

REMAC
December 21, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Agenda Review – Jeremy Cushman for Terry Fairbanks

- Election Results, Bill Sheahan
REMAC members – Voting: Kevin O’Gara, Manish Shah
REMAC members – Non-voting: Tim Frost, Bill Joyce
Officers – motion to elect Terry Fairbanks- Chair, Breese, second Thompson, passed
- motion to elect Mark Tornstrom- Vice-Chair, Shah, second Cushman, passed

Correspondence/Announcements – Jeremy Cushman

- Minutes - motion to approve Shah, second Breese, passed
- Bryan Gargano – new RGH representative

Medical Directors’ Report – Jeremy Cushman

- Protocols
 - Regional protocols were approved by the State
 - Web-based educational roll-out for protocols being worked on
 - Separate web cast on the dental re-implantation protocol
 - Goal to have all of the web casts up by end of January
 - Drop dead date: April 1st to make sure all providers have had training
- H1N1
 - appreciate feedback from REMAC while handling this outbreak
 - Cases are being monitored, but are low
 - State has recognized our region for allowing paramedics to vaccinate
- Program Agency Announcement:
 - Sheri Adam is resigning to take a position with Unity
 - Position will be open mid January, interested parties, contact Cushman or Shah

Program Manager’s Report – Sheri Adam

- Web site up and running
- Division of Prehospital Medicine
 - Replaces OPC as name of Program Agency
 - New Email address: MLREMS@urmc.rochester.edu

Council (MLREMS) – Jeremy Cushman

- 2010 Council Officers
 - Paul Bishop-Chair
 - Mark Tornstrom-Vice-Chair
 - Secretary-Tim Frost
 - Tom Coyle-Treasurer
- EMS Summit – has been postponed indefinitely
- Likely we will have 20% less funding within the next year or two
- Council planning strategic planning meetings to review core values and goals

State Meetings (SEMAG, SEMSCO) – Jeremy Cushman

- SEMAG’s recommendations
 - Every in-service ambulance must have an AED (Requires Part 800 change)
 - Every in-service ambulance should have an Epi pen or ability to admin Epi
- Demonstration projects:
 - Therapeutic hypothermia
 - Intranasal Narcan for BLS
- SEMAG changing to 3 meetings per year

State Actions – Sheri Adam

- Julio Otero
- Christopher McCabe

Subcommittee Update – Jeremy Cushman for Terry Fairbanks

- Fairbanks will be reviewing the committee structure to ensure that committees are meeting goals/accomplishments
- Possibly eliminating those that may not be needed
- Participation is strongly encouraged

Advanced Practices – Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- SCT Protocols & SCT Policies, motion to approve Breese, Second – Shah, motion passed
- RSI Program
 - Number of requests for RSI are down
 - Several RSI will be lost at the end of the calendar year due to inability to maintain the requirements of the system
 - Advanced Practices Committee will be asked to review additional RSI providers w/in the system

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Looking towards progression of the regionalization
- Holding off on what the ALS committee will become once we move to regionalization

GRQC Committee Update – Manish Shah (Chair)

- Came up with a plan re: transition to general operation; getting hospitals involved, etc,
- Plan to have meeting first or second quarter of 2010

MHA TAG – Jeremy Cushman for Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- Recommendations from the MHA Tag:
 - Educational power points
 - Modification of MLREMS refusal form
 - Modification of refusal policy
- The work product will be posted on website for public comment
- St. Mary's to have a CME presentation on MHAs, check website for details

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No report

Protocol Subcommittee – Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- Invasive Temperature Probe Policy, motion to approve Breese, Second – Shah, motion passed

QA Subcommittee – Sheri Adam (Chair)

- Will ask for Executive Session at end of meeting
- Approval of new members
 - Elizabeth Murray
 - Amy Pollard
 - Liz Darrow
- Approval of returning members
 - Mike Kuder
 - Ron Patchett

Regionalization TAG – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Document was put forth for public comment, lots of feedback, will continue to work on document

Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese

- Committee formed to increase awareness, identify educational & QA opportunities with regards to trauma care in the nine county region

New Business – Mark Tornstrom

- February 15th REMAC meeting, email confirmation to be sent for quorum
- Applications: motion to approve all, Shah, second Breese, motion passed
 - Springwater – Epi pen
 - Mt. Morris – Albuterol for BLS
 - Brighton FD – BG for BLS
- Zach Hettinger – Research on EMD codes predicting hospital outcome, looking for permission to use PCR data for research, motion to approve Breese, second Hilmi, motion passed

Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session – Jeremy Cushman

- Two QA cases were reviewed
- Joyce Klein – Plan
 - Reported to NYS DOH Bureau of EMS
 - Suspended for 90 days to include time already suspended at the regional level
 - All QA issues that arise for 2 yrs must be sent to the regional level
 - Motion to approve, Breese, Second, Hilmi, motion passed. Abstentions – Shah and Wolfe
- Amy Korytkowski - Plan
 - Suspended for 30 calendar days at the regional level for all levels of EMS care
 - Removed as a preceptor in the region until re-credentialed
 - All QA issues that arise must be sent to the region for review for the next two years
 - Motion to approve, Breese, Second, Hettinger, motion passed. Abstentions – Shah

Motion to adjourn, Kuder, second, Breese
Next meeting Feb 15, 2010.