

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2009

**Standing Agenda Items, Mark Tornstrom, Vice Chair**

Agenda Review

Minutes – motion to accept, B Breese; second J Cushman; motion passed

Correspondence / Announcements

- Transition of System Medical Director, from Dr. Shah to Dr. Cushman
- Amendment to SOGs that allows all REMAC voting members to have alternates

**Medical Director's Report, Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Thanks to Dr. Shah for his previous team leadership approach
- System of policies (required) and advisories (informational)
- Flu updates; will continue to come out weekly
- Performance metric with area hospitals
  - All Hospitals will aim to have drop times of 30 min or less 90% of the time
  - Will be tracking outliers (drop times >60minutes), see MLREMS website for where to send data
  - Contact Henrietta Ambulance for report template if using emsCharts
  - Drop time = time from parking ambulance to transfer of care (into a bed/wheelchair etc)
- Propose adoption of memo sent regarding electronic chart closure times
  - 85% charts closed in <3 hrs
  - 90% closed <4hrs
  - 95% closed <6 hrs
  - 98% closed <12
  - Referral to regional QA if an agency is not meeting 12 chart closure time for 3 consecutive months or 5 months in a 12 month period
  - Motion to approve, B Breese; second M Shah; motion passed

**Program Manager's Report, Sheri Adam**

- Website – just about ready to be switched over to new version

**Associated Reports**

Council, Mark Tornstrom

- Voted on our SOG regarding alternates
- Monroe Ambulance
  - Put in an application requesting course sponsorship
  - Next step, NYS BEMS mails out surveys to all course sponsors to evaluate the impact
- A CON had been submitted from North East Quadrant ALS, was mailed back to them for additional information as required by NYS DOH Policy 06-06
- Annual election time; there are a few open seats
  - Two At Large - Voting seats (Kevin O'Gara, 1 open from Cushman move)
  - All hospitals are up for reappointing their representatives
  - Non-Voting seats, BLS Rep (Bill Joyce), One At-Large seat (Tim Frost)
  - Info on the open seats on MLREMS.org

State Meetings Council, Jeremy Cushman

- A Post-Cardiac Arrest Hypothermia Protocols came up but are awaiting approval by the State until a study has been done
- Presentation by Dr. Kaufmann from FDNY regarding donor program (ambulance dedicated to retrieve patients who have expired and are organ donors)
- Specific actions on the SEMAC- EMS providers, paramedic or otherwise, are not allowed to administer any vaccinations by any mode

State Council Meetings, Tim Czapranski -

- Ed Wronski retiring in November
- Program Agency budgets will remain the same for next year

State Actions, Sheri Adam

- Jeffrey Mondo, Samuel, Stetter, and Court Cousins

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### REMAC Sub-Committee Reports

#### Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman

- SCT Protocols being re-worked, will be out in Nov for review for action at Dec meeting

#### ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Will be working on logistics for regionalization

#### ePCR TAG, Zach Hettinger

- Document being circulated trying to help EMS agencies improve their chart closure times

#### GRQC TAG, Manish Shah

- Full committee meeting Mon Oct 26 11-1 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference room at Corporate Woods
- Working on data collection and will be reviewing Dr. Cushman's memo on drop times

#### MHA TAG, Mark Tornstrom

- PowerPoint presentation on MHA is being finalized for educational on different mental health laws, psychiatric services available, etc
- Looking at regional sign off policies and creating resource guides
- Goal of completion by year end to allow education with new protocols

#### Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder

- No report (no meeting)

#### Protocol Subcommittee Jeremy Cushman

- Protocols are awaiting State approval will be up for approval at Dec meetings
- Our office has begun developing web-based educational roll-out
- Two new policies for approval: Ventilator Policy and Infusion Policy, motion to approve, B Breese; second M Shah; motion passed
- Some hospitals still have physicians that are not credentialed answering the on-line medical control phone, letter going out later this month, also reminder of requirement for audio recording
- Flu protocol being written to provide guidance on who needs to go the hospital, may need to put into place before the next REMAC, may need special meeting
- Blood transfusions – EMS cannot start or continue blood for interfacility transfers

#### QA Subcommittee, Sheri Adam

- Open seats available on QA Subcommittee, application available on website; due on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
- There is a need for physicians on that group

#### Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan

- Hope to have document out in next week or two for review
- January 1<sup>st</sup> still our target date for transition to begin
- Includes 12 hours of CME/year for all ALS providers, minimal requirements for certifications
- Will be standardizing preceptors

### Old Business

- None

### New Business, Sheri Adam

- Brighton Fire Department- BLS Albuterol application, Epi-Pen NOI
- Point Pleasant Fire Department Ambulance- BLS Albuterol application & Epi-Pen NOI
- Spencerport Ambulance – Atrop-pen NOI, BLS BG application
- Avon Ambulance- BLS BG application
- All applications are complete & signed by their physicians
- Motion to approve all, B Breese, second J Cushman, motion passed

Motion to Adjourn M Kuder, second S Adam, meeting adjourned