25 hospital services within a community that do differ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 Thank you. 3 MR. KNOELL: Andrew Knoell, systems -- 4 excuse me, safety. 5 CHAIR MCEVOY: Safety. 6 MR. KNOELL: Thank you, Chairman. 7 I'll be brief, we have finished our policy zero zero 8 thirteen pol -- policy model update. We'll take one 9 more go at it as a committee and then get it off to 10 the department for review. 11 Continue to work on our Provider 12 Resiliency Project, we'll have an update at our next 13 meeting. Our management of escalation tactics has 14 hit a brief pause as there was an incident in 15 Rochester that the D.O.H. is reviewing and we expect 16 some more information to come on that that will help 17 give us better guidance on how to proceed. 18 We are continuing to work on our, at 19 the time, it was called Hazardous Response Plan, that 20 Carol Brand was overseeing. We have now renamed it 21 the All Hazards Event Workgroup. We have identified 22 the stakeholders for engagement in the future with 23 the county emergency managers, and then we'll 24 continue to work on that and have a larger update for 25 our May meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

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2 Still working on the reduction of
3 lights and sirens and then Director Greenberg gave us
4 a part eight hundred reg update earlier in the
5 meeting. And then, we'll -- we will begin to review
6 the sustainability paper for any sort of safety --
7 safety initiatives that are in there and start to
8 work on those and bring those back to the SEMSCO.

9 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Thank you. Any
10 questions for our Safety? If not, we'll move along
11 to Dave Violante and the Quality Metrics.

12 **MR. VIOLANTE:** Thank you Mr. Chair.
13 Just from an activity report perspective, we're
14 working on our webpage to update it with a
15 dictionary, posting all of the measures to the site
16 with links to resources, adding links to agencies
17 wherein some of this data comes from and processes
18 come from.

19 We're continually working on policy
20 tag number twelve zero two, twelve zero three,
21 twenty-one zero four on the definitions of patient
22 and patient contact and moving that towards
23 regulation. We are looking at grants updates and
24 working with A.H.R.Q. grants on two levels initially
25 pilot demonstrating project to train individuals

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2 across the strait -- excuse me, across the State.
3 Then a larger project of data
4 collection and a dashboard really working to look at
5 a sustainable infrastructure to do Q.I. and quality
6 outcome measures. We are looking at the idea of a
7 quality certification for an individual and an agency
8 looking at the NASEMSO qualification certification,
9 and leadership and quality accreditation programs of
10 the State, building a C.M.E. portfolio of Q.I. items,
11 and a couple of levels that potentially basic and
12 advanced level.

13 Ryan Greenberg talked quite a bit
14 about how we happen to fall into other areas of
15 interest in the State in terms of assisting in
16 quality improvement, and we're very happy to -- and
17 look forward to -- to working with our chiefs to that
18 end.

19 Other items that we're looking at are
20 opportunities for program agencies and REMSCOs to
21 assist them, doing training and education around the
22 State including quality metrics videos and
23 potentially State-run courses that could qualify for
24 State funding, very much like a C.L.I. course.
25 We are looking at the data across the

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2 State and Ryan Greenberg talked about NASEMSO three
3 point five and their roll outs. The state has
4 provided good feedback sessions around the State that
5 were very -- very helpful in creating dialogue,
6 communications, answering questions and that we need
7 to do some more of those things.

8 And the Data And Informatics team
9 anticipates that, we will be able to move towards 3.5
10 pretty effectively so we're -- we're encouraged by
11 that. We believe that that is where we are, unless
12 there's any questions for us.

13 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Any questions for
14 Quality? If not we'll move on to E.M.S. Innovations
15 and Research. So Michael Redlener has taken over for
16 Jason Haag as the Chair of that committee. So Dr.
17 Redlener?

18 **MR. REDLENER:** Thanks Dr. McEvoy,
19 thank you for the opportunity to serve in -- in this
20 position. I -- we used yesterday's meeting in
21 Innovations and Research to really broaden the
22 conversation around areas where we need to think
23 about and discuss the -- the things that are
24 happening in E.M.S. today.
25 And so we -- I'll bring forward one

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2 forwarded motion from the committee, a seconded
3 motion from the committee in three areas just to --
4 to specifically mention. So the forwarded motion is
5 in the area of behavioral health.

6 So as folks in the room may or may not
7 know, last year in Chapter 57 of the Public Health
8 Laws, the Daniel's Task Law -- the Daniel's Law Task
9 Force was established in order to identify potential
10 -- potential operational and financial needs to
11 support trauma informed community and public health
12 based crisis response and diversion for anyone in the
13 State experiencing mental -- mental health, alcohol
14 use, or substance use crisis.

15 So the -- the task force is -- has
16 been given the -- the -- the task to identify
17 opportunities to develop innovative programs. Mr.
18 Mark Deavers serves as the representative for SEMSCO
19 and brought forward to the Innovations Committee a
20 concern that the E.M.S. voice needed to be heard
21 through -- through this body in official
22 communication to the Daniels Law Task Force to ensure
23 that the E.M.S. voice is included in the -- in the
24 results of the task force's recommendations.
25 So the seconded motion for approval,

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 it goes as such, so the -- that the draft letter on 3 Boardable titled the draft letter to Daniel's Law 4 Task Force be officially sent by the SEMSCO chair to 5 the Daniel's Task Force -- Daniel's Law Task Force 6 for consideration in the development of the task 7 force recommendation. 8 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any discussion on this 9 motion? 10 MR. DEEVERS: Mr. Chair? 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: Go ahead, Mark. 12 MR. DEEVERS: Can I ask that we amend 13 the -- in -- my eyes aren't good enough to completely 14 read it, but to add in there somewhere to direct the 15 Chair to send a letter to the Daniel's Law Task 16 Force? 17 CHAIR MCEVOY: I think it is added in 18 there. It is. What did I -- you have failed the 19 vision test. Any -- any other discussion? If not, 20 all in favor of that motion signify by raising your 21 hand. Any opposed, same sign. Any abstentions? All 22 right. Carries unanimously. 23 MR. REDLENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 24 The -- the second aspect of the behavioral health 25 innovations that we wanted to just articulate from</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 The other aspects of that are as well 3 to look at the barriers to implementation of 4 programs, so ensuring that we understand what the 5 barriers in the community are, and barriers with our 6 providers are. And the -- the third aspect of the 7 committee's discussion is around the conversation 8 about essential services, and there was some support 9 for developing a work group to identify 10 opportunities to kind of get ahead of what, you know, 11 support the counties in looking at the ways in which 12 E.M.S. can be developed in their communities. 13 So -- so working together with SEMAC 14 and with other groups to -- to make sure that the 15 guidance is there and obviously support the bureau in 16 -- in moving this forward. Then there was some 17 discussion about innovations in -- in innovations in 18 education and as -- as well, kind of a beginning 19 discussion about what does it mean to have a research 20 committee at this level and what can we do to support 21 research in E.M.S. to improve the science and the 22 delivery of -- of E.M.S. That concludes my report. 23 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any questions for 24 Innovation and Research? If not Dr. Rabrich, did you 25 want to talk about the D.E.I. tag?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 the meeting discussion was that we are in support of 3 the idea of collaborating with the Office of Mental 4 Health to ensure that the -- the work that they're 5 doing there is -- works with the E.M.S. systems in 6 New York State. 7 And that specifically consider, you 8 know, assigning code -- that E.M.S. destination codes 9 to the crisis centers that are being brought online 10 by the Office of Mental Health to support alternative 11 destinations. 12 So it's not a forwarded motion, but it 13 is something that the committee asks that we work on. 14 In light of a lot of the discussion from previous 15 committee's reports, there are a lot of opportunities 16 in the legislative and budget work that's been done 17 to -- to further discuss and describe what is -- what 18 community paramedicine and mobile integrated health 19 programs will look like moving forward. 20 And so the -- we recommend that we 21 start to think about what those program parameters 22 are in conjunction with the bureau, in conjunction 23 with the other committees of SEMSCO in order to start 24 to think about what -- what that should look like 25 moving forward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. RABRICH: Sure. Did you want to 3 start, Dr. Kutzin? 4 MR. KUTZIN: Sure. So Jared Kutzin, 5 we've -- and -- and thanks to Alex in the -- in the 6 bureau for pulling together the survey data. We had 7 the D.E.I. survey through the Technical Advisory 8 Group that we implemented through the latter part, 9 fourth quarter really of last year. 10 And Alex was able to pull all that 11 data together, we'll be sharing that at the next 12 SEMSCO meeting. We had four hundred and fifty or so 13 responses to the survey and really from all across 14 the State, which was nice to see. 15 Of course we would have liked to have 16 a higher response rate, but we'll go into the details 17 at the -- at the next SEMSCO meeting. We're going to 18 pull the Technical Advisory Group back together to 19 help write up a report on -- on what the data shows. 20 And then next steps, I'll turn it over 21 to Dr. Rabrich to talk about sort of the next steps 22 with the D.E.I. Advisory Group. 23 MR. RABRICH: Thank you, yes. So in 24 addition to that report the next steps for the D.E.I. 25 Committee is we're focused on looking at implicit</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 biases and how that may affect patient care in the 3 State, whether it's use of pain medication or other 4 treatment protocols among different patient groups 5 and -- and how that may differ and we plan to work 6 with both Quality Metrics and Innovation and Research 7 to put together some data along those lines and see 8 perhaps some projects we may be able to design around 9 that to bring awareness to where we may be falling 10 short in our delivery of pre hospital care to certain 11 patient populations. And that's our report. 12 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. Any 13 questions for D.E.I.? Is Amy Eisenhower here? 14 MS. EISENHAUER: Yes. 15 CHAIR MCEVOY: Do you want to talk 16 about E.M.S.C.? 17 MS. EISENHAUER: Sure. 18 CHAIR MCEVOY: Dr. Cooper had to 19 return to the city. 20 MS. EISENHAUER: Hi everybody, Amy 21 Eisenhower, E.M.S. for Children Program Manager. So 22 our last meeting was last Thursday, and as Dr. Cooper 23 mentioned, we talked about the Always Ready for 24 Children Emergency Department Pediatric Recognition 25 Program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 E.M.S.C. level. 3 So there is some interest in that and 4 we're going to discuss that again in our next 5 meeting. We had a report from our Pediatric 6 Agitation Education Work Group headed by Sharon 7 Chiumento and Chief Pataki from F.D.N.Y. has been a 8 great resource and F.D.N.Y. has been a great support 9 for that. 10 And they are currently working on 11 scripting for three different scenarios for E.M.S. 12 providers to be able to see how does de-escalation 13 work in some different situations, so that's 14 excellent. 15 And recently, about a week ago 16 actually I got the copy back from Public Affairs 17 Group on a infographic with some tips on pediatric 18 agitation. So my hope is that will be printed and 19 will be available for use by E.M.S. providers and 20 emergency departments across the State shortly. 21 The E.M.S. for Children E.M.S. survey 22 will be coming up, I know that Ryan mentioned it, 23 that'll be deployed in May. So we did talk about 24 that, it has changed a little bit. So this survey is 25 a little bit longer to take but it also has more</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 And so for all the physicians in the 3 room that work in the E.R., we'd love to have you. 4 So it's related to pediatric preparedness in the E.R. 5 much like all of our programming. And it opened in 6 June, so we do have seven applicants, I'm hoping for 7 many, many more. 8 I am excited, I talked to Mickey and 9 some other members of the E.M.A. so I'll be chatting 10 with them at their conference in April about 11 pediatric readiness, so that is very exciting. We 12 also still have the pre hospital pediatric emergency 13 care program available for E.M.S. providers to join. 14 We have about two hundred and fifty 15 programs across the state at different agencies, and 16 about three hundred pre-hospital PECCS. So that's 17 exciting, and of course, we'd still love to have 18 more. So if you have questions about those, you can 19 always reach out to me. 20 We also talked about Dr. Rabrich 21 discussed procedural sedation in the emergency 22 department, and so there was some discussion on if we 23 wanted to look at that further some of that is 24 included in the Pediatric Readiness Components for 25 Emergency Departments and Hospitals at the larger</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 components on pediatric readiness. 3 So my hope is that I will develop some 4 guidance in conjunction with the other E.M.S. for 5 Children programs in the Northeast so that E.M.S. 6 agencies have a guide to go through it so they can 7 complete it and make their life and my life a little 8 bit easier and we'll still get the data to the E.D.C. 9 Our next meeting will be right here, 10 in this room on May 6th. Does anybody have any 11 questions? All right. Well, thank you very much. 12 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you. We don't 13 really have anything to bring forward from STAC, but 14 I think we probably will soon have a STAC member 15 here, which is good. So you had one hint earlier 16 today about some motions that are sitting on the 17 table. 18 I put a more overt hint in the agenda 19 under old business, so if anyone would like to take 20 things off the table we could do that. 21 MR. KIM: Yeah, I'd like to make a 22 motion to take the Scarsdale vac and the Ossining vac 23 motions off the table, please. 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: So we have a motion to 25 remove from the table the Scarsdale determination of</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 need appeal and the Ossining determination of need 3 appeal. 4 MS. FORNESS: Second. 5 CHAIR MCEVOY: We'll take a second 6 from Mickey Forness. All in favor signify by raising 7 your hand. Any opposed, the same sign. Any 8 abstentions? 9 MR. LEWIS: I will abstain, Mr. 10 Chairman. 11 CHAIR MCEVOY: All right. So it's 12 unanimous with one abstention. Mr. Systems, do you 13 want to deal with the Scarsdale one first? I'm not 14 sure that you need to re-read the -- the Public 15 Officer's Law, but you could remind people of that 16 and see if there's anyone who wishes to announce a 17 conflict. 18 MR. DEEVERS: So does anybody need me 19 to repeat the Public Officer's Law, and if not, does 20 anybody need to declare a conflict for Scarsdale? 21 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, there is a 22 perception that I am conflicted. With that said I 23 will leave the room while this vote takes place. 24 MR. DEEVERS: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: Any others? Do you</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. HAAG: Jason Haag, no. 3 MS. ALLEN: Don Hudson? 4 MR. HUDSON: Hudson, yes. 5 MS. ALLEN: Dr. Isaacs? 6 MR. ISAACS: Isaacs, yes. 7 MS. ALLEN: Al Kim? 8 MR. KIM: Al Kim, yes. 9 MS. ALLEN: Steve Kroll? 10 MR. KROLL: Steve Kroll, no. 11 MS. ALLEN: Andrew Knoell? 12 MR. KNOELL: Andrew Knoell, no. 13 MS. ALLEN: Jared Kutzin? 14 MR. KUTZIN: Kutzin, no. 15 MS. ALLEN: William Masterton? 16 MR. MASTERTON: William Masterton, 17 yes. 18 MS. ALLEN: Mike McEvoy? 19 CHAIR MCEVOY: McEvoy, yes. 20 MS. ALLEN: Elizabeth McGown? 21 MS. MCGOWN: Elizabeth McGown, no. 22 MS. ALLEN: Mark Philippy? 23 MR. PHILIPPY: Philippy, no. 24 MS. ALLEN: MaryAnne Portoro? 25 MS. PORTORO: MaryAnne Portoro, no.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
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2 Lewis to come back in?
3 **MR. DEEVERS:** I believe Mr. Lewis
4 departed for the evening.
5 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** He departed the
6 building.
7 **MR. DEEVERS:** He was packing his
8 vehicle and got into it.
9 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Okay. All right. So a
10 couple more things, any other old business that
11 people see, if not, we'll move on to new business.
12 And the first item on new business is Rural E.M.S.
13 Task Force, or the Rural Ambulance Task Force.
14 And I ask Mike Benamonte if he could
15 give us a short update on what's going on with the
16 task force.
17 **MR. BENAMONTE:** Thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman. So my name is Michael Benamonte, I'm the
19 Vice Chair of the Rural Ambulance Services Task
20 Force. And so we've been very busy over the last
21 year, we continue to meet.
22 We had the town hall meeting here in
23 December with this group. Since then, we have held
24 four additional town hall meetings virtually at a
25 variety of times to make them more accessible to all

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2 of the rural E.M.S. providers.
3 We currently are working with the
4 writer in order to keep the project on track. We're
5 hoping for a completion by April 1st of 2024. We've
6 been involved with the several rural E.M.S.
7 initiatives and in development of effective rural
8 E.M.S. solutions.
9 And so we're progressing nicely along
10 that. These discussions certainly have involved
11 creative thinking and we're very positive that they
12 will provide a real forward initiative to -- to rural
13 E.M.S. challenges.
14 And -- and there appears to be, you
15 know, outstanding positive momentum with our elected
16 officials for which we're most grateful and we look
17 forward to getting our report released. Thank you,
18 Mr. Chairman.
19 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** What was your
20 projection, again, as to when you -- we might see the
21 report?
22 **MR. BENAMONTE:** Around April 1st of
23 2024.
24 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** My favorite day, April
25 1st.

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2 **MR. BENAMONTE:** So we'll make it the
3 2nd.
4 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Okay. Credentialing is
5 next and I want to just -- we -- we heard earlier
6 from Jason Winslow, about the work of the
7 credentialing group. There's a fair number of folks
8 involved in that. They've been meeting -- they were
9 meeting weekly.
10 They're meeting every other week now.
11 And there's two things that are in progress. One is
12 they are conducting a survey of all of the REMSCO, or
13 program agencies as to what they're -- each REMSCO is
14 doing for credentialing currently and what
15 credentialing practices are in place in their
16 regions.
17 Which they think will inform some good
18 decision making about drafting proposals for new
19 policy and or regulations. And then, the second
20 thing that they're doing is they're -- they
21 identified four policy statements that affect or
22 speak to credentialing de-credentialing, that sort of
23 thing.
24 And they have a group which started
25 out with four, I think it has six in it now, who over

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2 the next couple weeks are going to take those policy
3 statements and do two things. One point out the
4 conflicts between them.
5 And suggest what would be best when
6 policy statements conflict with each other. And the
7 second would be to answer the question as to whether
8 or not all those four -- four policy statements could
9 be combined into one or maybe two rather than
10 existing on their own since they clearly conflict
11 with each other.
12 So more to come on that. Paul Barbera
13 is -- is chairing that committee and I usually get on
14 to help him out because, as you might guess, it's
15 somewhat contentious, which leads me to one of the
16 biggest items on the agenda today.
17 And the last item, and that is the
18 performance standards. So we got from last summer,
19 eleven proposed performance standards that came from
20 four committees. And this was a charge from the
21 governor to this group to come up with performance
22 standards that would affect agencies.
23 Program agencies, REMSCOs, the
24 emergency departments, and nine one one centers in
25 New York State. And obviously, that -- those

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<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 tentacles don't necessarily reach to all those 3 places, so I asked Mark Philippy, because he seems to 4 have the patience of a saint, to put together a 5 committee over the last couple months of last year to 6 analyze the eleven statements and come back to us 7 with some actual workable things. We posted those on 8 Boardable that went out with the E.D.C.C. documents. 9 So you probably had a chance to look 10 at them. In synopsis, the four that they gave to us 11 were one on Systems, and that basically would require 12 agencies to report their staffing for the prior month 13 by the 15th of each month. 14 And send those reports to the Bureau 15 and to their REMSCO. And they also would report 16 total requests for service for the prior month by the 17 15th of each month. So that's a performance or 18 reporting standard under Systems. 19 The second one that they proposed is a 20 Training and Ed standard which each service would be 21 required to report an annual agency educational plan 22 for their agency. The third was a safety performance 23 standard. 24 And that would require each agency to 25 develop a safety committee that would track and trend</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 their assistance with this and getting it together. 3 Obviously, nowhere near the amount of work that went 4 into Chief Bena's team, but I want to think that what 5 we've got together dovetails nicely with the -- the 6 work product of the sustainability tag. 7 Because I think each of these four 8 have the potential to move the needle forward for 9 E.M.S. accountability as well as sustainability. 10 There are a couple of these in particular, and one of 11 the things that I've spoken of many times before is 12 how we keep getting beaten over the head as a 13 profession by things that are as arbitrary as 14 response times. 15 And response time is not a good metric 16 of how well E.M.S. does. I think some of these will 17 move that perception forward and be able to give lots 18 of folks including our legislators and our -- and our 19 executive branch some numbers by which to gauge our 20 effectiveness. 21 So with that in mind as the -- as the 22 group deliberates which of these two they would like 23 to select, I would suggest looking at these with an 24 eye toward what is measurable, what is attainable, 25 what is replicable, and what is timely.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 127</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 safety issues, primarily injuries and crashes that 3 occur. And the last one was a quality performance 4 measure which would require each agency to select 5 three or more SEMSCO approved quality metrics. 6 And implement those in their agency 7 and report by the 15th of each month how they're 8 progressing on those or how they're measuring them. 9 So those are the four that we have in front of us. 10 I would like to see, not us adopt any 11 one of those, but I would like us to pick two of 12 them. And then, perhaps spend some time at the next 13 SEMSCO meeting trying to refine how they're written, 14 who they apply to, that sort of thing. 15 And you have a pretty good document in 16 front of you already from Mark Philippy's group. But 17 Mark, do you want to say any more about the grueling 18 process that you went through, how many lives were 19 lost, et cetera? 20 MR. PHILIPPY: Thank you, Mr. 21 Chairman. I -- I actually just want to thank the 22 team. We had a large group of folks who volunteered 23 to step forward in a very short timeline. We had 24 four extremely dynamic team leads. 25 And I want to thank them for all of</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 126</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 CHAIR MCEVOY: Thank you, and thank 3 you for your work. I see this, you know, I would 4 like to pick two of these, which means two of them 5 are not going to be picked now. But all of these 6 things that came from the work of the committees have 7 potential in the future to be good performance 8 metrics. 9 I think we need to select two of them 10 that are workable for an agency with five members and 11 workable for an agency with five thousand members and 12 I don't know if anyone wants to comment on that or 13 open the discussion. 14 In my mind, I see the -- the Systems 15 one about reporting calls and the quality one as 16 being two that are near and dear to this body in the 17 work that we're -- we're doing on sustainability. So 18 I'll open that -- the discussion with that. 19 MR. DEAVERS: Mr. Chair, is there any 20 reason we can't pick all four of them? 21 CHAIR MCEVOY: The what? 22 MR. DEAVERS: All four of them? 23 CHAIR MCEVOY: It's too big of a bite 24 to start with. 25 MR. DEAVERS: Okay.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 128</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 CHAIR MCEVOY: I -- I said to Mark's 3 committee when they first started that there -- there 4 is going to be kickback about this and so we need to 5 be slow and gentle as we proceed. 6 MR. GREENBERG: May I, Mr. Chair? 7 CHAIR MCEVOY: Yes. 8 MR. GREENBERG: So one other thing to 9 keep in mind, this is not a situation that at the 10 moment that the next step in this is done, that all 11 of a sudden it goes into fruition and all of a sudden 12 everyone has to, you know, abide by it and everything 13 else. 14 These would be turned into regulation. 15 So once this is done and the committee has worked on 16 what they want into that regulation, we will then 17 take it, turn it into the legalese and the components 18 that come along with it. 19 We're going to pack -- pass the group 20 again, just to make sure that nothing changed in that 21 direction and when we had to change wording or look 22 at wording, and then go through the regular 23 regulatory process. So it will go out for public 24 comment period. 25 It will come back and then, you know,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 129</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 that we select the systems committee one and the 3 quality metric. 4 MR. REDLENER: Second. 5 CHAIR MCEVOY: Seconded by the chair 6 of Innovations, who I think is in cahoots with the 7 Quality chair. Don Hudson, did you want to comment? 8 MR. HUDSON: No. I think we should 9 vote on those two motions. The motion. 10 CHAIR MCEVOY: All right. Since we're 11 just fleshing this out, we don't need to do a roll 12 call vote because these are not going to take effect 13 in any way, shape, or form. So those in favor of 14 choosing Systems and Quality, raise your hand. 15 Any opposed? Same sign. Any 16 abstentions? Oh. That carries unanimously. So that 17 gives us some work for May. Any other unfinished 18 opening business? 19 MR. HUDSON: So you did see my mic 20 light up before, but I didn't want to skew the vote. 21 So now that that vote has been taken, you know, I -- 22 I -- we -- we use the -- I'm trying to craft this. 23 I'll just say it. So we use the carrot and the stick 24 model. 25 The carrot is we want people to be</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 131</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 be voted on as a final thing through this committee. 3 So just wanted to give situational awareness on that 4 one for anyone who turns and says, well, I heard 5 starting tomorrow all four of these are in effect. 6 That's not the case either. 7 MR. DEEVERS: Mr. Chair, I completely 8 agree with you that we should look at the, you know, 9 if we've got to pick two, and I agree with Mr. 10 Violante as well, that four would be awesome. 11 But if -- if we're tied to two for the 12 time being the Systems one and the Quality one, we -- 13 we know we do not have a healthy system. And part of 14 that is we -- we have limited data, and even in some 15 of the counties, there's, you know, various metrics 16 that aren't always the best. 17 And honestly, our focus is patient 18 care, and we definitely have a fractured quality 19 component without -- throughout the State. And 20 truthfully, they're probably the two most important 21 things we can start with. 22 MR. HAAG: Mr. Deavers, if you're 23 making that a motion, I would be more than happy to 24 second it. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: I will make a motion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 130</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 invested in their systems and their people and fix 3 things as they find them altruistically. That being 4 said, if that doesn't work, what's the stick here for 5 performance measures? 6 So with responsibility has to come 7 accountability, and I think that's also a missing 8 piece of our system that has woefully never been 9 addressed, and I realize regulation has been proposed 10 to sort of address that and give it teeth, you know, 11 is another an aphorism that we use. 12 But what do we do to an agency that 13 says I'm not giving you my data? And I don't want 14 that answer today because it shouldn't be a, you 15 know, knee jerk reaction, but we need to prepare for 16 that because I would suggest we can all pick an 17 agency that comes to mind and foresee as that's going 18 to happen. 19 CHAIR MCEVOY: And -- and I could not 20 agree more with you, and I think those are things 21 that we need to flesh out. So our next meetings are 22 scheduled for --. 23 MS. MCGOWN: Chair? Mr. Chair? 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: Yes, Beth? 25 MS. MCGOWN: I'd like to bring one</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 132</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 more piece of business. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: Go ahead. 4 MS. MCGOWN: Given the confusion we 5 just have, I'd like to make a motion to change the 6 bylaws to bring the council's bylaws to be in line 7 with the Open Meetings Law, Section 102, and the 8 General Construction Law, Section 41, which defines a 9 quorum as a majority of the total membership of a 10 public body. 11 Notwithstanding absences or vacancies, 12 and for a motion or action, there must be an 13 affirmative vote of a majority of the total 14 membership of the body, not just an affirmative 15 majority of the members present. 16 CHAIR MCEVOY: Do I hear a second? 17 MR. DUVALL: Sure. 18 CHAIR MCEVOY: Seconded by Donny 19 DuVall. Any discussion? 20 MR. HUDSON: And just to refresh my 21 memory, what is the process for amending our bylaws? 22 CHAIR MCEVOY: I had to consult the 23 bylaws on that, but I believe we're -- we have a 24 bylaws committee that I was holding off on getting 25 working until we had the ethics training.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 133</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 council. And that was something that was debated, 3 and added in -- and other language is struck out. No 4 proxy voting is authorized. 5 And the affirmative vote of a majority 6 of those members present shall be required to carry 7 the motion of any item of State council business. 8 And then, it goes on to specify what a 9 roll call vote is obviously necessary for. But we 10 have addressed this and I would refer the council and 11 anybody else is interested to just take a look in 12 Boardable. 13 If you can't find that, I'm sure Peter 14 or somebody else on the -- from the State would be 15 able to help you find it. But it -- it is there. 16 And I think we proposed these. 17 I don't know if -- I don't -- I can't 18 remember if we voted on them or if we passed them or 19 if we tabled them. So that's something we would have 20 to go back and look at the minutes of. But we did 21 discuss this because this seems to come up often when 22 we face votes up here. 23 And I think that it would all help for 24 us to just go back and look through the bylaws to 25 address some of the issues that we may be continually</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 135</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 And we now know what things we need to 3 change in the bylaws, Beth makes a good point. So 4 there is a provision for making changes to them, but 5 this group is going to look at the whole set and say 6 what else needs to be adjusted there. 7 MR. HUDSON: Yeah. And I -- I agree, 8 we desperately need to edit them. I just want to 9 make sure the process is followed and correct. 10 MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 11 Carl Gandolfo. So not to belabor the point, and I 12 know people are probably anxious to get out of here, 13 but Dr. Langsam and Mark, if you could just refresh 14 the memory of me. 15 I think that we covered this and we 16 changed this in the proposed bylaws that we presented 17 to the council in June of 2023, maybe prior to that. 18 I have a copy that I was able to find in Boardable. 19 As far as voting goes for this 20 council, it's covered, or it's -- it's addressed in 21 Article 30. But just to get into the Section 3 of 22 voting in our bylaws for the council, each member of 23 the State Council shall have one vote. 24 Alternative -- alternates may not hold 25 office nor act in the capacity of an officer of the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 134</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 seeing here. Thank you. 3 CHAIR MCEVOY: And for those who 4 haven't been around as long as your recollection goes 5 back, they lingered for a really, really long time at 6 D.L.A. Finally came back with a bunch of 7 recommendations, and so we have the current bylaws, 8 the proposed changes, and the D.L.A. recommendations. 9 And then, we also received templated 10 bylaws for councils and committees from D.L.A. that 11 we're also comparing to -- to what we currently have, 12 so there's -- there's plenty of opportunity to fix 13 those things now. 14 MR. LANGSAM: Our bylaws have no legal 15 standing versus whatever the law might be, okay? 16 Whether the law is as the Open Meeting Law states, or 17 as the law as somehow or other SEMSCO has a special 18 set of rules which is what our lawyers claim. 19 What -- if I may digress, what is long 20 overdue is the bylaws being updated. And this has 21 been now at least three years that the bylaws have 22 been in the hands of, I point to the people in 23 charge, and has not been brought before this body. 24 The body has a right, I'm not a member 25 of the body, but the body has a right to demand that</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 136</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 the changes to the bylaws be brought to the floor and 3 discussed and then passed. And then, the lawyers can 4 come and say it's all legal if they want. 5 But that's not the way it works. The 6 body has the right to demand that its Chair bring the 7 bylaws from whatever committee is working on it to 8 the floor for discussion. This has not happened for 9 at least three years. I'm done. 10 CHAIR MCEVOY: So any other discussion 11 on this motion? If not, we'll call a vote. This 12 doesn't need a vote call. 13 MS. MCGOWN: Does it have to sit on 14 the table until the next meeting before a vote? Has 15 to be published and then sit until the next meeting? 16 CHAIR MCEVOY: I think it takes 17 several meetings to do that. 18 MR. MASTERTON: Well, if we're 19 following Robert's Rules, yeah. Then it should be 20 read at three consecutive meetings prior to a bylaw 21 change taking place, right? 22 So does that -- Mike, just a question, 23 does that require a roll call then if we're just 24 passing a motion to propose this and then it'd be two 25 more times?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 137</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 MR. DUVALL: Well, I am also not a 3 lawyer, and it's possible this motion was out of 4 order. But it's unfathomable to me that different 5 sections of State law, I hear terms like General 6 Construction Law, Business Law, Public Health Law 7 that there would be a conflict in any of these laws. 8 I -- I just can't imagine that they 9 wouldn't all say the same thing. And maybe it's like 10 trying to tilt the windmill, but whatever we craft 11 and wherever we go from here probably needs to 12 somehow meet all of the existing laws in one place. 13 Because that's the elephant that even 14 ethics training couldn't solve. No discussion about 15 which sections of State law are relevant and which 16 aren't and how they work. So maybe we should give 17 the lawyers some homework. 18 Figure out which laws are relevant and 19 how to reconcile different laws with different 20 requirements from different sections of -- of the 21 entirety of the State rule book. 22 CHAIR MCEVOY: All right. So noted. 23 Any other new business? If not, how -- oh, oh, oh. 24 MR. HUDSON: Just -- I can't help 25 myself. Is it too much to ask that our bylaws as a</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 139</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 CHAIR MCEVOY: It goes on, it gets 3 read at consecutive meetings before it gets voted on 4 and it can be discussed at consecutive meetings. So 5 we won't go down that path. But we will read it 6 again. Can you email that to us? Yeah. Good. Any 7 other --. 8 MR. LANGSAM: I've met the bylaws at 9 this meeting. It's out of order. The bylaws have 10 not been read before the group, and they haven't been 11 brought for discussion. And you have to do that 12 three meetings ahead. No. 13 CHAIR MCEVOY: Right. 14 MR. LANGSAM: One, two, three. 15 MR. GREENBERG: I also think she's 16 talking about the current bylaws, though, not the 17 bylaws you're referring to. She's referring to the 18 current bylaws, not the bylaws that you're referring 19 to. She's asking for an amendment. 20 MR. LANGSAM: Bylaws require three 21 meetings. 22 MR. GREENBERG: No. I agree with 23 that. Okay. So what are we --? 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: Yeah. Don, you have 25 something to say?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 138</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 public body be posted to the New York State 3 Department of Health Bureau of E.M.S., public SEMSCO 4 page? Because I don't know what we're talking about. 5 Is it the current set, the edited set, 6 or the secret set that no one's allowed to see? What 7 are we editing? You know, I'm half serious, which 8 also means I'm half joking, but what --? 9 MR. GANDOLFO: Right. So that would 10 be my question as well. What -- what is the motion 11 on, and what are we looking to do? Are we looking to 12 edit the current bylaws that are published? 13 Are we looking to edit the proposed 14 bylaws that were published? If you could just 15 clarify, Ms. McGown. 16 MS. MCGOWN: I am looking to edit the 17 bylaws that I believe are current, which were last 18 amended on March 27th, 2002, and became effective 19 March 27th, 2002. 20 As I believe that is the current set 21 of bylaws that we are operating under as no other set 22 of bylaws has been voted on, although they have been 23 proposed. 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: Well, I have a set in 25 front of me that's December 12th, 2007, as having</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 140</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 been --.</p> <p>3 MR. HUDSON: And just to be clear --. 4 MS. MCGOWN: 2007. 5 CHAIR MCEVOY: I have another set 6 that's December 24th, 2014. 7 MR. HUDSON: I also see that third set 8 of bylaws. Do you get my point? 9 CHAIR MCEVOY: So maybe we should hire 10 a bylaw hunter. 11 MS. MCGOWN: And that just goes to the 12 point, because when I joined the council, I asked Dr. 13 McEvoy for the most current set of bylaws, and was 14 sent the 2007 version. 15 I think any council that I sit on, or 16 I have always asked for the bylaws in under -- in 17 order to understand. And being a fairly new member 18 of council, I was given something that was three 19 revisions ago. 20 MR. PHILIPPY: Okay. And -- and to 21 that point, as the person who kind of started this 22 whole mess four years ago, the version that I was 23 dealing with was the 2014 version, because that's the 24 version I was given by the then executive secretary. 25 Before Mazaska (phonetic spelling)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 141</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 to the Bureau website? 3 MR. DZIURA: Yes. 4 CHAIR MCEVOY: All right. 5 MR. LANGSAM: The last effective date 6 was December 12th, 2007. After that, there's -- 7 there's a blank space waiting for approval which may 8 have happened. There were proposals made and then 9 somehow or other then the lawyers --. 10 MR. DZIURA: That reiterates what I 11 have on file with the Division of Legal Affairs is 12 the official copy. 13 CHAIR MCEVOY: So let's get those 14 posted and that will answer your questions about what 15 the current copy is. And that is what we will use to 16 make the amendments. 17 MS. MCGOWN: Mr. Dziura, I believe 18 that the 2007 bylaws doesn't have the section you 19 showed me that we discussed a little earlier. 20 MR. DZIURA: That was the same copy. 21 MR. KROLL: I'd like to make a 22 suggestion, I know we have a motion on the floor. I 23 would like to suggest though, this is slightly 24 preliminary a conversation until we uncover a couple 25 of pieces of fact and make them certain and agreeable</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 143</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 took over that position, so that's what I've been 3 working on. And if you look at the -- the footnote, 4 I believe, on the bottom of the version that is in 5 review on Boardable, in fairness to everyone here, 6 it's been posted in Boardable for months. 7 I'm sorry if folks are having trouble 8 finding it, but it has been there, it's been reported 9 -- repeated by the Chair, that it is on Boardable. 10 And that is a -- anyone want to correct me if I'm 11 wrong? 12 Well, that's the working copy that Mr. 13 Gandolfo, Dr. Langsam, and myself have been working 14 on. And that was the Circa 14 version, so. 15 MR. DZIURA: So according to the 16 official records of the Division of Legal Affairs on 17 the adoption of bylaws, the current copy was adopted 18 on December 12th, 2007. There was proposed 19 amendments put forth on December 24th, 2014. 20 I'm not sure why it happened on 21 Christmas Eve, but that's when it happened. Those 22 were not adopted. They are not effective. So the 23 most current effective bylaws are December 12th, 24 2007. 25 CHAIR MCEVOY: So can those be posted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 142</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 to everybody. 3 Number one, what are the current 4 bylaws? I think it'd be very easy, and I am not 5 volunteering to do it, but to -- to consult -- to 6 consult the minutes from 2014 and '15 and confirm 7 whether they were voted on or not. 8 And -- and establish that the 2007 9 bylaws are indeed the 2007 bylaws. I think secondly, 10 it would behoove us to have Division of Legal Affairs 11 explain to us, maybe in a paragraph, why they ruled 12 today the way they ruled on what they believe the 13 predominant decision is on a quorum for a vote. 14 Because we're tossing -- there's a 15 couple people here who have tossed back and forth, 16 General Construction Law versus Department of Health 17 Policy versus bylaws. What is the basis of the 18 decision that they have made, that they recommended 19 to us for the vote today? 20 And I think that sets us up to be in a 21 position to discuss, number one, bigger bylaws change 22 project, but number two -- and -- and look, Mark put 23 a lot of effort into this, and I was on that 24 committee. And I know we never finished the job, but 25 a lot of debate went back and forth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 144</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>

<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 But after that debate went back and 3 forth, we recognized we had not consulted the model 4 bylaws that the Department of Health had thought we - 5 - we didn't even know they existed. So there's a 6 model set of bylaws, there's -- Mark's draft a set of 7 bylaws. 8 We can have that discussion. But also 9 more directly on the point that Beth is making, if we 10 know what the bylaws are, we understand why Division 11 of Legal Affairs decided the way they did today, then 12 we can discuss the proposal that you're making, being 13 well-informed as to the implications of, you know, 14 whatever the vote would be on that. 15 MR. PHILIPPY: So to the instant 16 moment, since there is ostensibly a bylaws committee 17 that is revising, reviewing the bylaws, do we take 18 the motion made and seconded that is currently on the 19 floor, move that to committee so that -- and -- and 20 force the issue that it comes back to this body for 21 reading? 22 MR. GANDOLFO: We'll call the vote. 23 Yeah. 24 CHAIR MCEVOY: Well, I don't think we 25 call the vote. I think this gets read at subsequent</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 145</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>	<p>800.523.7887 2-7-2024, SEMSCO Meeting Associated Reporters Int'l., Inc.</p> <p>1 2/7/2024 – SEMSCO Meeting – Troy, New York 2 this case, and I think they will, you know, in this 3 case, in their referencing, in their legal devices 4 referencing the bylaws as they were approved, as they 5 say, in 2007 based on record of effective date that 6 this council has had in place. 7 And by the way, I don't see a reason 8 in not being able to post those up on the website or 9 anything else. Good suggestion. Thank you for 10 everyone, you know, to be able to move forward on -- 11 on that one. So just on where that came from, that 12 recommendation and -- and things of that nature. 13 In regards to, you know, the bylaws 14 and discussions and recommendations that -- I know 15 you kind of put forth to here, there were 16 recommendations that were made related to those 17 bylaws that were brought back to this bylaw committee 18 to work on. 19 To -- to say, hey, here's your legal 20 advice from your legal counsel for the Department of 21 Health related to the bylaws that you proposed. That 22 is not sitting with the Bureau, it's not sitting with 23 the Division of Legal Affairs. 24 It's not sitting with anybody else, 25 except for the council to determine what they want to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 147</p> <p>ARII@courtsteno.com www.courtsteno.com</p>
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2 needed just as a civics lesson, if not a procedural
3 and ethics lesson.

4 **MR. DEEVERS:** I would agree with him
5 as well.

6 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** All right.

7 **MR. PHILIPPY:** Dr. McEvoy, motion to
8 adjourn.

9 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Second.

10 **MS. MCGOWN:** Second.

11 **CHAIR MCEVOY:** Thank you all for
12 everything that you do.

13 (The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.)
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