

# Monroe Livingston

## REMAC Meeting Minutes

### July 20, 2015

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#### **Agenda Review – Elizabeth Murray, DO**

- Additions to the agenda
  - No changes.

#### **Minutes – Elizabeth Murray, DO**

- Motion to approve? Seconded. Motion passes.

#### **Correspondence/Announcements – Elizabeth Murray, DO**

- None.

#### **State Actions – Ben Sensenbach**

- Brett McGuire – privacy and presenting himself at a higher level of care
- Shane Mezzacappa – fraud and criminal conviction
- Gill Hall – presented himself at a higher level of care
- Jeffrey Brown – fraud and criminal conviction
- Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc – CON issue
- Michele Barra – protocol violation
- Theresa McLearn – presented herself at a higher level of care
  - None of these providers practice in our region or adjacent to our region.

#### **Medical Director’s Report – Ben Sensenbach**

- NYS DOH protocol training
  - Two revisions to BLS level protocols
    - Selective spinal immobilization – pts with suspected spinal injury will receive selective spinal immobilization. The use of a backboard as an immobilization device has been proven not to be successful and is therefore going to be used as an extrication device not a spinal immobilization.
      - Providers and nursing staff will be trained as well as EMS providers, however there may be a concern of the timeline corresponding.
- SEK Project
  - Epi pens are very expensive. We are working collaboratively with another region to teach BLS providers to draw epi into a syringe vs. the use of an epi pen. We will have training coming from our office. There will be specialized syringes to try and alleviate confusion. Commencing as soon as supplies come in.

- Data Dictionary and emsCharts upgrades
  - We have been working to implement the data dictionary, emsCharts has been modified to start to implement it. This will enable us to document and pull reports easier.
- Update on focused QA rubrics
  - Dr. Cushman is using some of his research and education list to create these rubrics to help with QA within an agency. This will help to keep QA consistent and objective vs. chart review which can be very subjective. Stroke and Stemi have been created, but there will be more to come.

### **Program Manager's Report – Benjamin Sensenbach**

- MLREMS Council & Program Agency contracts
  - Contracts have been signed and submitted to the State. It is a five year contract.

### **Patient Safety Subcommittee – Elizabeth Murray, DO /Ben Sensenbach**

- REMAC Chair appoints Dr. Thompson (Unity), Dr. Muto (RGH) & Dr. Farney (Livingston County) to fill the open physician seats, one is still available.
- We have reviewed a few agency level referrals, nothing that needs to be brought to REMAC for performance improvement plans.

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

- No Report
- **ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan**
  - Next meeting 9/22/15 at DPM in College Town, 9am.
  - No action items
- **Pharmacy Subcommittee –Mike Bove**
  - No action items
- **RSI Subcommittee –Ben Ostrovsky, MD**
  - No action items
- **SCT Subcommittee –Jeremy Cushman, MD**
  - No action items.

### **Common Source TAG – Karen Dewar**

- Collaborating with Pharmacy Committee and Training & Ed.
- To schedule meeting with pharmacy representative to improve communication regarding substitutions. Possibly to use the website to discuss new vendors, package changes, alerts, etc.

### **Council (MLREMS) –Reg Allen**

- Training & Ed and PIER committees are very active.

## **State Council Meetings – Ben Sensenbach**

- SEMAC/SEMSCO
  - No meetings currently, next meeting is in December

## **Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Ben Sensenbach**

- STAC endorsed the required pediatric ambulance equipment recommendations
- Dr. Cushman to assist multi-hospital and multi-discipline uniform hospital report

## **Individual Hospital Reports**

### **RGH – Eran Muto**

- Dr. Eran Muto appointed to replace Michael Santiago

### **SMH/Strong West –Erik Rueckmann**

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

### **Highland – Timothy Lum**

- No report

### **Noyes – Douglas Mayhle**

- No report

### **Unity/St. Mary's – Bruce Thompson**

- No report

## **Old Business – Ben Sensenbach**

- Agencies using Naloxone – No additional agencies added.
  - Dr. Rueckmann working with Union Hill Fire Department to get approved.
  - Eric Rathfelder recommends considering regionally offering once or twice a year training at the Program Agency so that fire depts., etc can sent new people to be trained.
    - How often do you think?
      - Quarterly? End of Semester? Tim Czapranski to discuss with Sam DeRosa on his ideas for the fire side of things.
  - We are in the process of reapplying for the grant so that we can continue to provide this service.
  - Training modules are available. Dr. Cushman sends the training materials to the person training at each agency upon request. We are able to come out and provide training from the office, however if the agency prefers to train themselves, just put in a request through the office.

## **New Business – Elizabeth Murray, DO**

- Pulse Point
  - Push by REMAC and MLREMS to have individuals trained in CPR. Possibly have a community wide training day where we have many providers available for training.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

**Next Meeting is Monday, September 21, 2015 at Livingston County EMS,  
3360 Gypsy Lane, Mr. Morris, at 1700**

**Link to view full meeting video:**

<http://youtu.be/Ty2OgG55Del>