

**Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2013**

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Agenda is being passed around – does anyone have changes?

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Minutes from the last meeting have been posted. Motion to approve the minutes – Breese; second - Katsetos. All in favor? Opposed? Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Most everyone has probably heard about the passing of Dick Tripp
- Dick has been ill for several months now
- He was a very good person; devoted his life to community service and EMS
- A few handouts are being passed around
- Chart Lock Times Report does not include RMMS data as it has yet to submitted

Medical Director's Report – Benjamin Sensenbach for Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Two protocols were sent out for action at tonight's meeting – Violent Medical and Point of Care

Program Agency Report – Benjamin Sensenbach

- Lots of time and effort is going into QA and assisting on research projects that will impact all aspects of EMS
- Also trying to streamline processes within the office to be as efficient as possible

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Tornstrom

- Website: plan to find a new vendor to maintain our website
- Currently paying \$500 per month
- First step would be to move the site to a new host, until a new vendor is established
- The goal is to get a new, modern and efficient website up
- Annual MLREMS Awards deadline has been extended to March 29<sup>th</sup>
- We do not have any Physician of Excellence nominations yet
- EMS Week: MLREMS will host an all-day event on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Genesee Valley Park
- It will involve food, skills competition, participation from area hospitals, displays and activities for kids, and the awards will be presented at this event as well
- Looking to receive a monetary donation from the hospitals – letters will be sent out re: this
- Monroe County EMS Study results were recently released
- We believe that everyone should read this study and that discussions should be had at MLREMS and REMAC re: what we can and cannot change or suggestions we can make

State Council Meetings – Tim Czapranski

- Currently no State Meetings have been scheduled
- Governor's budget has proposed 49 changes to Article XXX
- Will have to wait and see what happens – budget is due April 1<sup>st</sup>

### State Actions – Benjamin Sensenbach

- Listed on the agenda

### ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Will meet after this meeting; will discuss assisting some of the TAGs, such as Regionalization
- Discuss goals for 2013

### Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Bove (Chair)

- Goals for 2013: create better communication with agencies, when hospitals are experiencing shortages of medications
- Develop and document with Protocol & Policy Committee to address shortages

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

- Two policies have been out for review and comments; were also discussed at last meeting
- Point of Care Testing – motion to approve? Breese and Dr. Thompson – first and second
- Suggestion to model this policy after psych patients – starts with intent and definitions
- All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Management of Psychiatric and Violent or Potentially Violent Patients – move to approve – Breese and Rueckmann
- Suggestion to make it “chemical restraints/sedation” throughout the policy
- All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Policy re: ultrasound use was reworded and sent out for review/comment
- Will be discussed at next REMAC Meeting

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

- Spent a fair amount of time discussing goals
- Have been reviewing and updating our templates and processes
- The QA Coordinator will begin presenting the cases, providing the fact, and allowing the rest of the committee to focus on the bigger picture
- Need to focus more on education – need to educate the educators
- Would like for the agency medical directors to meet to discuss practices, QA issues re: general and regional issues
- Perhaps this meeting could take place quarterly
- Metric based reviews – the quality of the data is variable

### Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Working on two documents: best practices guide for operations and the actual regionalization document
- Should be ready for review by ALS chiefs at the next meeting

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

- Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Finger Lakes RTAC will continue to meet, regardless of what may happen at the State level re: funding
- Schedule for ATLS and APC classes will be posted at Strong

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Lee Collier asked that we announce Brighton will be going live as an RSI agency tomorrow
- Dr. Kamali – asking to please pass this information along to your providers. Please stop ambulances from idling outside of the ED.
- The fumes get into the ED – not good for patients
- Should be very rare that a vehicle should be left idling outside the ED
- Please turn off your ambulances
  
- Dr. Cushman – Monroe County EMS Report
- Agency Medical Directors need to get together to discuss this report and its findings
- Was identified in the report that agency medical directors do not meet
- Meetings would be beneficial; would achieve consistency throughout the system
- Some things within the EMS system that medical director should have a greater say in
- Would challenge everyone to identify three things that we as a system could do to improve ourselves based upon the study
  
- Move to adjourn – Breese & Philippy. All in favor?
- Next meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> in Livingston County