

Monroe Livingston REMAC
August 17, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Standing Agenda Items – Terry Fairbanks, MD

Minutes – (once quorum achieved) - motion to accept – B Breese, 2nd M Shah, motion passed

Correspondence/Announcements

- Reciprocity Agreement with neighboring REMACs from Central NY
- Letter from Dr Cushman to RIT Ambulance regarding use of EMD
- Letter from Sheri Adam regarding our compliance with NYS policy regarding capnography
- New NYS policies from NYS

Medical Director's Report – Manish Shah, MD

- Consider moving August meeting to Sept as it's difficult to attain quorum
- Flu vaccination – supplies shipped from manufacturer's, encourage providers to get vaccinated
- Due to need to restructure – following changes to take place effective Sept 1, 2009
 - New Regional Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD
 - New Associate Regional Medical Director for QA – Manish Shah, MD
 - Jeremy Cushman remains Monroe County Medical Director
 - Manish Shah remains Livingston County Medical Director
 - Terry Fairbanks remains as REMAC Chair
 - Terry Fairbanks remains Associate Regional Medical Director
 - All Physicians continue as Agency Medical Director for their current agencies

Thanks to Terry Fairbanks for leading charge in changing QA Culture
Thank you for last 4 years

Dr Fairbanks thanked Dr Shah for his years of service

Program Manager's Report – Sheri Adam

- No additional report

Associated Reports

Council – Mark Tornstrom

- By-law changes tabled until next meeting
- Course sponsorship application from Monroe Ambulance, being reviewed by training committee

State Meetings – Terry Fairbanks and Tim Czapranski

- New SEMAC representative – Jeremy Cushman, MD
- PIER Committee met, no award nominees from our region won at the state level – challenge to all agencies to write numerous and really good applications for upcoming awards
- Next meetings Sept 2 and 3rd
- Systems Committee met to discuss Niagara Memorial CON application
- Vital Signs in Rochester this year
- Atropine replaced by NYS for expired pens

State Actions – Sheri Adam

- Edward Ashley, West Sand Lake
- Darnell Hagins, New York City
- Douglas Recupero, Great Neck

REMAC Sub-Committee Reports

Advanced Practices – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Previously forwarded SCT policies will not be voted on due to some recent QA developments, have identified some areas that need work, will hopefully have for October meeting
- Will be sending out some dates for upcoming meeting to committee members
- RSI continues reliably
- RSI CME after ALS Committee

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ALS – Julie Jordan

- Working on regionalization, looking for physician input at next meeting Sept 14th at 3pm PSTF-STEP, hoping to have it wrapped up by December meeting for approval

ePCR – Zach Hettinger, MD

- Presentation given regarding surveys on ePCRs (see attached)
- Chart lock times handed out (see attached)
 - No agency should have charts in the >12 hour column
 - <3 hour times continue to improve

GRQC – Manish Shah, MD

- One trial looking at Triage forms and 340 reports
- Looking at ways to change the Code Red criteria looking at EMS clearing times rather than boarders, once 2 new ED Directors in place, plan is to review with all hospitals

MHA Tag – Mark Tornstrom

- Working on terminology – “Determining capacity”
- Working on revisions/clarifications to current policies
- Reviewing current refusal form to see if it can be modified to work for specific group of patients (intoxicated but not injured)
- Working on educational component for EMS
- Plan to be done by December
- Using Go To Meetings with OPC

Pharmacy – Mike Kuder

- New Restock form for agencies to use when replacing expired meds at the hospitals

Protocols – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Table policies for Continuous Infusions and Transport Ventilators while SCT protocols being reviewed
- Access to Emergency Psychiatric Services – motion to approve with friendly amendment of permission for Dr. Cushman can modify transport papers to reflect the exact papers as soon as the MHA tag tells them what they are, M Shah, 2nd S Adam, motion passed
- BLS-FR Documentation policy – motion to approve as written, B Breese, 2nd S Adam, motion passed
- 2010 Protocols, motion to approve as written with friendly amendment “with determination of the implementation date determined by the Regional Medical Director”, B Breese, 2nd B Thompson, motion passed

QA - Sheri Adam

- Will be asking for Executive Session at the end of the meeting

Regionalization – Julie Jordan

- Report given in ALS Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

Reporting Incidents, Injuries & Crashes - Jeremy Cushman

- NYS policy 09-08 – important information collected, should be available to the region.
- Dr Cushman made a motion that any incident that meets State reporting requirements also results in a copy of the State reportable incident form be sent to the Program Agency within 10 business days reporting period, 2nd B Breese, motion passed.
- Not to be used regionally punitively, but to watch for trends in the region so we can affect a positive educational based improvement
- Program agency will have fillable pdf made for ease of use

Applications – Sheri Adam

- Albuterol – Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance, motion to approve M Shah, 2nd B Breese, motion passed
- Epi-Pen NOI – completed, Sheri Adam to write letter to NYS
- Spinal Rollout Completions
 - Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance
 - Perinton Volunteer Ambulance

Motion to finish this meeting and then Executive session, M Shah, 2nd G Nasra, motion passed