

Welcome to 2022! While we continue to experience the challenges and uncertainty associated with COVID-19, living with the pandemic during the past two years also provided us with the opportunity to work even more closely with our 92 agencies and State partners.

In addition to the deliverable set forth by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems, over the past several years, STHCS has worked to go above and beyond for our EMS agencies, not only in our catchment but across NYS. These efforts required collaboration across STEMS' program agency, EMS agency, local hospitals, and State Partnerships.

A quick highlight of some of STEMS' work includes:

The Southern Tier EMT-B Academy was hosted with ALSTAR from funding received from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. We trained 11 new EMS personnel to help bolster the EMS system in our catchment. The Academy was provided at no cost to students and the students received a stipend during their training to allow them to concentrate on their training program without working full-time.

EMS Leadership trainings were held for EMS leaders from Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties. We also hosted a Masterclass series for 30 current and future leaders of EMS. This will support creating a thriving and sustainable EMS organization in the Southern Tier.

Trained over 750 providers and provided 2,000 Narcan kits free of charge to EMS agencies in our region. We have continued participating in the NY MATTERS program with our local ER. And have begun the expansion of the EMS leave behind program in our catchment.

The Regional Paramedic Program has been issued a Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). In addition, it is in the process of receiving final approval for the National Registry.

Established NYS EMS Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Program in NYS. PECC's are responsible for coordinating pediatric-specific activities at an agency. These activities include: being a resource for education on pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies; promoting and sharing pediatric continuing-education opportunities; encouraging pediatric simulations/hands-on pediatric skills assessments; and encouraging fellow providers to follow pediatric clinical-practice guidelines. Presently, there are over 200 agencies with a designated PECC in NYS.

Assembled over 100 Pediatric Resource Kits that included medical communication cards, a Pediatape, a quick tape, and a Pedi-Wheel. We also hosted several pediatric CME opportunities, including topics ranging from crashing kids to trauma in pregnancy. Individuals from each region of the state were in attendance.

Educational Efforts include serving as an AHA training center for BLS Provider CPR and ACLS along with Stop the Bleed. These courses are conducted for EMS agencies in need, community agencies, and member organizations.

COVID-19 Assistance was provided to BEMS during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. STHCS assisted the Bureau with the National Ambulance Contract and the entering and attaching paper PCR's to the state elite site.

And so much more...

The creativity and dedication of our staff and local providers continue to make me proud. We remained focused on improving access and supporting innovation to serve our communities better. We could not have accomplished this without the partnership with NYSBEMS and the dedication and support of service providers. This year, we plan to further strengthen the support and training we provide to our 92 EMS agencies and forge new partnerships to ensure that community members can access services and support: how, when, and where they need that help. Despite the added pressures and obstacles, we have made tremendous strides in improving care.

I'm looking forward to what our future brings!



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