

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2010

Standing Agenda Items

Agenda Review, Manish Shah, MD

- Thank you for coming
- The attendance sheet is going around

Minutes, Manish Shah, MD –

- We have no minutes to approve as our transcriptionist had technical issues
- We should have a few sets of minutes to approve at the next meeting

Correspondence / Announcements, Manish Shah, MD

- I will pass this around – we will talk about all of this later in the meeting

Medical Directors' Report, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Lots of things happened since the last meeting
- SEMAC met at the state level
- Our return to spontaneous circulation protocol was approved, which includes therapeutic hypothermia
- This will allow agencies that choose to carry 40 degree saline to administer
- It will be released on Friday along with an educational white paper for all ALS agencies in the region to review
- VAST protocol was also approved
- There was a lot of interest in it; the educational product should be done by the end of November – it will be released and shared with providers around the state
- The MHA Tag concluded their work; the MHA podcast has been released
- SEMAC is working on a state-wide policy re: law enforcement & drawing blood
- We have started a new study, the Pediatric Trauma Triage study
- EMS providers will be approached if they bring in a child involved in a traumatic mechanism
- The adult study from a year and a half ago is in the process of being published
- Lastly, 3 months ago, a document was distributed entitled, “System Performance Measures”
- I am asking for the REMAC’s support of this document today
- Moved by Robert Breese; Seconded by Dr. Murray; Any discussion?
- This sets the bar; MLREMS approved it earlier this evening and the Board of Health has reviewed it as well
- Any other comments? All those in favor? All those against? Motion passes.

Program Agency Administrator's Report, Tracy DeMarse

- State meetings were at the beginning of the month; the theme of the Program Agency Meeting was there's no money
- We have vouchers into the State totaling just over \$60,000
- These are for April, May, and June of 2010
- Currently, the vouchers are at the controller's office; we don't know when these will be paid, but we're keeping any eye on things
- We are getting ready to send in vouchers from this past quarter along with the quarterly report
- The flurry of activity surrounding the NEQ CON has settled down

- Please keep in mind we are still down one secretary
- Your calls may go to voicemail as phone coverage is not always possible with one secretary

Associated Reports

Council (MLREMS), Mark Tornstrom for Paul Bishop

- Strategic planning is ongoing
- We went through our voting for next year for both Council and REMAC members
- The two at-large voting seats for this body are Dr. Antonios Katsetos & Dr. Rueckmann
- The nonvoting seats were filled by LaShay Harris and Mark Philippy

State Council Meetings, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

SEMSCo Report, Tim Czapranski

- SEMAC explored a number of protocols around the state
- FDNY is involved in an intra-arrest hypothermia protocol
- At the SEMAC level, there was some informal conversation re: a standard set of protocols from Buffalo to Albany, north county and the southern tier
- State Council – as Jeremy mentioned, state vouchers are not getting out
- Vital Signs attendance was down this year in NYC in August
- It will be held in Syracuse next year – hopefully attendance will go up
- The impact of advanced EMTs drawing blood alcohol in the field was discussed
- Paul Bishop gave a presentation on safety

State Actions, Tracy DeMarse, MD

- Westbury Fire Department – Westbury, NY
- Jonathan Macarak – Endicott, NY
- Victor _____ - Danivel. NY
- Daniel Weimer – Rochester, NY

REMAC Sub-Committee Reports

Manish Shah, MD

- Most of the work that gets done in this group gets done in subcommittees
- All subcommittees are open except for QA
- Please contact me if you're interested in joining a subcommittee

ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- No Report

Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No Report

Protocol Subcommittee & Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- We continue to meet via Go To Meeting every third Monday of the month
- Everyone is welcome to participate in our calls
- I have distributed recommendations for some medications to the RSI and SCT policies
- I will be asking for action on these at the next REMAC meeting
- We continue to work on several items; one of the next will be looking at incorporating the use of tourniquets
- We are wrapping up teaching RPD on hemorrhage control, lifesaving care, and tourniquets

Quality Assurance Subcommittee, Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- Looking for physicians on the QA Subcommittee
- Nothing to report beyond that

MHA Tag, Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- No report

Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Completed the wrap-up of the already approved preceptor policy
- We are waiting on the educational component to be completed and we will publish a timeline to agencies
- At our next meeting, we hope to get a draft completed for public comment
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GRQC Committee Update, Manish Shah, MD

- No Report

Fingerlakes Regional Trauma, Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- No report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Hospital & EMS Leadership Meetings

- No Report

RHIO, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

Applications –EPI & Albuterol-, Tracy DeMarse, EMT-P

- Completed application and collaborative agreement from West ____ Fire for epi-pen usage

- Next MLREMS meeting will be November 15th at 4:00 PM for CON purposes
- Next REMAC meeting will be December 20th – no meeting in November for REMAC