

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Annual Meeting
January 21, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Welcome to our newly seated MLREMS members
- Officers for 2013: Tim Frost – Vice Chair, Reg Allen – Treasurer, Mark Philippy – Secretary
- First up on the agenda are our operational reports for the highlights of 2012

Program Agency Report – Jeremy Cushman

- Program Agency has a busy 2012
- Some of our major accomplishments:
 - Supported 44 REMAC, Council Committee, or TAG Meetings
 - Created video, audio, and transcript recordings from six REMAC and seven MLREMS Council meetings
 - Created and distributed 49 weekly e-mails
 - Processed or updated 181 PAD Notices of Intent
 - Processed 25 PAD AED uses
 - Processed two Epi-pen Notices of Intent
 - Tracked 361 ALS Providers who are credentialed to practice in this region
 - Tracked 188 physicians who are allowed to provide On-Line Medical Control
 - Created three training broadcasts on BLS Medication Administration, Nebulized Albuterol, and Epinephrine auto injectors
 - Processed 15 QA Cases
 - Facilitated PCR transmittal to NYS from 42 ALS, ALS/FR, and BLS transport agencies and 10 BLS/FR agencies – over 200,000 PCRs total
 - Held two CIU and one CLI Courses
 - Processed 35 MLREMS Council Award Nominations
 - Provided 60 CME summaries
 - Processed just under 3,000 hours of CME to providers within our system
- Program Agency and Council have been challenged by delayed reimbursement from NYS
 - Has been a challenge to meet the expectations of our community given the funding that MLREMS and Program Agency have
- This past year we saw the departure of Tracy DeMarse, who took a position at MCC
 - Would like to introduce our new Program Agency Administrator, Ben Sensenbach
 - Ben has other responsibilities within the Division of Prehospital Medicine at the U of R, so along with supporting this group, he will also be supporting Drs. Shah, Ostrovsky, Murray and myself within the Division doing some other projects

NEG Committee Report – Reg Allen

- Last year was consumed mostly by the by-law update and a few policies

Systems Ops Committee Report – Tim Frost

- Last year started off busy: Processed one transfer and four BLS/FRs
- Year ended with frustration, which is continuing, as we have matters that have not been acted on by the State (four BLS/FRs), nor can we get information on their status.
- Mark Tornstrom has sent a second e-mail to NYS as we have received multiple inquiries from agencies that are being affected by this lack of communication at the State level
- Changes for this year will be from Brad Pinky's office, as they will be taking over all applications to expedite and improve accuracy.
- Some policies and procedures will need to be cleaned up to reflect these changes

Training & Education Committee Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Training & Ed saw two transitions in the Chair position
- Training template was submitted along with our budget for the coming year – has been accepted by the State
- Attempt was made late in the year to improve participation by soliciting training directors
- Training & Ed Committee was responsible for facilitating and continuing to monitor the transition to the new curriculum

PIER Committee Report – Mark Tornstrom (on behalf of Dick Tripp)

- Two our regional providers were local award winners and were also selected by the PIER Committee at the State and recognized in Albany
- EMS Week was a collaboration with EMS Providers and the hospitals to provide lectures and the pediatric code card developed by Dr. Murray

Finance Committee Report – Reg Allen

- Most of these meetings were consumed by the fact that NYS had not released funds

Executive Committee Report – Mark Tornstrom

- The lack of funds from NYS was also the topic of conversation in Exec
- Funding will continue to be discussed
- Exec went through a strategic analysis with the office over at the U of R in terms of priorities and planning ahead if faced with a budget crisis etc.

REMAC Subcommittees Report – Manish Shah

- Most of our work has been done for several years at the committee level, and we've found this to be very efficient
- ALS Subcommittee – focused on medication issues and didn't meet for a while due to Article XXX issues
- Pharmacy Subcommittee – transitioned leadership for the first time in several years. Worked on revising agreements between the hospitals and agencies and dealing with cost issues around that.
- Protocol & Policy Subcommittee – continues to be our most active subcommittee. Worked on the course matrix and new processes with ALS/FR agencies, updated the SCT protocols, working on the TOR guidelines and other protocols.
- QA Subcommittee Report – spend significant time revising its policies and procedures, including chart lock procedures.

Move to adjourn. MLREMS meeting will take place in a few minutes – need to reset the broadcast.