

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2010

**Standing Agenda Items**

Agenda Review, Manish Shah, MD

- We have quorum
- Two action items on the agenda; Any additions to the agenda?

Minutes, Manish Shah, MD –

- I would like to entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the last two meetings – June and August
  - All in favor? ; All Ayes; Motion Passed

Correspondence / Announcements, Manish Shah, MD

- There is no correspondence; there has been none since the last meeting
- Open seats for 2011; Reg Allen has sent information out regarding this
- Two at-large positions open
- All applications are due to Reg or MLREMS email address by October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Physician voting members are strongly encouraged to name an alternate if they haven't already
- Submit a letter or email to our office stating who you wish to name as your alternate

**Medical Directors' Report, Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Two brief items – one is based on a REMAC QA issue that was brought to this body
- Policy & Protocol subcommittee developed recommendations for materials re: substance abuse policies
- This will be released as an advisory to individual agencies
- No action is required from REMAC – just a friendly reminder to agencies with no substance abuse policy
- Second item – the MHA pod cast is ready to be released after extensive work
- This is not mandatory but 1 hour of BLS CME is available
- Along with that will be an advisory to all of the new refusal of care documents

**Program Agency Administrator's Report, Tracy DeMarse**

- Everything has been educational based since the last meeting
- As Jeremy mentioned, the MHA is complete
- We are currently working on a Pediatric pod cast; should be launched around first of the year
- 13 new CLI interns just completed their course over the weekend
- Some new training will be put on the website this week

**Associated Reports**

Council (MLREMS), Mark Tornstrom for Paul Bishop

- NEQ has submitted their application three times to the council; it has finally been deemed complete
- MLREMS' public hearing will be held in October & a vote on the application will be held in November
- Tyler Consulting has moved onto its final portion which is plan of action
- Operations-type plan that will engage in involving REMAC or members of REMAC

State Council Meetings, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

SEMSCo Report, Tim Czapranski

- No Report

State Actions, Tracy DeMarse, MD

- Thomas Bidwell – Endicott, NY

**REMAC Sub-Committee Reports**

Manish Shah, MD

- The Subcommittees under Terry's time were incredibly successful and I would like to keep that direction with using the subcommittees to really drive getting things done in this body
- I hope everyone is on at least one subcommittee; please talk to either the subcommittee chair to talk to me and we can get you on one of the committees – that's where the work occurs and that's really where we need people to help out

ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- No Report

Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No Report

Protocol Subcommittee & Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- Four items for consideration, all of which have been previously distributed
- The first one is re: the transport policy
- Move to approve by Mr. Breese; Seconded by Dr. Thompson
- Any other discussion? All those in favor? – Ayes
- All those against? Any Abstentions? – Passed
- The return of spontaneous circulation therapy and hypothermia has been talked about for years
- The State of New York, specifically the SEMAC chair, continues to believe that therapeutic hypothermia is not the standard of care
- New York City, Buffalo, & Syracuse have been allowed to provide therapeutic hypothermia
- The remainder of the state, including our region, have been prohibited to allow it
- As of yet, there has been no published study that has demonstrated the practice can cause harm
- First protocol for action is 3.2 which is the adult return to spontaneous circulation
- Move to approve by Mr. Breese; Seconded by Dr. Thompson
- All those in favor? Ayes; All those against? Abstentions? – Passed
- The second protocol is for Pediatrics
- Move to approve by Mr. Breese; Seconded by Dr. Murray
- All those in favor? Ayes; All those against? Abstentions? – Passed
- The last protocol is for LVAD
- Motion to approve by Mr. Breese; Seconded by Dr. Murray
- All those in favor? Ayes; All those against? Abstentions? – Passed

- The protocol and policy committee continues to meet via Go-To Meeting on a monthly basis; every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 11 AM – anyone who is interested is welcome to attend
- There will be two actions items at our next meeting – RSI Policy & the SCT Policy

Quality Assurance Subcommittee, Manish Shah, MD (Chair)

- No Report

MHA Tag, Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- Meeting next week re: hospitals and two inter-facility transport agencies for patients under MHA
- We will attend this meeting

Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- We met last week
- We came up with a timeline for \_\_\_\_\_
- We will meet again in October to finalize the timeline

GRQC Committee Update, Manish Shah, MD

- No Report

Fingerlakes Regional Trauma, Bob Breese (Official Representative)

- Calls made to hospitals regarding incoming trauma patients should be done using the Medical Control Phone; Not some of the other numbers that have been used in the past
- The calls on the Med Control Phone are recorded
- The Regional Trauma Advisory Committee encompasses a nine-county region

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

EMS Directory, Dr. Kluge

- Over the last two years, I've been working with RIT to develop a better website
- As of August 1<sup>st</sup> it is up and running
- We've moved from RIT hosting us on their server to a commercial server, web host, & management company
- We've decided not to public an electronic directory because of some issues we incurred in the past
- Instead, we will publish several regional directories in NYS so that one will be in Genesee, one in Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and MLREMS

System Ops Committee – MLREMS, Darrin Batty (Chair)

- ALS Application process
- Several BLS agencies in our region may be looking to move ALS/Critical Care

- Currently, there is no procedure or policy for this process
- REMAC and MLREMS should work together to come up with a procedure on this process
- The REMAC decides if an agency provides ALS service which is why Darrin came to talk to us
- NYS has a semi-procedure on how the process works but it's not a policy by any means
- The Finger Lakes region should be involved with this process as well
- A tag will be formed to work on this; if you're interested in being in the group, send an email to Tracy

Hospital & EMS Leadership Meetings

- No Report

RHIO, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No Report

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

- No Report

Motion to adjourn by Mike Kuder; Seconded by Bill Joyce; Meeting is adjourned.