

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Anything else to add to agenda?

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Two things to mention: Brockport CON & Dr. Cushman's nomination to SEMAC
- Motion to approve the June minutes
- Moved, Katsetos and Breese. All in favor? Against? Motion passes.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Correspondence regarding Dr. Cushman's seat to SEMAC
- Dr. Cushman has agreed to continue in this role
- Motion and second to re-nominate Dr. Cushman – moved
- Frost, Murray. All in favor? Against? Motion passes.
- We received a letter from from Big Lakes Council – an agreement between REMACs
- The letter has been signed by me on behalf of our REMAC
- Letter from Lakeside stating that Dr. Davidoff will be representing them here at REMAC
- Letter from the Monroe County Medical Society re: plain language codes – feel free to read it

Medical Director's Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Our office has been very busy over the last six months – Tracy will elaborate in her report
- Blurb went into the weekly email re: EMS providers properly labeling 12 lead EKG or rhythm strips – the patients name and DOB must be on these or it comes lost
- Very difficult to reattach to the patient's medical record and this was a concern from one of our REMAC physicians
- Over the last six months, there have been several of incidents re: patients not having been appropriately decontaminated or confusion on whether or not decontamination was needed or not
- I will be working with hospitals and providers to identify ways to communicate clearly as to whether someone may or may not need decontamination

Program Agency Administrator's Report – Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly reports for Program Agency and Council were sent to NYS at the end of October
- Everyone should have received an email with reports attached to it
- Program Agency is up to date on payments from NYS
- Waiting on Council payment for April – June
- NYS has mandated that BLSFR agencies in our region resubmit their paperwork if they are interested in maintaining their status

- The office has taken this opportunity to update our records

Council (MLREMS) – Tim Frost for Mark Tornstrom

- We are soliciting for the operational group to review the committee's work on the regionalization trek
- If anyone is interested in joining or chairing, please let us know by November 18th

State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- The last state meeting scheduled for September was cancelled due to the floods
- Our next meeting is scheduled for January

State Actions – Tracy DeMarse

- Stan Dorozynski, Angie Estrella, Alyssa Berkowitz, Gennea Austin

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- We have meeting scheduled this evening
- We will review protocols from Council, etc.

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No report.

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

- First – the Protocols were sent to everyone for action
 - Motion, Second, Murray & Frost. Any discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Against? Motion passes.
- Because the protocols allow for procuring of fentanyl, the State has identified that agencies may petition to carry greater than 200 mcg of fentanyl, provided they demonstrate the need.
- Discussions have been had re: whether REMAC should identify what we feel is the maximum amount for our providers to carry
- Motion per REMAC that 400 mcg of fentanyl is reasonable and appropriate should the agency and its medical director authorize carrying that amount for the care of patients with pain.
 - Second. All in favor? Ayes. Against? Motion passes.
- One other voted item – there has been a question among the Protocol & Policy Committee as to whether or not there should be optional medications within the formulary
- There are both pro and con arguments re: the issue as to whether or not this region should have such a list
- There are already some optional medications but are specific to RSI
- There are currently four ALS medications within the standards of care that are considered optional (Zofran and Solu-Medrol have been added with the last wave of edits)
- Diltiazem, Procainamide, Zofran, and Solu-Medrol – should they remain optional or should any of them be required by agencies? Keep in mind, hospital pharmacies will not provide any of these.

- Discussion regarding the topic
 - Friendly amendment – the optional medications will be required and must be in place by July 1, 2012 – until then, the treatment will be optional
 - On July 1, 2012, the medications will be required and considered standard for ALS
 - All in favor – please raise your hands – 7 All those against – please raise your hands – 2
 - Motion passes
- Lastly, the Protocol and Policy Committee sent out a recommendation plan in August for public comment re: intermediate and critical care providers
 - After July 1, 2014, all intermediate or critical care providers operating in the region at that time would revert to EMT-Basics
 - Move to approve, Second, Breese, Katsetos. Discussion?
 - All in favor – please raise your hand – 9 All those against – 0
 - Motion passes

Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- I will hold the Executive session until the very end
- The QA Committee originally had 5 open positions at-large and one physician position
- Based on operational decisions, we decided to expand the QA Committee by 2 positions making for 7 at-large positions and 1 physician position
- As the Chair of the committee, I bring forth the following people for the QA Committee and look to this body to endorse them:
 - Elizabeth Murray (physician)
 - Lee Coller, Darrin Batty, Ray McLean, Peggy Neufeglise, Mark Philippy, Richard Race, and Sarah Sanderson
 - Move to approve, Second, Cushman and Breese. Discussion?
 - All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Motion passes.

MHA TAH, Mark Tornstrom

- No report

Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Committee has finalized a CME output course, credits to be used as the CME recertification
- Classes will be held soon

Fingerlakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- TAG – no meeting, no report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- A TAG has been put together to look at Chart Lock Times and transition of the date to the hospitals
 - Mark and Bruce have agreed to co-chair the TAG
 - Tracy will work with Mark and Bruce to get the TAG up and going
- Brockport CON – approved by MLREMS on October 17th
 - It turns out; we don't have a policy re: ALS approvals, etc. The office is working on this.
 - Asking this group to approve the new organization – Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps., Inc. to provide ALS level service the same way Brockport Fire Department has since 2002
 - A formal letter was sent by them requesting this announcement/approval
 - Motion, Second, Mark & Tim. All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Motion passes.
- A list of agencies will be read to reaffirm them as BLSFRs:
 - Albuterol Reaffirmations: Brighton FD, Chili FD, East Avon FD, Gates Fire, Hamlin Fire, Henrietta Fire, Honeoye Falls Fire, Kodak Fire, Lake Shore Fire, Morton Fire, Sea Breeze Fire, Scottsville Fire, U of R Mert, Webster Fire, and SUNY Geneseo
 - BG Reaffirmations: Brighton Fire
 - Epi Reaffirmations: Brighton Fire, Chili Fire, East Avon Fire, Gates Fire, Hamlin Fire, Henrietta Fire, Honeoye Falls Fire, Lake Shore Fire, Morton Fire, Sea Breeze Fire, Scottsville Fire, St. Paul Fire, Webster Fire, West Brighton Fire, Kodak Fire, SUNY Geneseo, and U of R Mert
 - All in favor – move to reaffirm? Second – Cushman and Rueckmann. Any discussion?
 - All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Motion passes.
- New applications – Ridge Road FD – Epi notification and Albuterol Application, Camp Piperwood (YMCA Summer Camp) – Epi notification, Genesee Valley EMS – Epi notification, Albuterol and BG Applications, Geneseo Fire – BG Application
 - Motion, Bill and Jeremy. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion passes.
- MLREMS has changed their schedule, so our schedule will change as well.
 - Meetings have been changed from even months to odd months
 - This has been done to try and avoid holidays
 - REMAC can decide when they want to meet, but there is a huge advantage on meeting on the same day
- Motion to move into Executive Session
 - Executive Session
- One case to discuss – complaint filed regarding Paramedic Richard Roach, initiating ALS care to a patient while off duty and further for having ALS equipment in his possession
- The motion to this body is as follows:
- There was finding that Mr. Roach did provide ALS case while off duty and did have ALS equipment in his possession and that the following will be required in order to address both system and other issues that have been identified. (1) A regional advisory will be distributed to all ALS and ILS providers reminding them that equipment and medications require prescription or authorization letter from a physician. (2) ALS Committee chair will be required to communicate to the Regional ALS Chiefs that possessing unauthorized ALS or ILS equipment and medications is illegal in New York State and reportable to the State. (3) Mr. Roach will be subject to a two year regional probationary period during which time he will be required to notify

the Program Agency whenever he applies to work at any new agency at all. He must also make the agencies aware of his probationary status and the reasons for this probationary status. (4) Notification will be sent to the Regional Medical Director and the issues related to this case so his regional preceptor status can be reviewed for appropriateness. (5) A letter will be sent to the New York State Bureau of EMS for requirements notifying them of the possession and use of unauthorized ALS equipment. (6) The QA officer and agency medical director for Greece Volunteer Ambulance and Rural Metro Medical Services will be notified of his actions of taking equipment from GVA and utilizing it. (7) Mr. Roach will be mandated to meet with the agency medical directors for both of his agencies to discuss this case. Those medical directors will be required to confirm their meeting with the QA Committee and the Program Agency. (8) Mr. Roach will be notified that his allegations of having insufficient equipment to care for patients at an agency may be referred to the QA Subcommittee in writing for further investigation, but as required by policy of the QA Subcommittee. (9) Notification will be sent to MCC advising them to review the appropriateness of his teaching role within their program.

- Motion to approve? Second. Rueckmann and Frost. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion passes.

Moved to adjourn

- o Next meeting to be held Monday, December 19th