

**Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2013**

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Agenda is being passed around – does anyone have changes?
- Waiting on Dr. Rueckmann to get here for a quorum

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Minutes from the last meeting have been posted. Motion to approve the minutes – Breese; second - Thompson. All in favor? Opposed? Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Medical Director change for NEQ – Dr. Katsetos is now the NEQ Medical Director
- Chart Lock Times are being passed around for review

Medical Director's Report – Manish Shah, MD for Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Advisories on the POC Testing & the updated psychiatric patient policy have been released
- Excited Delirium Training has been posted to the website
- Awaiting announcement of State meeting dates to move forward with previously approved protocols

Program Agency Report – Benjamin Sensenbach

- Website RFP: looking at revamping the MLREMS website. RFP was sent out today
- Quarterly report and vouchers have been sent to NYS

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Tornstrom

- Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the EMS Day in the Park Event yesterday
- Had about 150-200 people stop by throughout the day
- Objectives for our region were to recognize our providers (award ceremony) and to have some education (skills competition)
- Karen Knauf from URMCMC setup a table with bike and helmet safety for children
- Had lots of food (BBQ Chicken) and activities and goodies for children
- Council Business: surplus of funding due to good planning and changes in personnel
- Plan to allocate \$10,000 to the overhaul of the website

State Council Meetings – Tim Czapranski

- No report

State Actions – Benjamin Sensenbach

- Listed on the agenda

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Working on two best practices documents
- Working on a guideline for responsibility tonight and will work on the regionalization credentialing document at our next meeting

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Bove (Chair)

- Lakeside Closing – will need to update the Expired Drug Form to reflect the change

Protocol & Policy Committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD (Chair)

- No comments received re: Ultrasound Policy
- Move to approve – Breese; Second – Philippy. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes

Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- QA Committee had recommended some kind of mechanism be created where Medical Directors in the region could get together to discuss common issues, best issues, etc.
- Preliminary meeting went well; decided to form a subcommittee
- We will meet quarterly

Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Final revision of the credentialing process will go back to the group and then to ALS Chiefs for loophole finding

Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- No Meeting

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Discussion throughout the region re: problems in terms of variations of medication dosing, concentration packaging, and how this can cause significant patient risk
- Decided to form a TAG called, “Common Supply Sourcing TAG”
- Mike Bove and Karen Dewar have agreed to co-chair the TAG
- Its purpose and mission is as follows:
The common supply sourcing tag is tasked to evaluate the opportunities and challenges of common supply sourcing with specific emphasis on the standardization of medication dose, concentration and packaging and the process by which this could be implemented across all agencies in the MLREMS region
- Anyone interested in joining, please contact Ben Sensenbach or Karen Dewar
- Hoping this TAG will result in some standardization that will improve safety for our patients

- Amy Pollard - Noyes
- Groundbreaking for the new Noyes ED took place on April 12th
- Goal is to have it finished by late spring/early summer of next year
- ED traffic has been a little congested
- If you identify problems with getting in/out, please contact Colleen Shaw or Karen

- Dr. Thompson – St. Mary’s
- Dr. Nasra asked me to announce that St. Mary’s Psychiatric Unit is down 8 beds due to staffing problems (40 beds to 32)
- They are evaluating weekly, but this may go through August
- Also, please remind your crews to label EKG strips sent to Unity

- Rumors going around that St. James in Hornell may be closing
- OB group changed hospitals from Geneva to Newark and took their practice with them – no other provider of these services now

- Move to adjourn – Breese & Philippy. All in favor?