

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2012

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Agenda is being passed around – does anyone have changes?

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Minutes from the last meeting have been posted. Motion to approve the minutes – Thompson, Second – Rueckmann. All in favor? Opposed? Motion passed.

Correspondence/Announcements – Manish Shah, MD

- Lake Plains & Big Lakes document signed re: following our own protocols out of region, etc.
- Notification from Finger Lakes Region re: CPAP pilot project

Medical Director's Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No report

Program Agency Administrator's Report – Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly report has been sent in
- Will begin to prepare for the next quarterly report in a few weeks
- We have had 4 providers in the last week or so who have passed away
 - Our office has been formerly notified of a couple of them and we have distributed information re: services and fundraisers etc.
 - Our office will do whatever it takes to get this kind of information out, but we have to be formally notified
- Recent exercise involving all agencies uploading NEMSIS data, which is the NYS bridge for ePCRs
 - Zoll agencies are uploading their information directly each month
 - Some agencies still send them to us and we FWD them to NYS in a different format
 - NYS has determined that each agency needs to have two accounts setup
 - As of now, all but three agencies are setup

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Tornstrom

- MLREMS has adopted a revision of the by-laws
 - Significant changes in regards to membership
 - Transition process for this and the hope is to have a better representation of the cross section of EMS providers in our region
- EMT Certification Training – NYS has increased that in line with the National Standards

- This has created a bit of angst for Medical Directors of agencies as the number of hours for new EMTs may increase
- Training & Ed is working with NYS to put out a product that will ensure consistency among those who are doing CME-based recertification vs. traditional classroom EMT or refresher EMT class
- Training & Ed is putting together a guidance document
- Attendance issues: two physicians will receive written notification per our by-laws
- Quorum has become an issue at every meeting
- Everyone should have an alternate appointed to attend in their place
- MLREMS Council is responsible for the REMAC attendance
- Systems Operations Committee is part of the revised and newer State process for fire departments and agencies wishing to become BLSFRs
- This body needs to recognize or endorse the physician who is the agency's medical director per policy 1103
- Four have been acted on in the past few months – held up at the State level for approval
- This is for BLSFR agencies who do extra – Albuterol, Epi, etc.
- Brockport Fire Medical Director – Dr. Davidoff, Clifton Medical Director – Dr. Cushman, Livonia Medical Director – Dr. Shah, and Point Pleasant Medical Director – Dr. Rueckmann
- Suggest to give Dr. Shah the authority to write the letters re: the physicians on the list who have been approved by this body
- REMAC Chair would be delegated the authority to provide that letter for BLSFR agencies as long as it is a system approved medical director
- Medical directors have to be approved by this body
- Motion – Frost, Second – Czapranski. Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Passes
- Tracy to generate the letters for signature

State Council Meetings – Tim Czapranski

- October 3rd and 4th – meetings in Troy, NY

State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman

State Actions – Tracy DeMarse

- Richard Warner, Jr. – Poughkeepsie, NY

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Met last month – not meeting this month

Pharmacy Subcommittee – Mike Kuder (Chair)

- Trying to schedule a meeting for the near future
- Inquiries from RGH and Highland re: processing expired meds
- Process adopted by MLREMS in 2002 needs to be revised
- Hope is to have input from each pharmacy
- Suggest that pharmacies post a note if a certain product is unavailable so providers are aware

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

- Have resumed monthly meetings – second Monday of the month
- Updated SCT Protocols will be distributed for public comment in the next few weeks
- Number of other policies to be reviewed

Quality Assurance Subcommittee – Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Will go into Executive Session
- Policy and Procedure document was sent out for comment
 - Conflict of interest section re: QA Committee Meetings to ensure there are no conflicts re: an individual case
 - Procedure for disclosing and possible exclusion from a case
- Motion to approve the document – Tornstrom, Second – Rueckmann
 - Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.

MHA TAH, Mark Tornstrom

- No report

Regionalization, Julie Jordan

- Scheduled to meet next month

Finger Lakes Regional Trauma – Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- No report

Chart Lock Times TAG – Bruce Thompson & Mark Philippy

- Thanks to the ePCR TAG for all of their hard work
- Much of this is related to Protocol & Policy and the QA Committee
- Suggest to accept the recommendations of the TAG as recommendations, not to approve or implement them
 - Refer the recommendations to Protocol & Policy and the QA Committee – ask them to review them to see how it will impact the groups
 - Comments / thoughts?
 - Important that the two bodies identify the State requirements – most important
 - Documentation needs to be immediately available at the hospital
 - Motion that the reports for the ePCR Chart Lock TAG be accepted and referred to QA and the Protocol & Policy Committee for review and action – Cushman, Second – Julie Jordan
 - Discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Dr. Santiago abstains. Motion passes.
 - Thanks again to everyone – TAG is now officially disbanded and it can be removed from the agenda

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Dr. Nasra – St. Mary’s Psychiatric Emergency Center has implemented a phone line for EMS providers
- St. Mary’s is a BLS facility – providers need to determine if their patient is psychiatric patient with BLS level of care
- The number established is not medical control, therefore it has not been added to the Medical Control Policy
- Dr. Shah – CDC looking for applications re: prehospital triage of traumatic brain injured older adults, specifically looking at anticoagulant and platelet medications
- Drs. Cushman, Shah, Katsetos, and Grahams have been working on this
- We have been granted the contract
- Information will be put out as we get closer; will reflect this region and the EMS work that goes on here
- Noyes and Lakeside did not get involved due to the low volumes of the financial realities of smaller locations
- Study will capture 90+% of the EMS patients in this region
- Livonia Fire Department submitted a notice of intent to possess and use Epi Auto Injectors
- Their CON is still at the State
- CPAP document has been going around – a few agencies in the Finger Lakes Region who will be doing BLS CPAP

Motion to move to Executive Session – Moved by Dr. Katsetos, Seconded by Dr. Cushman

Executive Session held.

- QA Case related to Union Hill Fire Department re: chart lock times greater than 12 hours several times in the last 18 months
 - Investigation done found that this problem has continued over the last 18+ months despite multiple interventions and meetings with the QA Committee
 - If no sustained improvement within the next six months, this will be referred to NYS DOH for action
 - Any discussion, additions, subtractions, comments? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.
- Motion to adjourn? Second? All in favor?
 - Next meeting to be held Monday, November 19th at PSTF