

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2010

**Standing Agenda Items**

Agenda Review, Mark Tornstrom (For Dr. Fairbanks)

Minutes, Mark Tornstrom – Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; second – Dr. Nasra, passed

Correspondence / Announcements, Mark Tornstrom

- No correspondence / announcements

**Medical Directors' Report, Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Program Administrator: review of applications and interviews are underway
- Hope to have position filled by April
- Sheri Adam has continued to assist with outstanding projects
- Quarterly report for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter calendar year 2009 has been completed and sent to the State
- The report was sent to this body by the Council
- Important for this body to recognize what the Program Agency is doing; how it functions
- Dr. Shah and I will continue to support the Program Agency until Administrator is hired
- Website – a help desk has been established to assist with technical matters; stats
- Protocol Update/tests available online; deadline for all providers is April 1<sup>st</sup>
- EMR Chart Closure Time – January represented the first month using this; overall the region did well

**Associated Reports**

Council (MLREMS), Mark Tornstrom

- New REMAC Officers – Paul Bishop, Chair for By-laws; Mark Tornstrom, Vice Chair; Tim Frost, Secretary; Tom Coyle, Treasurer (these are the four elected positions for Regional Council)
- The Executive Group has started the strategic planning process; effects REMAC as subcommittee
- The Council has considered hiring a consultant: RFP was drafted
- Tom Coyle is looking into how our money is spent and how to handle money leftover

State Meetings Council, Tim Czapranski -

- No report

State Council Meetings, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No state meetings as of late
- SEMAC and SEMSCo meet next week
- Interesting discussion re: therapeutic hypothermia to be held at that meeting
- Discussion underway by FDNY and their desire to use a different triage system

State Actions, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Robert Hanson, Thomas Sykora, and Robert Cornell

**REMAC Sub-Committee Reports**

ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- ALS Committee continues to meet
- We have asked for input on regionalization documents out there

Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No meeting but new formulary was distributed to the hospital pharmacies
- Updated information to be distributed

Jeremy Cushman, MD

- The memorandum basically identified that furosemide, haloperidol, diltiazem, and diazepam were removed from the formulary
- Effective immediately, hospitals can remove the drugs from their Pyxis or medication access system
- Once ALS providers have completed & passed the protocol update, they may begin using the protocols
- A memo will be sent out as the April 1<sup>st</sup> date approaches re: the protocol update

Protocol Subcommittee & Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- Protocols are out
- Protocol committee has not met; will not meet again until Program Administrator has been hired
- Same thing applies to Best Practices, although some work has been done in background

Quality Assurance Subcommittee, Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Executive Session will be held at the end of today
- QA project for the year is complete
- Glucagon – is generally used appropriately
- It's to be used when we can't put an IV in or if the patient is too combative to even try to get the IV in
- A lot of issues concerning spinal immobilization have surfaced in QA cases
- Agencies who QA are encouraged to QA PCRs for proper spinal immobilization – refer errors to us

MHA TAG, Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- Since the last meeting, the MHA tag has completed its initial task – to create an educational component
- Previous suggestions re: changes to protocols, sign-off policy, and transfer destinations have been completed
- Committee has been asked to participate in STEP
- Medical patients refusing services that don't qualify under the Mental Hygiene Law is an issue
- Options pertaining to this have been solicited from attorneys and the DOH

Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Last meeting was on Monday
- Updated document to be sent out and posted on website
- Waiting for Program Administrator position to be filled until we go any further

GRQC Committee Update, Manish Shah, MD

- No report

ePCR TAG, Zach Hettinger, MD

- No report

**Old Business**

- No report

**New Business**

Hospital & EMS Leadership Meetings,

- Reminder: Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting – Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm; all are welcome to attend

RHIO, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Presentation re: where we stand with RHIO

Applications –EPI & Albuterol-, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Irondequoit Ambulance – will be carrying epinephrine auto-injectors on their ambulances for BLS providers to use
- Union Hill FD - Application for Blood glucose complete. Motion to pass; second; motion carried