

REMAC  
December 15, 2008 Minutes

**Standing Agenda Items – Terry Fairbanks**

Thank you to Mark Tornstrom for running last month's meeting

Minutes – motion to approve – Shah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kuder, approved

Correspondence/Announcements

- Kodak – rec'd letter from DoH – no longer has an agency code, must stop EMS activities
- MLREMS – formal nomination from Unity to have Jamie Syrett be REMAC rep
- SEMAC – unofficial minutes handed out
- STEP - Sue Chalupa-Breese – asking for physicians to consider lecturing this year

**Medical Director's Report – Manish Shah, MD**

- Dispatch issues -Medical director's for agencies that self-dispatch should review the policy with that agency

**Associated Reports**

Council – Mark Tornstrom

- Annual REMAC elections – Bill Sheahan  
Voting position – no response from Bruce Thompson via email (hospital email, not home email – caused some confusion). Zach Hettinger was nominated and voted in. Will re-visit this issue at the special MLREMS meeting on 12-22-08 per request of REMAC members  
Non-voting- at large – Mike Kuder, Mark Tornstrom and Elizabeth Darrow  
Non-voting - EMS Course Sponsor – Bob Breese  
Non-voting - Hosp Rep – Amy Pollard
- Annual business meeting will be 01/19/09, 1600 hrs
- EMS Summit 1/10/09
- Emergency Session 12-22-08 to vote on Scottsville CON, fallback date 12-30-08

State Meetings – Mark Tornstrom

- Letter sent last fall from Dr Fairbanks/REMAC to Ed Wronski regarding the dilemma created by the prohibition of treatment of patients while in the triage line was re-sent because REMO has sent a similar letter. Should have response from DoH on this issue as well as SCT clinical time
- Vital Signs in Rochester next year (Oct 2009), if interested in giving a lecture please consider proposing now
- Marjorie Geiger leaving EMS at DoH to take position as director of DOH patient safety office

State Actions – Sheri Adam

Michael Conradis, Long Beach  
Michael Edlund, Pomona  
Susan Verminski, Clark Mills  
David Wardlaw, Shinglehouse

Clint Debree, West Haverstraw  
Machias Vol FD, Machias  
Manuel Vilegas, Brooklyn

**Sub-committee Reports**

Update – Terry Fairbanks, MD

- QA Implementation and ePCR TAGS have completed their objectives, closed (members and chairs were thanked for their service)
- RSI and SCT committees merged them into a new "Advanced Practices Subcommittee"- Jeremy Cushman has agreed to Chair
- Sign Off/MHA TAG – Mark Tornstrom, Chair

ALS Committee – Julie Jordan

- Assist a Tech program – final review being done
- Regionalization Exploration Group – starting in Jan to look at developing a process for regionally clearing providers
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## REMAC 12-15-2008 continued

### Pharmacy Committee – Mike Kuder

- No regularly scheduled meeting but question from REMAC last month on when users are removed from the med stations. SMH and HH would like more frequent updates of up to date users. Haven't heard from Unity and RGH. Logistics may be a problem, will continue to work on this

### Protocol Sub-committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Will be meeting next month to review changes

### QA Sub-Committee – Sheri Adam

- Will be asking for Executive Session at the end of this meeting

### Advanced Practices Committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Has not met yet (member appointments forthcoming, contact Dr. Fairbanks or Cushman if interested)
- RSI
  - CMEs by agencies in the works
  - No plans for future RSI classes at this time
  - Protocol changes coming via protocol committee
  - Cadaver labs in March
  - Reasonable amount of providers at this time

### ePCR – Manish Shah, MD

- Blinded agency list handed out, progress being made towards 90% completion
- Agencies still in the 50-60% range should have medical director involvement
- R/M going live with Zoll
  - We will need Raw data to ensure their compliance with 90% rule
  - Unsure if hospitals will have access to PCRs
  - Unsure if OPC will have access to PCRs

### GRQC – Manish Shah, MD

- Thank you to agencies that helped with data collection
- Benefit of the meetings, both the hospital and EMS have a better understanding of how the entire systems works, not just their side

### **Old Business**

- None at this time

### **New Business**

#### Approvals – Sheri Adam

- Kodak – Albuterol approval, motion by Breese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lampell, approved, one abstention (Cushman)
- Kodak – Epi-Pen notification, will forward notice to NYS DoH
- Pt Pleasant – BG Application, motion by Hilmi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shah, approved
- Spinal Rollout, motion to approve all listed: Breese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shah, approved
  - Brighton FD                      Henrietta Ambulance                      Henrietta Fire
  - Irondequoit                      Lima    North Greece Fire
  - Pittsford Amb                      Point Pleasant Fire/Amb                      Ridge Road Fire
  - Scottsville Amb                      Southeast Quadrant                      Walker Fire Department
  - Xerox Ambulance

### Pain Control Protocol Clarifications – Terry Fairbanks, MD

- Hips (not pelvis) and shoulders are considered extremities and providers can use standing order morphine orders for dislocations/fractures
- High mechanism of injury with an identified extremity fracture do not qualify for standing order morphine

## REMAC 12-15-2008 continued

### QA Committee Feedback – Terry Fairbanks, MD

- Discussion regarding changing our announcement of Education Plans for QA issues into the minutes. Dr. Fairbanks is concerned that a public announcement of an educationally oriented QA plan (non-punitive) introduces an inadvertent punitive impact. Discussion was raised regarding options to keep these results confidential. Will be discussed more at the next QA Subcommittee meeting

### New member orientation – Jamie Syrett, MD

- We should consider an orientation for new people, used to be a template, should look into using it
- Sheri to get everyone's contact information and we can send out a fresh packet to everyone

### Meeting Requirements – Tim Frost

- If not met, offending party receives a letter, and is given an opportunity to respond in person or writing regarding their situation. The Council votes on whether or not to accept the situation and keep the person on REMAC. All members are required to make 2/3 of all meetings in a rolling 12 month period. MLREMS takes action on this issue, not REMAC

### Meeting Schedule – Terry Fairbanks, MD

- February & April meeting, may have quorum issues, need to send email asking about attendance of voting members
- Spinal Rollout – if complete Medical Director can approve, will announce at next REMAC, motion by Fairbanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Breese, approved

Move to adjourn – Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hilmi, passed

Move to executive session Shah, Hilmi, passed

### Open Session

QA Discussion regarding Steve Leuchtner – Education Plan – brought as a seconded motion

Take and pass a protocol test

Meet with both medical directors together (Fairbanks and Cushman)

Each agency must assign a mentor to help with documentation and care

Take and pass a megacode

Take a Documentation class

Removal as ILS preceptor

Cannot participate in CME Recertification for next renewal

Can't practice at the ALS level at any agency until he completes an internship at one agency

Motion-Passed

Motion to adjourn –Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manish Shah, motion carries

Next meeting February 16, 2009