Yedidyah Langsam, Chair REMSCO, called the Ambulance Committee to order at 5:00pm. The Minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Vincent Barranco, seconded by Nancy Benedetto. Approved unanimously.

**Membership is 8 members, quorum is 7.**
Correspondence Report

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

FDNY EMS:

➢ No new information.

NYS DOH:

➢ Statement of Charges from the NYS DOH against Bensonhurst VAC. Suspended for 1 year – stayed. Probation for 2 years effective 9/23/20, $2000 civil penalty. Must hire a consultant and provide regular reports to NYSDOH.

  ▪ **NYC REMSCO spent over 2 years attempting to assist, but Bensonhurst leadership refused guidance.**

➢ The enforcement actions (for both providers and agencies) can be viewed on the NYS DOH BEMS&TS EMS Disciplinary Actions-Enforcement Actions page at [https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/sanctions.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/sanctions.htm)

Ambulance Agencies:

➢ Communications between NYSVARA District 4 & 18 and Bedford Stuyvesant VAC identifying items being revised/corrected to better operationalize the corps.

Other: Glen Oaks VAC Expansion CON:

➢ Letters of support:
  ▪ Whitestone VAC.
  ▪ FDNY.

➢ Requests to speak in support:
  ▪ Joe Marzilliano or Eileen Miller, Representing Queens CB#11
  ▪ Louis Greco, Regional Representative, NYSVARA
  ▪ Susan Sienfeld, Former District Manager, Queens CB#11
  ▪ Henry Ehrhardt, President, Glen Oaks VAC
  ▪ Michael Berlin, Greenberg Traurig, Legal Counsel

➢ Letters in opposition:
  ▪ Christopher Capo and Board of Trustees, former Bayside VAC

  • **Staff Note: BVAC had its certificate revoked in May 2018 by the NYS DOH.**
Little Neck-Douglaston VAC
- Michael Lyons, Bay Community VAC
- Joseph Heffernan, Bayside Community VAC

Requests to speak in opposition:
- Joseph Heffernan, Bayside Community VAC
- Christopher Capo

*The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:*

- Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
- Glen Oaks VAC Expansion CON:
  - Deemed Complete letter
  - Letter requesting permission to go forward with public hearing
  - Public hearing notice via email, certified mail and published in NY Times
  - Emails to/from Frank Schorn, Public Hearing Officer
  - Copies of application posted on NYSDOH HCS

**Transfer of Operating Authority**
No new applications for Transfer of Operating Authority received.

**Determination of Public Need**
No new applications for Determination of Public Need received.

The Public Hearing for the application for expansion of territory of an existing ambulance agency from Glen Oaks VAC will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

**Emergency Preparedness Report: Scott Chiang & Joseph Raneri**
This report will be provided at the REMSCO meeting.

**TAG Reports**
- **Mapping TAG:** Jerry Gelbard reported he sent out correspondence. Waiting to receive approval from NYCEM leadership to share electronic data with TAG and FDNY. Robert Bristol, NYCEM, reported that approval has been received.
- **Security Sticker TAG:** No new requests.
- **ID Cards:** No new report.

**Unfinished Business**
No report.
New Business

- Marie Diglio asked for an update on his work with Bedford-Stuyvesant VAC (TAG is leadership of districts 4 & 18).
- Zoom meeting, looked through all Bedford-Stuyvesant VAC documents
- Reviewed all documents sent to NYS DOH:
  - Corrective actions and SOPs received and accepted by NYS DOH
  - Will conduct a walk-through to prepared Bedford-Stuyvesant VAC for re-operationalize.
- James Downey is working with Bensonhurst VAC:
  - Helping them with personnel files
  - Asked to include management consultant selected by Bensonhurst
  - Have not heard back from Bensonhurst since last week.

The Ambulance Committee was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting of the Ambulance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020.