

Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2009

**Standing Agenda Items**

Agenda Review, Terry Fairbanks, MD (Chair) –

Minutes, Terry Fairbanks, MD – motion to accept, B Breese; second J Hilmi; motion passed

Correspondence / Announcements, Terry Fairbanks, MD

- Pediatric EMS training course available

**Medical Directors' Report, Manish Shah, MD**

- Spinal Immobilization Training-still a few agencies not in compliance
- New State deliverables to Program Agency effective July 1, expanded from previous years
- Peter Swanson – new to OPC, will be part time with us, part time with a grant
- Process of revising our website to improve user friendliness
- Chart lock times continue to improve

**Associated Reports**

Council (MLREMS), Mark Tornstrom

- Budget year changed due to cost savings from January to June 30<sup>th</sup>, new year from July to June
- reallocation of money to help with new site design approved
- major revisions coming to by-laws, language will reflect more recent schedule of meetings & format
- NYS is pushing Council to find alternative funding to maintain ability to complete deliverables
- Council recognizes the tremendous "in kind" support provided by URMC-Strong

State Meetings Council, Tim Czapranski -

- considering adding steroid use in patients with adrenal insufficiency
- requirement to have AEDs on all ambulances tabled until September
- looking at pros and cons of licensure versus certification
- looking at developing Statewide ALS protocols
- Training, will fully fund BLS, if funds available will fund ALS
- Vital Signs Conference October 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> in Rochester
- Awards for Regional Council must be post marked by August 1<sup>st</sup>
- EMS Memorial, 2 inductees this year
- Discussion of combining BLS & ALS protocols, State BLS protocols likely remain separate entity
- EMS providers with stroke patients should alert hospitals as early as possible
- State trauma- NY improving and doing far better than most in the nation
- Lee Burns – new Deputy Director at the Bureau of EMS, replacing Marjorie Geiger
- BLS and ALS examinations being looked at for inconsistencies
- 3 applications for CON's being reviewed at the State level
- ED MDs are mandated reporters if aware of complications arising from outpatient surgical anesthesia

State Council Meetings, Terry Fairbanks, MD

- Nassau County protocols approved, part of their protocols have a diversion policy
- Ketamine is added to the NYS Formulary because of Mercy Flight petition
- Controversy whether mid-level providers can give on-line medical control, SEMAC advisory requires MD

State Actions, Sheri Adam

- Atlantic Steamer Fire Company, Oyster Bay

**REMAC Sub-Committee Reports**

ALS Subcommittee, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- ALS Committee working on regionalization, see report under that committee

Pharmacy Subcommittee, Mike Kuder (Chair)

- No report (no meeting)

Protocol Subcommittee & Advanced Practices, Jeremy Cushman (Chair)

- SCT policies and protocols will be out for comment shortly
- 2010 proposed protocols sent out for public comment, and on website, comments due 8/10
- Policies being sent out for vote in August
- On-Line Medical Control policy, motion to approved amended to include Jan 1 2010 as required date for audio recording, & Sept 1, 2009 as required compliance date for physicians to get course complete, residents must be minimally PGY2, motion; B Breese, second B Thompson, motion passed

Quality Assurance Subcommittee, Sheri Adam (Chair)

- no report

MHA TAG, Mark Tornstrom (Chair)

- 4 action items, 2 around protocol policy & 2 around education, next meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>

Regionalization TAG, Julie Jordan (Chair)

- Working on draft document, developing preceptor process and CME requirements
- Meetings the second Monday of every month right before QA meeting, (3pm, STEP Rm at PSTF)

GRQC Committee Update, Manish Shah, MD

- Continue to move forward, testing of various ideas, next meeting on the June 29<sup>th</sup>

ePCR TAG, Zach Hettinger, MD

- survey put out regarding emsCharts, received feedback & suggestions for improvements

**Old Business**

- No report

**New Business**

Hospital & EMS Leadership Meetings, Sheri Adam

- Meetings have low attendance, discussed time change – times will remain the same

Cardiac Monitors, Sheri Adam

- 3 types of cardiac monitors in region, Zoll, Phillips & Medtronic, EDs need to be aware

Monroe Ambulance Approval for Electronic Data Submission, Tim Frost

- Changing from emsCharts to Zoll, motion to approve J Hilmi, second M Shah, motion passed

RHIO, Jeremy Cushman, MD

- goal of creating an electronic PCR that would work for all vendors, all agencies and flow into hospital records and other documents
- HIPAA – once form signed, would be for entire HIPPA entity (for instance, if signed at a physician office that was part of a hospital, it would then also apply for the hospital)

Applications –EPI & Albuterol-, Sheri Adam

- Churchville Ambulance, Albuterol, motion to approve B Thompson, second M Shah, motion passed
- Churchville Ambulance, Epi-pens – application complete, will send into NYS

Homeland Security Certification, Bruce Thompson, MD

- encourage every hospital, Fire & EMS agency to take advantage of FEMA's use of Department of Homeland Security's free training

Motion to Adjourn S Adam, second M Kuder, motion passed