

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting
July 16, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Motion to approve May minutes; Moved by Tom, Seconded; All in favor; None opposed; Accepted

Correspondence:

- Two out of our providers have won awards at the State level: Dwayne May & Matt Jarrett
- Application for sponsor renewal for Livingston County's course sponsorship
- Information from NEQ

Vice Chair Report – Tim Frost

- o No Report

Secretary Report – Mark Philippy

- o Open seats – FR Physician on REMAC
- o Three open positions: first responder, non-transporting, course sponsor
- o Begin planning for elections; candidates for 2013

Treasurer's Report – Reg Allen

- o Got paid by the State
- o They still owe us about \$19,000 – contacted Lisa via e-mail re: these payments
- o Waiting to hear back from them

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Would like to introduce one of the new attending's at Strong – Dr. Ben Ostrovsky
- Will be out in the field in the next few months

Strategic Planning – Mark Tornstrom

- No report given

Program Agency Report – Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly reports are almost complete – waiting on financials
- PA fax number has changed to 473-3516; has been in weekly email and website
- Submitted our specialty course renewal packet; was sent out to this body for review
- Ross will be coming into our office next week to do our audit
- Motion to approve the application to conduct specialty courses – Moved, Seconded by Tim Frost. All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions? Drs. Shah & Cushman abstained.
- Regional training plan was sent out for review; will be submitted once approved
- Have discussed starting a Facebook page for Council
- Would make it so people would be unable to post comments on the page
- Feel as though more providers would be able to see trainings, courses, CIUs etc. via Facebook than via the weekly e-mail and website
- 90% of providers in this region are on Facebook
- Discussed this with Drs. Cushman & Shah – would like to get full Council's approval
- The website is not going away – the Facebook page would link the trainings etc. to our website
- We would establish a separate account that is not linked to an individual
- Tracy & Nicoletta would be the admin on the account
- Motion to approve a Facebook page for MLREMS, Seconded
- All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions? Passes.
- Advertising on the MLREMS website – if a fee is required for a course or if an agency asks us to post a job opening, we charge a fee to advertise on our site

- We receive these types of requests 4-5 times a year; don't get a huge amount of revenue from this
- With the Facebook page coming, would the Council like to readdress that policy?
- Facebook is a hosted site and does not cost us anything, therefore, should we be charging others?
- Would save staff time if agency could just send us a link to post re: their training
- Will go back to the internal policy re: Facebook
- Training Template – the numbers we're looking at are about two years out
- Numbers were discussed by the Training & Ed Committee
- A few of the courses are not offered in this region anymore; those are labeled as zero
- Big jump in the EMT-original – largely driven by RFD as this is a requirement for them
- CIC course is generally offered every other year – next one will be in 2013
- Typically schedule a CIC and CIU once a year
- State has changed the curriculum for the CLI – there is no longer a prescreen
- Council has a contract with the State - \$20,000 per year of the contract
- Questions on the Council budget we're submitting?
- Program Agency budget – we are only guaranteed \$176,000
- Motion to approve the template? Motion, Second by Julie. Discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions? Passes.

State Actions: Brent Sala – Lancaster, NY and Susan Bull – Cheektowaga, NY

NEG Report – Reg Allen

- Documents being passed around re: current membership of MLREMS
- Any questions re: the bylaws?
- Membership going from 28 to 26
- Voting members will finish out their term
- As far as members who don't have term limits, there are two ways to handle it:
 - (1) People can apply for their seats in January
 - (2) We can place them and establish the length of their term
- Appears to some that the commercial agencies from the city get preferential seating
- They get seats without having to apply for them
- Does the chair of REMAC need a seat? We have a Medical Director and two other physician seats on Council
- Will change one of the physician's seats to chair of REMAC as an ex-officio member
- Members on Council must be residents of Monroe or Livingston County
- What do we do with people whose positions don't expire?
- A motion would be made for them to be fit into categories in order to finish their term
- Members are not here to represent their agency; they are here to represent people in that representative group – it's the service are you cover
- If the those people represent a battalion, shouldn't the recommendation come from the battalion leadership, not the agency?
- This should be in the by-laws; there should be an application process and background check
- People may complain during the transition process if someone is in a category that they don't fit into etc.
- There's always committee work that needs to be done – anyone could fit into a committee
- Special thanks to George, Lee, and Tracy for all of their hard work re: this
- Please send all suggestions re: this to Reg for committee review

PIER Committee – Dick Tripp (Chair) - Absent

- Our submission to NYS for Council Awards resulted in Dwayne May & Matt Jarrett receiving State Awards
- They will both be recognized at the Vital Signs Conference in October
- EMS Week: we got lots of mixed feedback

- Dick is working on getting a committee together to prepare for next year's EMS Week
- We have outside folks engaged in helping us
- If you have suggestions, we encourage you to join the committee rather than get upset over how things go

REMAC – Manish Shah, MD

- No report

Systems Operations – Tim Frost

- All is quiet

Training & Education Committee – Jennifer Levey

- Lots of questions re: curriculum changes
- Attendance to Training & Ed Meetings has been poor; want to make sure we're all on the same page
- Came to the consensus that it's going to take a few classes to run through to get the best idea of how things will work
- Going to attempt to do a few extra CIUs if possible and then meet on a regular basis with all course sponsors
- MCC side is asking for some patience. We can answer some questions and Ross can answer others, some go further than that. Just a lot of unknown at this point.
- Two CLI candidates: Ken Ferg and Julie Eisley – both packets are complete
- Candidates come forward as a seconded motion; motion to approve Kern Ferg as a CLI, Second by Julie. Discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions? Passes.
- Motion to approve Julie Eisley. Second by Dr. Murray. All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions?
- CLI schedule for August 25th – goal is to have a lot of transition
- Changes to the CLI candidate hours – hours of classroom instruction has gone down to 12

Livingston County Report – Karen Dewar

- Application for Livingston County's course sponsorship renewal that was distributed. Motion to approve it. Second, Mark. Discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions?
- Working with law enforcement and EMS agencies – combined training
- Looking at bringing our emergency response team to Livingston County law enforcement

Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- Monroe County EMS study kicked off – will go through end of October
- First comprehensive study in this county
- EMS Special Ops contract was awarded to the University of Rochester

State EMS Council – Tim Czapranski

- Submitted our nominations to fill the seat that Tim is not allowed to continue in
- Haven't heard back from them yet
- SEMAC and SEMSCo meetings will be October 3rd – 4th in Troy, STAC is October 11th, and EMSC is October 18th
- Vital Signs will be at the OnCenter

Other News

- St. Ann's will be imploding the Heritage Tower; EMS & Fire plans in place
 - Information re: access in and out of RGH has been sent out
 - Irondequoit is the lead agency for EMS re: this event
- Ask that the Chair appoint a TAG to review the Mutual Aid policy that is currently up for review and conflicts with policy statement 1206
 - Official notification will be sent out re: the TAG and people who would like to participate
- Please send Tracy or Mark Philippy your updated or preferred email address so that the Council DL can be updated

- Next meeting will be September 17th
- Motion to Adjourn – Meeting dismissed