

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting
August 15, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Thanks to Tim Frost for conducting July's meeting
- Motion to approve July's minutes; Moved, Seconded; All in favor; None opposed; Accepted
- Correspondence:
 - Letter of resignation from Ann Peterson
 - Letter from David Whalen of Niagara University re: a training program
 - Letter from Dr. Davidoff
 - I received a phone call from Dr. Kluge as well as a follow-up call from Jeff Tutz, who is the President of STEP. Reg and I met with them to discuss matters.
 - Jackie would like to maintain the relationship or rebuild the relationship that had existed between STEP and MLREMS
 - We have discussed this at length; I told Jackie we are in the business of maintaining relationships & working in unison
 - Dick and I plan on meeting with STEP again to discuss this further without utilizing a significant amount of energy from the Council
 - A letter will be drafted shortly, directed to STEP
- The position of Secretary is open – currently being maintained by Tim Frost
- This is an important position & requires a fair amount of time
- We really need someone to help fill this void

Vice Chair Report – Tim Frost

- No Report

Secretary Report – Tim Frost (Interim)

- A few attendance issues
- Laurie gave verbal representation on her standing at the last meeting in July
- Written correspondence has been sent to Laurie
- We will need to vote in to reinstate her voting privileges
- Ask that Laurie step out so the matter can be discussed
- Motion to accept Laurie's reinstatement. Motion to accept her reason given at the July meeting. Seconded by Joe; All in favor; none opposed; one abstention; Motion carries
- The Council has chosen to accept your reason; we welcome and appreciate your input
- We are in the process of reviewing this year's records – attendance sheets as well as the webcasts
- We have a bit of an attendance issue which will be addressed in the next few weeks
- More of an issue with REMAC – Dr. Shah has requested a review of this specifically

Treasurer's Report – Reg Allen

- Does anyone have question re: finances?
- The Charity Department feels as though our charity report was late, even though we filed for an extension
- According to a letter they sent, we owe them penalty fees. Our accountant has sent them a letter regarding this matter. We are waiting to hear back.
- The audit for the last fiscal year is underway; should be done in the fall
- The Finance Committee met & reviewed the finances year to date; the minutes are posted
- The vouchers should be out to the State by the end of this week
- The Tag Committee now has a regular meeting scheduled

- Sat down with Tim Czapranski & gathered a litany of ideas for possible revenue sources
- Two of them involve grants – The Firefighters Grant & the Safer Grant
- An email has been sent to Virginia Tyler regarding grant writing costs

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No specific action items
- Busy supporting REMAC and agencies
- Our office has been busy processing a lot of PAD applications

Strategic Planning – Mark Tornstrom

- No report given

Program Agency Report – Tracy DeMarse

- The RFP Group is still meeting – we have a good group going
- State Actions: Stanley Dorozynski from Ilion, New York; Angie Estrella from Dolgeville, New York

NEG Report – Reg Allen

- Time to start thinking about elections for 2012
- According to the current list, Darrin Batty, Lee Coller, Tom Coyle, Karen Dewar, Mark and Gwen are all up at the end of this year
- Hospital Administrator and Livingston County Ambulance seat open
- If you're interested in retaining your seat, send me a letter of interest and your name will go on the ballot
- Make sure to tell people outside of our organization
- The vote will be in October
- NEG has been working on by-law updates

PIER Committee – Dick Tripp (Chair)

- We will be attending the STEP board meeting on Wednesday
- The award applications are due to the state by March 31st not June 1st
- They have to be voted on at the February meeting
- We have to start pushing for the award nominations as soon as possible
- A new award has been added to the nomination form
- I would like to attend the captains meeting in Livingston County and maybe even the battalion meetings here to try and promote these award nominations

REMAC – Mark Tornstrom for Manish Shah, MD (Absent)

- Dr. Davidoff, REMAC member, has submitted a letter re: modification of for the policy that was put forth in terms of the credentialing of the physicians for agency medical director
- The policy was discussed at REMAC and unanimously passed by the voting members of REMAC
- Since then, Dr. Davidoff has written an email directly to me re: his frustration
- He has also written a letter to the American Board of Physician Specialties
- They sent a letter to the EMS Council in return expressing their thoughts on revising the policy
- In terms of being a committee of the Council, REMAC has statutory authority to write their own policies & protocols re: providing medical direction to a region
- The policy does not exclude this credentialing process, it is not recognized as the desired credentialing for physicians
- Having this certification does not exclude any physician from practicing in our region or from providing medical direction
- Drs. Cushman and Shah along with myself have authored a response letter
- Motion to approve the response letter – All in favor? Ayes; Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passed

- Dr. Cushman – no action items since July
- Our committees continue to work on a regionalization tag
- The protocol and policy committee continue to work
- There will be action items at the October meeting

Systems Operations – Tim Frost (for Darrin Batty)

- A little bit of tidying up – we need to do a roll call vote for Spencerport
- There are two new policies issued by NYS that affect Systems re: clarification of operating territory
- The vote on the floor now is going to be clarification of operating territory for Spencerport
- This CON is literally a name change of the district in which they service – Spencerport Fire District

Roll Call #1

- Reg Allen, Louis Aponte, Donna Bailey, Darrin Batty, Paul Bishop, Tom Bonfiglio, Tom Coyle, Lee Coller, Jeremy Cushman, Tim Czapranski, Karen Dewar, Tim Frost, Joe Giorgione, Julie Jordan, Elizabeth Murray, Anne Peterson, Manish Shah, Laurie Thiel, Mark Tornstrom, Dick Tripp – All answered “Aye”
- Robert Faugh, David Leven, Mark Phillipy, Manish Shah, Boris Schmigel, Gwen Williams – All Absent
- Motion passes
- We may need to call a September meeting as Brockport has submitted a third submission of their CON
- They have requested a special meeting for Council to review their application
- Most of us will be in Albany for the State Meetings, but it’s possible the meeting could occur as it is Council’s responsibility to facilitate timely review of CON’s
- This directly relates to finances concerning the town, village, and fire district
- Although a September meeting is not set in stone, it is a possibility

Training & Education Committee – Paul Bishop

- Met today before MLREMS
- Two instructor nominations to bring forward – Eric Rathfelder for CLI from MCC & Richard Roach for CIC from MCC
- Both have completed their internships
- Move to approve; Seconded; All in favor – Ayes; No opposed/Abstentions; Motion carries
- We would like to get Council endorsement as to a course sponsor upgrade
- This is a new process through the DOH where an existing course sponsor requests to be upgraded in order to teach distance learning courses
- MCC has been teaching distant learning courses for EMT and Paramedic refresher programs & more recently for EMT original (with some class time)
- There is now an official process that must be approved to teach these courses using distant learning
- MCC is coming to Council to seek endorsement to be approved to teach distance learning courses
- There’s no change in how the courses are structured other than seeking approval from NYS
- We did not have a quorum at our Training & Ed Committee so this is coming as a seconded motion
- Motion to have MCC approved for distance learning – Seconded; All in favor – Ayes; none opposed; one abstention (Paul Bishop); Motion carries
- Niagara University won a competition to develop a first responder awareness program for people with disabilities
- They are looking for sites to do pilot, roll outs, and train the trainer

- This was discussed in our committee meeting; something we would like to support in our community
- There is no cost associated with this

Livingston County Report – Manish Shah, MD (Absent)

- No report given

Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- No report given

State EMS Council – Tim Czapranski

- SEMAC meetings in September

Other News

- September 11th at 10am at the U of R Interfaith Chapel – there will be a 9/11 memorial – everyone is welcome to attend
- If we have a September meeting, it will be on September 19th
- Next scheduled meeting will be October 17th at PSTF
- Motion to Adjourn – Meeting dismissed