

**Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2012**

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Agenda is being passed around – does anyone have changes?
- Please speak loudly and clearly into the microphone to assure an accurate recording

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Minutes from the last meeting have been posted. Motion to approve the minutes – Breese, Second – Rueckmann. All in favor? Opposed? Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Tracy has left the Program Agency and taken the EMS Education Manager position at MCC
  - Special thanks to Tracy for all of her hard work over the past few years; couldn't have done it without her
  - REMAC, QA, and Program Agency will miss you
- Council meetings have moved smoother because of the work done accomplished by Tracy in the office – thank you for everything on behalf of the Council (Mark Tornstrom)
- Most of REMACs work is done in our subcommittees
  - Would encourage everyone on REMAC to ensure they are on at least on subcommittee

Medical Director's Report & Program Agency Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Thank you to Tracy for all she has done for Council, Program Agency, & Community
- One of her legacies is organization & structure which is critical for our office and whoever succeeds Tracy
- Moving forward, Nicoletta will continue to support the agencies and individuals around this table
  - Will take on a few additional responsibilities which relate to finance and such
  - Will direct questions that come through to the appropriate people
- Tracy has stayed on as a TAR employee and will assist us with our quarterly reports to ensure we are meeting our deliverables
- Two other TAR employees in our division who will assist us– Jason Howard & Frank Manzo
  - Jason Howard has done background work in terms of website & database management
  - Will continue to with those projects; may become slightly more visible in some roles
  - Frank Manzo has worked on several policies & procedures in the past
  - Will take the lead role as the QA Administrator in our office, assisting Dr. Shah and myself

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Tornstrom

- MLREMS just met and held elections
  - Several seats remain unfilled. Will be soliciting to fill these seats.
  - Recently revised our by-laws in hopes of better representing our community
- MLREMS appreciates the support received by area hospitals during EMS Week
  - Thank you to Dr. Murray for the product she developed for pediatric resuscitation
  - Would like to begin planning EMS Week 2013
- Going through personnel changes in the office and potentially Council leadership

- We are owed about \$100,000 by NYS
  - Determining how to move forward and collect those funds
  - May involve our politicians

#### Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy

- Minor discrepancies in the terms of members for both REMAC & MLREMS that we are trying to reconcile
  - Apologies to Council and REMAC for any confusion this may have caused
  - Will be working with Nicoletta to come up with a new system moving forward
  - Part of the challenge has been mid-year changes, resignations, etc.
  - Missing two letters from two physicians; will speak to them individually
  - Elections were held during MLREMS:
    - Drs. Shah, Lum, & Rueckmann; Amy Pollard and Tim Frost for the at-large seats; Dr. Ostrovsky was a write-in for the physician at-large seat.

#### State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman for Tim Czapranski

- State meetings will be held in January

#### State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman

#### State Actions – Jeremy Cushman

- New York State Hospital Medical Center, Queens, Flushing, NY

#### ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Last month's meeting was cancelled; will meet after this meeting

#### Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Bove (Chair)

- Met on October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Revamped the agreement between hospitals and providers in regards to expired medications
  - Medications can now be returned after they have expired
- Asked hospitals to consider replacing Promethazine with Zofran
- Would like a vote to approve this revamped agreement
- Moved to approve – Bob Breese, Seconded – Dr. Thompson. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.

#### Protocol & Policy Committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD (Chair)

- One action item and one discussion item to go over
- Action Item: SCT protocols were distributed for public comment
  - Major changes include the standardization of maximum doses for narcotics
  - Dexamethasone was added to the formulary – not required for SCT units to carry
  - Motion to approve the SCT protocols – Bob Breese, Seconded – Dr. Katsetos. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed. Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Discussion Item: the committee has been busily reevaluating protocols
- Would like to add Ketamine to the RSI formulary – this would be beneficial due to constant shortages of Etomidate
  - Initially, Ketamine would be restricted to RSI providers to see how things worked out

- Due to shortages of Succinylcholine, would like to give RSI providers the option to also use Rocuronium
- Data for and against Lidocaine as a pretreatment for RSI is dubious at best
  - Seems as though the majority of providers are no longer providing Lidocaine as a pretreatment for RSI – reasonable given the data
  - Entertained motion of removing Lidocaine pretreatments from the field RSI protocol
  - SMH uses Lidocaine for head trauma
- These changes would have to go to the State for approval
- Facilitated extrication protocol has been added – also uses Midazolam and Ketamine
- Please review the determination of death and termination of resuscitation protocol
- Everyone needs to understand what these protocols do and don't say
- Dopamine is no longer the best pressor; Norepinephrine is the best pressor
  - Significant advantages with Norepinephrine both in its efficiency and modality data
  - Better from a mix and administer perspective – milligram per minute – kilograms are removed from the equation
  - Would like physician feedback re: this
  - Would like to change from dopamine to norepi as our pressor provided we can get it, standardize it, and get it approved by the State

#### Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Membership for next year: Kevin Clark & Sarah Sanderson are rotating off
  - Thanks to both for their service to the committee
  - New Members: Matt Rudow & Alex Dulan will begin as of January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Regionalization Committee Chair was excluded from the new policy & procedure document approved by this group at the last meeting
  - Motion to amend the document – Bob Breese, Seconded – Dr. Murray. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Chart Lock Times will no longer be tracked by the QA Committee
  - The State now has their own policy and this will be followed
  - Any open cases due to Chart Lock Times will need to be completed

#### Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Meeting bib-monthly again
- Currently have three different work groups going

#### Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- Met in October
- Discussed interaction with the State Trauma Advisory Committee and the fact that the American College of Surgeons does the verifications of trauma centers
  - They are looking for feedback from local hospital trauma centers when patients are transferred
  - Looking to develop an education piece for trauma center notification, education for prehospital providers
- 2013 meeting schedule has yet to be determined

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- MLREMS will be meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>
- REMAC will meet again in January
- Next year's schedule will be e-mailed once planned
- Motion to adjourn – Bob Breese. Seconded – Mark Philippy. All in favor? Adjourned.