

Monroe Livingston

REMAC Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Additions to the agenda
 - Chair appointment
 - Approval of the by-laws

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Motion to approve? Seconded. Motion passes.

Correspondence/Announcements/State Actions – Manish Shah, MD

- Mike Santiago & Manish Shah's last meeting.
- No correspondence

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- None

Medical Director's Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Report to be covered later in the meeting. More to come.

Program Manager's Report – Benjamin Sensenbach

- Program agency is doing what it needs to in order to support these activities.
- Naloxone
 - 1st quarter of 2015
 - 40 uses of IM Naloxone by Fire dept., basic EMTs, law enforcement.

Patient Safety Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD/Ben Sensenbach

- Request Executive Session at the end of the meeting to present a Patient Safety Case and the recommended improvement plan.
- Appointment of Ben Ostrovsky to fill the opening on the committee that we had prior to Drs. Shah and Santiago's departure. It will be the responsibility of the new chair to fill the two other openings.
- Executive Session Result:
 - Person in question needs to complete an ACLS class. Suggestions to consider an EAP type program and attend a training class on leadership and decision making. If she does come back at the ALS level, the regional medical director of the patient safety committee will review it and it will be granted only if she meets with the regional

medical director of the patient safety committee. If she wishes to be a preceptor, she needs to wait at least ___ years.

- Motion to approve. Seconded. Abstentions? Dr. Cushman. Motion passes.
- This case is a prime example of the evolution of our QA process. Using the Just Culture model, it's made the providers feel like we are on their side and that this is a good an open process versus having a negative connotation that QA usually has.

Protocol & Policy Committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD /Ben Sensenbach

- Changes that we emailed regarding the amendment of CPAP to read as NPB. To be able to use CPAP in place of BiPap. Added a bullet about titrating the oxygen level. There was a comment that this should be removed as we don't have gases on these patients and for the short time that the patient would be on bipap, the hyperoxygenation probably isn't a big deal.
 - Keep SP02 monitoring.
 - Motion to approve as is. Seconded. Motion passes.
- **ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan**
 - Quarterly meetings – 2 in person at College Town, 2 Go To Meetings
 - No action items
- **Pharmacy Subcommittee –Mike Bove**
 - No action items
- **RSI Subcommittee –Ben Ostrovsky, MD**
 - No action items
- **SCT Subcommittee –Jeremy Cushman, MD**
 - Meets tomorrow afternoon.
 - No action items.

Common Source TAG – Karen Dewar

- Collaborating with Pharmacy Committee and Training & Ed.

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy

- SEMSCO changes
- CPAP for BLS
- Thank you to all of those who participated in this past Sunday's EMS kick-off picnic
- EMS Week activities
 - Wednesday at Highland – all day BBQ
 - EMS lecture and dinner also available
 - May 19th
 - Day/evening food available at RGH provided by the nursing staff
- By-laws

- Approved by MLREMS, please review for changes.
 - At Large and a hospital seat is available, put the word out.

Training & Ed Committee – Julie Jordan

- CME Matrix is a living document and has been approved by Council.
- Henrietta Ambulance has been approved by council as a course sponsor.

State Council Meetings

- SEMAC/SEMSCO
 - Spinal immobilization – state is currently developing a curriculum rollout. EMS providers, EM physicians and EM nurses will all have education to come to better serve continuity of care.
 - Last meeting – they approved CPAP use for BLS providers.
 - SEMAC endorsed the Syringe Epi-Kit project.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Bob Breese/Ben Sensenbach

- No meeting since last REMAC
- Next meeting June 9th
- STAC endorsed the required pediatric ambulance equipment recommendations
 - Discussion – Call aheads are greatly appreciated in stroke patients. It has noticeably shortened the time from arrival to CT and has improved outcomes.

Individual Hospital Reports

RGH – Mike Santiago

- Dr. Gargano is alternate for this seat. Hope to have whoever fills to also sit on a subcommittee.

SMH/Strong West –Manish Shah, MD

- Strong West – No report
- Pediatric trauma credentialing in process

Highland – Timothy Lum

- No report.

Noyes – Amy Pollard

- Designated Stroke Center
 - To contact Program Agency to make protocol changes.

Unity/St. Mary's – Bruce Thompson

- Appreciate Prehospital stroke calls, it makes a huge difference.

Old Business – Ben Sensenbach

- Agencies using Naloxone – addition of Penfield Ambulance and Webster Fire Department

New Business – Ben Sensenbach/Manish Shah, MD

- Prehospital Analgesia Study
 - EMS use of narcotics for pain management – why does EMS select the drugs that they do. We've run some numbers for Nicole Acquisto's research project. One of the goals is to take these numbers back to the bureau of narcotics that our sub-stock of 200mcgs fentanyl is not sufficient for our patients.
- BLS CPAP
 - Regions have the option of what they want to do, the state has approved the policy. What are the feelings of CPAP at the BLS level.
 - Discussion – The state has no educational component. Not clear if they will be sending anything out. The Finger Lakes Region has offered their education from their demonstration project. Risk of improper use without an incredible amount of training is insurmountable. They don't contain all of the equipment that they may require in order to track the patient. Maybe leave it as we do not recommend it, however if an agency would like to implement, it needs to be fully reviewed.
 - Need to discuss what the requirements are at the next REMAC meeting. Process to have the agency medical director make the request to the Program Agency.
 - Ben Sensenbach, Ben Ostrovsky and Julie Jordan to pull together a process.
- Syringe Epi Kit Demonstration Project
 - Several states have developed BLS administration of epi via syringe. We put forth a demonstration project to the state that was well received and has been sent to the commissioner for approval.
 - There are certain criteria to be met by agencies that are interested in implementing this project.
 - Physician review of every administration within twenty four hours
- Election for new REMAC chair
 - One applicant, Dr. Elizabeth Murray. Motion to appoint. Seconded. Motion passes.

Next Meeting is Monday, July 20, 2015 at PSTF at 1700

Link to view full meeting video:

<http://youtu.be/Ka359jC Ae4>