

Monroe Livingston REMAC meeting minutes
February 16, 2009

Chair, Terry Fairbanks, MD

Introductions

- New REMAC members
 - Amy Pollard, Non-voting, hospital rep (VP of Noyes)
 - Liz Darrow, non-voting, agency rep (AALS Chief at GVA)
 - Zach Hettinger, voting, at-large (SMH)
- Continue service, but changing seats from at Large to Unity Rep
 - Bruce Thompson, MD
- Rural Metro – Tom Bonfiglio – new General Manager

Minutes

- Motion to accept, B Breese, 2nd M Shah, passed

Correspondence

- Jamie Syrett has resigned from REMAC, Unity replaced him with Bruce Thompson

Special Presentation –Role of EMS in the Rochester RHIO, Ted Kremer/Gloria Hitchcock

Rochester RHIO is a multi-state collaboration with input from the community and NYS. Most of the hospitals in our region are either providing data now through the exchange or about to in the first quarter of this year. RHIO is starting to look across the way here to the ePCRs in connecting up the EMS gateway with the hospitals. See handout for details

Medical Director's Report, Manish Shah, MD

- GRQC – continue to meet each week, hopefully will have final report by year's end.
- Geriatric Vodcasts – handouts, watch the vodcasts, take a quiz, receive CME credits
- Letter going around from Strong Cardiology about the importance of prehospital 12 lead EKGs to help decrease door to balloon times. Region is well ahead of the national average of 25% receiving prehospital EKGs
- National Assoc of EMS Physicians meeting was end of Jan. We continue to be in forefront of EMS nationally. Participation of EMS in local research much better here than in other parts of the country.
- emsCharts – chart closing times – report handed out. Continue to make slow improvements, almost 77% of ePCRs closed on time. Discussion at MLREMS regarding unblinding the reports. Correspondence from some agencies asking where they fit in, in comparison to like agencies. Questions – is 90% completion a realistic goal? What should be done about agencies that are lagging. Motion to send out a letter to request unblinding the data of each agency involved and the anyone who agrees we can unvlind their data, J Hilmi, 2nd B Breese, passed. T Fairbanks to form a TAG to look at the issues. Chair – Zach Hettinger, anyone interested to contact T Fairbanks or Z Hettinger.

Associated Reports

Council, Mark Tornstrom

- York CON approved
- Discussion regarding unblinding chart completion data
- Several attendance issues were discussed (reps from Unity, Noyes and RGH and Dr O'Gara) – letters going out. Reminder that hospitals can assign an alternate in your place.
- 2008 MLREMS Award winners –
 - o BLS Provider of the Year – Hardy Schulz
 - o ALS Provider of the Year – Brian Bartolick
 - o EMS Education of Excellence – Darrin Batty
 - o Harriett Weber Leadership Award – Manish Shah, MD
 - o Communication Specialist – Chris Adams
 - o RN of Excellence – tie – Jennifer Jesske and Sheri Adam
 - o MD of Excellence – Jeremy Cushman, MD
 - o Lloyd Leve Award – Manish Shah, MD
 - o Agency of the Year – announced at STEP Awards Banquet on March 20, 2009

REMAC, 2-16-09, continued

State Actions, Sheri Adam

Latonya Goodman, Brooklyn
Mary Hartsock, Millport
Aaron Lockwood, West Henrietta
Louis McIntosh, Peekskill
Peter Toenniessen, Tonawanda

REMAC Sub-Committee Reports

Update, Terry Fairbanks, MD

- List handed out of everyone on committees, those who aren't on a committee are encouraged to participate since committee are where most of the work is done. Please contact the Chair of the committee you'd like to join.

ALS Committee, Julie Jordan

- Regionalization – committee sent out surveys to find out what the priorities are, looking for support of REMAC to continue the TAG. Anyone interested in participating in the process should contact Julie.

Pharmacy subcommittee, Mike Kuder

- Some concerns about pharmacies funding replacement meds were brought to the committee, so a meeting has been scheduled for March 10 at 1530 at the OPC offices, 3rd floor conference room

Protocol and Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Seeking support of a concept from REMAC so the committees can continue working on the changes for the 2010 protocols. Motion made to support the changes outlined in the document – B Breese, 2nd J Hilmi, passed, Cushman abstained

QA subcommittee, Sheri Adam

- Draft document for policies and procedures for the committee handed out, plans to vote on the document at the next REMAC meeting.

MHA TAG, Mark Tornstrom

- Membership to include members from the Mon Co Office of Mental Health, Mon Co Social Work, law enforcement and EMS Dr. Nasra and myself. Anyone else interested should contact Mark

Old Business

None

New Business

Mercy Flight Central Protocols, Terry Fairbanks, MD

- Comments sent to T Fairbanks for SEMAC meeting

Rural Metro, electronic data submission using Zoll, Mike Kuder

- Most recent test file was approved by NYS
- Required reports can't get done until the providers start using the system
- Dr Shah looking for updates on requirements that were discussed with J Bortle at the 12-2008 REMAC meeting
- T Bonfiglio assured REMAC that requirements would be met before the April 2009 REMAC meeting
- Motion to approve Rural Metro's request for e-data submission with the provision that it be reviewed at the next REMAC meeting for compliance, B Breese, 2nd J Cushman, motion passed, E Rueckmann abstained.

REMAC 2-16-09, continued

Coordination of Psych Destination, George Nasra, MD

- Concerns about psych patients being diverted from the most appropriate hospital either because of color status or patient choice (rather than physician choice)
- Will be added as part of the MHA TAG to review
- Dr Nasra to provide a letter reminding EMS of St Mary's capabilities with Psych patients to OPC who will post it on the MLREMS website
- OPC to check website and make sure Dr Nasra is the contact listed for St Mary's in case of problems

Quarterly EMS Meetings at Unity, Bruce Thompson, MD

- 2nd Thurs of each quarter, at 11:30, Sentinel Boardroom, in March, June, Sept and December

Motion to adjourn, M Shah, 2nd B Breese, motion passed