

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes January 21, 2013

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Welcome to the first meeting of 2013
- Would like a moment of silence to remember the victims and everyone involved of the West Webster FD tragedy
- REMAC has been so successful over the years because we are so active at the committee level
 - Committees do not require you to be a member of REMAC
 - Would like to encourage all non-members to get involved with a committee
- 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 – Cushman. All in favor? Opposed? Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Chart Lock Times for November and December are being passed around
 - Rural/Metro data was not sent to us until Sunday, so their data is not on the report
 - Will amend the reports and repost them to the website
- Welcome to Ben Sensenbach, our new Program Agency Administrator

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

- Welcome to Ben
- Gave a report at MLREMS in regards to how much our office had processed in 2012
 - Tracked 361 ALS providers within our system
 - Tracked 188 providers to perform Online Medical Control
 - Created 3 training podcasts on BLS medication and administration
 - Processed 3,000 hours of CME
- Education opportunity going on regarding the Excited Delirium Syndrome protocol
- The plan is to standardize the approach and enhance law enforcement and EMS providers' awareness of Excited Delirium and how to safely manage it
- Should roll out in the March, April, May timeframe

Council (MLREMS) – Time Frost for Mark Tornstrom

- MLREMS held their annual meeting
- The State has finally paid us
- A lot of focus this year will be on the Training & Education Committee

State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman for Tim Czapranski

- State meetings will be held at the end of January

State Actions – Jeremy Cushman

- No report

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- We will meet after this meeting
- Biggest challenge we face is a lack of pharmaceuticals available to us

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Bove (Chair)

- Last met in October
- Drug shortages has continued to be an issue
- May be worth writing a proactive plan stating which drugs we need and if we are short a drug, what the backup options are
- That way we have a procedure in place and would not have to wait for something to happen and call a special meeting
- This may be a good collaboration with the ALS Committee, as it seems to be regular agenda item

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

- Number of action items – some were discussed at the last meeting and all have been out for public comment
- Would like to go through each protocol to ensure there are no questions, concerns, etc.
- Protocol 1.3 “Advanced Directives” – received no additional feedback; No concerns
- Protocol 1.4 “Determination of Death” – typo, which can easily be fixed
- Protocol 1.5 – no concerns or comments
- Protocol 2.8 “Excited Delirium” – Nicole Acquisto, our Pharmacist suggested that we may want to include within this a caveat for an emergent phenomena – believe it’s appropriate and reasonable
- Would recommend within 2.8 that we add an item 7 which would indicate if the patient develops an emergent phenomena such as agitation, nightmares, or hallucinations which could be potentially dangerous to EMS personnel – they could administer 2.5 mg IV or IM, standing order
- Hearing no objections, we will add that to the protocol
- “Acute Coronary Syndrome” – initial packet that was sent out had a typo in it; other than that, no other changes
- “RSI” – no changes
- “Medication Data Sheet” – Nicole identified a few more things I will add in to be consistent
- “ROS” Protocol – indicated the change from dopamine to norepinephrine
- If these items are passed by REMAC, none of them will take effect immediately because they will need to be presented to SEMAC
- At this time, the next SEMAC meeting has not been scheduled
- All of these will require a fair amount of education product development in the meantime
- Motion to approve the protocols distributed in advance to this meeting with the changes made herein – Mark Philippy, Second Dr. Murray
- All in favor? All opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Will be coming forth for action at the March meeting with changes to our current policy 9.3

Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- No report

Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Focused on two projects – a best practices document and the completion of the clearing regionalization document

Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- No report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Drs. Cushman and Ostrovsky and I (Manish Shah) were at NAEMSP last week
- Would like to share some topics that were discussed at a national level
 - Drug shortages: these are occurring across the county. Will not get better anytime soon.
 - Hyperventilation and intubations was a big concept
 - Mass casualty triage was discussed due to some events that have occurred
 - Our Protocol & Policy Committee should reassess our position on pediatric endotracheal intubation within our system
- Dr. Cushman presented an excellent talk at the NAEMSP conference on the crane incident
- Interesting study presented that looked at benzodiazepines and their stability at room temperature
- Along those lines, agency leaders may have received a letter from the State of NY, BEMS, as well as the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement – have issued an edict to all EMS systems within the State – any agency that has a CS license and wants to carry Ativan, must do so in a temperature controlled environment
- Fair amount of discussion re: patient safety
- Should any of you or your providers attend any of the EMS Conferences, please bring back some good information to share with us
- Next REMAC meeting will be March 18th at PSTF
- Motion to adjourn – Tim Frost and Liz Darrow