

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2012

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

- Dr. Mayhle from Noyes Hospital is joining us – he is filling the Noyes seat
- This was approved at the MLREMS meeting prior to this
- Thank you to Livingston County for providing cake for EMS Week
- Correspondence Letter being passed around – letter from Finger Lakes Regional EMS Council re: State Actions

Medical Director's Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Protocol updates are complete
- We learned a lot about the process – what worked and what didn't
- All of the educational materials will remain on the website
- EMS Week activities: Drs. Santiago & Murray are lecturing
- Would like to publically thank all of the hospitals within the MLREMS system for participating

Program Agency Administrator's Report – Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly reports were sent for 3rd Quarter of the Program Agency & 4th Quarter of the Council
- Council approved the budget
- We recently held a CLI course that was a beta test from NYS – instructors were given leeway to teach so they saw fit
- We received a lot of positive feedback from NYS
- Currently working on our course sponsor renewal packets
- Received a training budget and template from the Bureau – should be approved at the next MLREMS meeting

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Tornstrom

- Submitted our agreement with the University of Rochester; will be renewing the contract as well
- Nominations for the State EMS Council Awards have been reviewed

- Going through some significant strategic planning to improve education, QA/QI, Epi/PAD applications, CONs etc.
- Going through significant bylaw changes

State Council Meetings – Tim Czapranski

- State meeting was last week
- Most of the proposed changes to Article 30 did not happen
- Lee Burns is now the Director of BEMS
- State BEMS & Commissioner of Health looking into Utica's application for a CON that was turned down
- Jim Sordo has moved from BEMS to SEMO
- Mutual Aid draft being passed around for review
- Some discussion re: flu vaccinations in Central & Albany

State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman

- SEMAC: very productive meeting
- State-wide pediatric ALS protocols were approved
- TAG working on medication alternatives
- Discussion for the ability of paramedics to provide flu vaccinations – pilot project to begin in the Albany area
- TAG of the SEMAC will be looking at this issue in depth re: community care medicine

State Actions – Tracy DeMarse

- Porfirio Rodriquez, Jr. – Candor, NY
- Michael Palleschi – Staten Island, NY
- Charles McKeon – Belmar, NY
- Robin Printy – Bayshore, NY
- Lillian Utenhmer – Silver Springs, NY

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Discussed endangered species medicine list
- Next meeting is this evening

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No report

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

- Committee took a hiatus due to the possible changes to Article 30
- We will begin to meet on a more regular basis again
- Looking at updating CFR SVT protocols
- Will look at termination of resuscitation guidelines in depth

- If any physicians are interested in joining the TAG or EMS providers that want to work on this subject matter, the help would be appreciated

Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Will need to go into executive session
- QA Committee is working on the revision of policies

MHA TAH, Mark Tornstrom

- No report

Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- No report

Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- Next meeting will be June 24th

Chart Lock Times TAG – Bruce Thompson & Mark Philippy

- Our last meeting was in May
- Recommendations of the TAG are to adjust chart closure time standards so that 40% of our charts are closed within one hour, 75% are closed within two hours, 90% are closed within 3 hours, 95% closed within four hours, 98% closed within six hours and 100% closed before end of shift
- This would comply with DOH 12-03 policy statement
- Recommending an incident report be generated for ePCRs closed beyond six hours
- Recommending that the providers be held accountable for the chart lock times
- Recommend a form be developed by agencies in compliance with DOH 12-03
- Recommend better communication re: transition of patient care, including the transition beyond triage
- Should report to the triage nurse & the section nurse
- ePCR transport outcomes
- Would like to eliminate the 12 hour and make it 6 hours
- Technical issues are taken into account – would have to be documented on the special report
- 2% buffer to exceptions to the rule

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Community care medicine is beginning to be looked at nationwide
- Legal, financial, and Article 30 issues are being considered

- Is there any way for Dr. Shah as REMAC Chair to give the approval of REMAC to make administrative verbiage changes to policies?
 - For example, if something is missed in the transcription and there is a blank. Would like permission to interpret what should go there without changing the intent
 - Not sure if this is allowed in regards to the bylaws, but we don't want to hold things up for two months until this body meets again
 - Looking for both consensus and a motion
 - Motion to allow the PA to make administrative edits to policies with the edits coming back for re-review – Bob Breese; Second – Julie Jordan
 - Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion passes
- Cardiologists are getting EKGs via iPhone
 - There wouldn't be any patient identifiers
 - Some agencies have policies about taking pictures using personal cell phones
 - Potential risk for social networking
 - Date, time, and age of patient would qualify as PHI because of the dispatch information (agency code)
 - Generally, this is a good idea, but lots of concerns re: bypass of existing protocols, procedures, and HIPPA

Motion to move to Executive Session, Breese and Philipppy. All in favor? Ayes. Executive Session held.

- One case has come out of REMAC QA that needs discussion and a vote from this body
 - Case was sent to REMAC QA re: Paramedic Michael Barone
 - He initiated ALS care to a patient while off duty
 - Review is completed. The following findings were identified:
 - Clear evidence that Barone possessed ALS equipment while off duty
 - Evidence that Barone initiated ALS care while off duty – placed an IV into his girlfriend (the patient), prior to the ALS tech who responded
 - Evidence that Barone asked the responding ALS tech to cover up the incident by stating on the PCR that the ALS tech/EMS crew started the IV
 - He possessed unauthorized ALS equipment – in NYS, this is a reportable incident
 - Barone acknowledged that he read the regional advisory that has come out recently and was aware of the contents
 - This body will vote on the following recommendations:
 - (1) Barone is subject to a 30-day regional suspension at the ALS level effective immediately. He can continue to practice at the BLS level
 - (2) Barone is subject to a 2-year probationary period during which he is required to notify the Program Agency whenever he applies to work at a new agency
 - (3) Barone will not be eligible for preceptor status for the duration of his probation
 - (4) The QA Office and agency Medical Director of RMMS will be notified of the actions of Barone
 - (5) Barone will be mandated to meet with agency Medical Director for RMMS to discuss the case within 2 weeks of receiving notification. Medical Director must submit to the QA Committee verification that the meeting took place

(6) Letter will be sent to NYS BEMS notifying them of the possession of unauthorized ALS equipment. Letter will include the fact that Barone asked another provider to falsify legal documents/medical record.

- Comes as motion – Bob Breese. Second – Elizabeth Murray. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- o Move to adjourn – Breese
- o Next meeting to be held Monday, July 16th at PSTF