

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2011

Standing Agenda Items

Agenda Review, Manish Shah, MD

- Sign-in sheet being passed around; please sign
- Anything else to add to agenda? No

Minutes, Manish Shah, MD –

- The minutes have been posted on the website
- If no one has comments or edits, motion to approve the minutes
- Moved by Mark Tornstrom; Seconded by Frost; All in favor? Ayes

Correspondence / Announcements, Manish Shah, MD

- Dr. Cushman was awarded the 2011 RHIO Leadership Award for his work in EMS interface and interaction with the RHIO. Congratulations to Dr. Cushman.

Medical Directors' Report, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Since our last meeting, RSI and SCT policies have been put into place. The preceptor policy will be released toward the end of the week with updated forms that will be discussed at ALS Committee and that Julie, our ALS Committee Chair has been working heavily on so we can standardize some things.
- The new Peds Vodcasts have been released since our last meeting. We have more broadcasts on tourniquet, hemostatic gauze, OG tubes and pelvic fractures that will be coming out within the next month or six weeks.
- Reminder for some of these procedurally oriented trainings, tourniquet, hemostatic, gauze, OG tubes and pelvic fractures that will be coming out within the next month or so. This can certainly be used by your agencies so there is stable consistent training in terms of indications, contraindications, major procedures, but I certainly encourage that this be considered the training floor and that training officers integrate these into their training programs, whether that's some simulation or some hands-on time, to provide some standardization in training.

Program Agency Administrator's Report, Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly reports are just about finished for the Program Agency and Council.
- Vouchers will be sent out to the state
- Waiting on ledgers from University of Rochester so we can line up finances.
- Nicoletta has gone out on maternity leave and is expected back mid-July. In the meantime, if you need to reach us, I encourage you to let our temporary employee, Donna Roulin take a message from you. If you really need to speak to one of us quickly, I recommend email versus a phone call.

Associated Reports

Council (MLREMS), Mark Tornstrom

- Contract for the Program Agency is expiring and will need to be renewed.
- Budget from New York State went through and amounts appropriated to Councils and Program Agencies is untouched.

- Looking at ways to maintain our performance and move forward
- Priority for funds from the state is education, to continue to reimburse for EMT through paramedic certification training and updates for training.
- Secondly, to look at ways to continue to provide service to our community.
- Council voted to join the NYS Council on Not-for-Profits which brings resources that are available to REMAC members as well. Information will be circulated to REMAC and Council members.
- Discussion will continue in terms of the responsibilities of Public Health Law, certification and other applicable laws as they relate to CONs, etc.

State Council Meetings, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

SEMSCo Report, Tim Czapranski

- No Report

State Actions, Tracy DeMarse,

- Anthony Delvalle, from Yonkers, NY
- Michael Raimer, from Middletown, NY

REMAC Sub-Committee Reports

Manish Shah, MD

- No Report

ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Committee continues to meet
- Significant changes coming on streamlining the paperwork processes related to ALS practice in the region.
- Significant changes coming out. We continue to work with the tag committee for the data base to determine what our system needs are.
- Preceptor training has started at Metro. Dates are set for other sessions that will be going out.
- Received good feedback for training and will continue forward with a busy month.

Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder (Chair)

- Pharmacy Committee has had no meeting.
- Emails have circulated regarding a vasopressin shortage.

Protocol Subcommittee & Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- In reference to protocol and policy, the state will be using the national standard for trauma triage and will adopt any future updates.
- CDC website, CDC Trauma Triage Criteria - 2 hours of free CME for all levels available, as well as educational materials and posters that can be used in training or meeting rooms.

- New York State is adopting the National EMS Educational Standards for all levels of care except for intermediate and critical care. This will significantly change the initial training for BLS personnel and will likely increase the educational requirements from 140 hours to 180 hours.
- Anticipate some changes in the scope of practice of BLS personnel over the coming years.
- Items of importance for the Protocol Committee are the issue of blood products and fentanyl. NYS is looking for lost paperwork due to governmental restructuring, but at this point, most parties agree that Paramedics and maybe CC's should be able to transport individuals after blood products have been started. Unofficially, discussions between Department of Health and Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement may allow more than 200 mcg of fentanyl on an ambulance and you can give it on standing order for anything other than pediatrics.
- We will bring forth our recommendations to add fentanyl to our formulary.
- Sections 3 & 4 of our protocols will be sent out and strongly encourage all to review. They have been updated to include the ACLS/PALS Algorithms updates. They will be posted for a 30 day review period in a couple of days and we will take action at the June meeting, for anticipated release on July 1.
- Please review Policy 11-03, a policy that reiterates the requirements for agency medical direction. This will also go out for review.
- Protocol and Policy Committee are trying to standardize protocols so that Mountain Lakes, REMO and other regions are consistent. If any physicians are interested in being part of the process, let me know.

Quality Assurance Subcommittee, Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Committee continues to be fairly busy.
- Performance Metric Reports have been coming out with the weekly emails and are on the website.
- Recent case regarding jurisdictional boundaries. This has been forwarded to County EMS Coordinators and in Livingston County, acting EMS Coordinator and for them to evaluate and act on.

MHA Tag, Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- No report

Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Regionalization is at the point of doing preceptor training that will be set up.
 - Metro, east, west and south dates have been set up and will be distributed.
- All current preceptors will need to reapply, complete mandatory training and protocol test and pass it with an 85% in order to remain a system preceptor.
- Data base – How to track and manage providers across our agencies and region
- Original committee tag on Council was put together and they have created an RFP process to look at potential commercial vendor type programs.
- Council voted to proceed with an RFP
- Anyone interested in being part of reviewing RFPs, let Tracy know.
- Seeking participation of agencies to support financial components

GRQC Committee Update, Manish Shah, MD

- No Report

Fingerlakes Regional Trauma, Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- RTAC meeting of April 5th was well attended.
- SEMAC –Reintroduction of interfacility tag with Dr. Deb Funk
- NYS is moving away from designating trauma centers and doing the inspections of hospitals to find out whether they are going to be designated.
- Discussion regarding helicopter EMS utilization at the RTAC.
- HLS training schedule is out: September 26 and September 27, November 7 and November 8.

Hospital & EMS Leadership Meetings

- No Report

RHIO, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

Old Business

Jeremy Cushman

- RHIO interface –

- EMS data is going to populate the RHIO. The state is going to NEMSIS. The RHIO will send from either the EMS platform or the Zoll platform, be able to send the electronic info via a common platform
- You need to re-align where you're putting data so that it's collected.
- Contact me, Reg Allen or John Lents at Henrietta.

New Business

(from Manish Shah)

- Local paramedic Dave Williams, who is also in med school right now, will be working with me and Jeremy to do a study regarding administering pain meds to children.
- Dave will be doing interviews with ALS techs at various agencies, not every single one will be contacted or included.

Jeremy:

- Penfield's PG application is complete. We need acclamation for Penfield to begin glucometry determinations by their BLS personnel. PASSED
 - Livingston County Coordinator position is being elevated to a full department position within the Livingston County government. Job was posted today on their website and is being advertised.
 - Dr. Bruce Thompson made another request from Unity for EMS to call in with their patient information.
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- Move to adjourn; seconded
 - Next meeting will be on Monday, June 20th in Monroe County at PSTF