

MLREMSC Executive Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Subject	MLREMSC Executive	Meeting Notes : Dates	09/10/2012
Facilitator	Mark Tornstrom, Chair	Time	8:30am
Location	GoTo Meeting	Scribe	Mark Philippy, Secretary
Attendees	M. Tornstrom, T. Frost, R. Allen, M. Philippy, T. DeMarse, Dr. J. Cushman, T. Czapranski, K. Dewar		
Key Points Discussed and Action Items			
No.	Topic	Action Item(s)	Target Date
1	<p>Chair Report – M. Tornstrom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chart Lock TAG – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 agencies and numerous individuals have approached M. Tornstrom with serious concerns about the recommendations of the TAG ○ Some believe this is a MLREMS – created issue ○ Concerns about the Policy issues should be directed to the State, as the focus of the TAG was altered somewhat by DOH 12-03 Policy requirements ○ Agencies ultimately need to comply with State Policy regardless of what the Region recommends ○ Use of a “paper” transfer document was never intended to be a policy issued by MLREMS. It was always intended that the document be available as an <i>option</i>, offered to agencies in order to provide a template for them to aid in achieving compliance with DOH 12-03, as well as providing timely information to ED providers. • Reimbursement for EMT Training/Classes, changes in tuition costs through MCC – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need more support from providers, agencies, and interested parties for the Training and Education Committee. It was identified early during strategic planning that education was a critical deliverable of the Council, but we need active participation from others to 		

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	<p>achieve the goal of providing training throughout the Region. Agencies should strongly consider sending representatives from their respective training divisions, and any member of the community should be encouraged to bring forth their ideas for improving provision of educational/training programs in the Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ MCC is not the only course sponsor in the Region – interested parties should be able to find EMT training elsewhere in the Region, and we should take an active role in promoting same, as well as making such classes known to the public.○ Dr. Cushman agrees that this issue needs to be addressed with immediacy; there are also concerns that someone outside the MCC – PSTF structure should be leading the Training and Education Committee to avoid any conflict of interest considerations.○ Tim Czapranski shared that there was a meeting recently with Dean Karnes of the PSTF, Public Safety Director Steve Bowman, Jen Levey current Training and Education Committee Chair, and Tim, regarding the MCC Tuition and State reimbursement issues. It was made known that MCC is further scrutinizing costs associated with PSTF's provision of training for EMT and CFR programs, and this may negatively impact the availability or costs associated with those programs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tim also mentioned that the PSTF Board is discussing means by which the County of Monroe could provide further funding to supplement the State reimbursement and offset the impact of MCC Tuition changes. There will be a vote on this matter shortly.○ Mark Tornstrom reiterated that the current committee structure is not working effectively, the planning needs		
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	<p>to be improved to address these concerns, and that this is a key deliverable of the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tracy DeMarse reported that there were a number of suggestions and ideas raised at the recent CIU training. These interested parties were encouraged to attend the next Training and Education Committee Meeting on the 17th of September to bring forth their ideas.○ Reg Allen shared his belief that the County should not be paying the College for EMT students to get college credit. There are other EMT programs available Regionally that do not have that associated cost or benefit, and as a benefit it has relative application to employers.○ Mark Tornstrom commented that MCC should be an option, but reiterated that it is not the only program available in the Region. Nevertheless we cannot ignore the generosity with which MCC has provided services and training over the years to the Community. We should recognize that their goals may differ from other course sponsors.● Mutual Aid TAG – Mark is very encouraged by the response and the number of people who participated in the first meeting. A good number of non-council-members have stepped forward. Tim Czapranski is the chair of this TAG.		
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2	<p>Treasurer – R. Allen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reports are out and available • By-Laws – no comments have been made since the most recent version was posted, should be ready for full Council vote on the 17th. • Mark P. and Reg will put together a listing of Council seats up for election in the upcoming term. 	<p>M. Philippy and R. Allen to collaborate on seats available listing for 17th meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Vice Chair – T. Frost – No Report Secretary – M. Philippy – No Report</p>		
4	<p>Program Agency – T. DeMarse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports were filed with NYS • No State correspondence • ImageTrend – NYS NEMISIS / ePCR bridge, Program Office is working to complete set-up for agencies, a number of agencies are still in process. • Facebook Page for MLREMSC – there is no way to provide the page without advertisements. Since this is an unavoidable circumstance, and the feeling of the Executive Committee is unanimous that the Facebook access is an important feature, the Exec recommends to the Council that we approve moving forward and finalizing the Page. • TrainLu requests access to our Regional training videos for provision to agencies/providers outside the Region through the company's on line library. Will bring to the Council for discussion whether to allow this company access on the condition that the videos/presentations are somehow locked against changes/duplication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Tornstrom would like to make sure that authoring credit is preserved, and that no costs should be attributed to us. • Web Site Posting Fee Policy – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our allowing agencies/entities to post job offerings and training classes on the MLREMS web site is consistent with our strategic goal to provide better communication, 		

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	<p>and encourage use of the web site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Any traffic is good traffic, and anything that encourages people to visit the site will benefit communication in the long run.○ This will further allow the web site to serve as a repository for information on Regional EMS matters.○ Currently the Council agreed to \$100 fee for posting of job information, and \$25 for posting paid courses' announcements.○ Council should discuss policy regarding what to put on these postings: specifically what information should be allowed for job postings versus course announcements. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We have posted on the web site and weekly e-mails regarding recent deaths or illnesses of Regional importance. However we cannot seek out that information actively. If someone wishes notice of a death or illness posted, they should contact T. DeMarse at the Program Agency.		
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5	Medical Director – Dr. Cushman – No Report		
6	<p>System Operations – T. Frost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was some misinformation at the last meeting, there was no problem with the BLSFR application in Point Pleasant, still some glitches with the transfer of CON between Point Pleasant and Irondequoit Ambulance, these are being addressed. • Brockport FD BLSFR application is nearing finalization. • Will need some time at the REMAC Meeting September 17th to request letters of endorsement from REMAC for a number of BLS FR applications. 		
7	<p>REMAC – Dr. Cushman / T. DeMarse for Dr. Shah –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 30-day requirement for voting was determined to only apply to By-Laws changes. • There is a Policy Statement regarding QA Committee members and conflicts of interest, it has been distributed to REMAC members and we are looking to vote on that at the 17th meeting. 		
8	<p>PIER – D. Tripp – No Report Training & Education – J. Levey – No Report LEPC – M. Tornstrom – No Report</p>		
9	<p>Livingston County Coordinator – K. Dewar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held their first joint EMS / Law Enforcement training recently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Felt to be very successful and informative ○ EMS provided training to LE on designer drugs and issues surrounding patient refusal of transport ○ LE provided training to EMS on crime scene management • Livingston County has a number of EMT courses in progress or upcoming, including one in progress at Hampton Corners, one coming up in Dansville October 23rd, and two more planned for early January 2013, one in Lima, one at Hampton Corners. 		
10	<p>Monroe County Coordinator – Dr. Cushman for T. Czapranski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Drill on September 15th between 8 am. and 12 noon (start time TBA) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agencies looking to participate will be meeting at 6 p.m. today at the PSTF, Room 117a ● Fitch & Associates, contractor for the EMS Regional Study, will be in town conducting interviews and attending meetings beginning this week. ● State Meetings October 3rd and 4th in Albany. ● Dr. Cushman is reviewing collaborative regional protocols from two mid-state REMACs. 		
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next MLREMS Meeting is 4 p.m. at the Livingston County Emergency Preparedness Offices, Hampton Corners. 		