

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting
May 21, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- Thank you to Karen and Livingston County for hosting the May Meeting
- Motion to approve March minutes; Moved by Tim, Seconded by Tom Coyle; All in favor; None opposed; Accepted

Correspondence:

- Letter from NEQ re: an increase in their fleet of fly cars. This needs to be approved by MLREMS or REMAC
- Letter from the EMS Advisory Board appointing Joe Wittenberg
- General information from the State meetings is being passed around

- Requirement that we approve the contract with NYS for the Program Agency
 - The budget is part of this approval process
 - The contract is for three years and the budget total is \$176,000 for all three years (until 2015)
 - Any legislative act can change this contract & we could be facing up to a 10% cut in budget
 - A budget for the first year only has been drafted – this includes salaries & benefits, facility rental, postage, supplies, telephones, travel expenses,
 - Webcasting, the website, & the auditing have been moved to the Council budget
 - The rest of the contract include the responsibilities associated with receiving funding from NYS. The reportables remain as much as they were before
 - Concerns were voiced at the Program Agency Directors' meeting in Albany re: some of the requirements listed in the contract. For example, the Program Agency should now be staff to the RTAC
 - Questions? Motion to approve the signing of the contract with NYS?
 - Motion – Mark Philippy, Second – Reg Allen.
 - All in favor? No opposed with one abstention. Motion carried.

- Contract with the University of Rochester
 - After discussions with the University, we would like to renew our contract with them
 - They have agreed to sign the contract as long as we agreed to provide funding for services from our reserve funds should funding from the State cease
 - Motion to approve the contract with the University of Rochester?
 - Motion; Second. All in favor? Opposed? One abstention. Motion carried.

- Executive Committee – Strategic Planning Session
 - The group decided that education is a significant responsibility of the region
 - A lot happens behind the scenes to secure funding from the State for training
 - Jen Levey has stepped into Paul's role temporarily on the Training & Ed Committee
 - QA/QI is a responsibility of our Council and specifically REMAC
 - Protocol & Policy Committee has done a great job developing and maintaining our protocols
 - Regionalization: a lot of time and energy was spent on this. Still an important activity, but may have to wait due to possible budget cuts
 - CONs continue to be the Council's responsibility. These are very time consuming for the office. The Council should consider utilizing an attorney for this process going forward. There was a case here in NY where a Court went after the REMSCo and SEMSCo in regards to a CON.
 - Motion for the Systems Ops Committee to prepare an RFQ to area law firms/practices re: availability for providing services to CON petitioners to review CON applications/documents. Motion – Tom Bonfiglio, Second – Manish Shah

- Motion amended to make the RFQ attorney of record for the Council and one function of that attorney to review CON applications for completeness/sufficiency
 - CON petitioners routinely deposit \$8,500 for the CON process; unused balance is returned at the end of the process
 - Authorize the Chair to consult with NYS DOH BEMS to determine if the same attorney can review the CON for completeness and advise the Council regarding recommendation for approval/disapproval
 - All in favor? None opposed. No abstentions? Motion carried.
 - Office continues to process PAD applications
 - We are going through bylaw changes
 - Maintenance of the website and the weekly e-mails will continue
 - Discussions will be had with the website vendor re: how much we're charged
 - Mutual Aid plan is on hold to see what the State does
 - MHA TAG is on hold
 - Regionalization TAG will continue
 - This is what the Strategic Planning committee came up with. We're open to your suggestions & input
- EMS Week
 - EMS Week is about educating the community on the work that occurs by EMS, not about feeding EMS Providers
 - Yes, we want to recognize our Providers for their hard work, but we also want to promote our community
 - Based on feedback from the ED Directors over complaints by Providers about the quality of food provided in years past, we decided to combine efforts to promote an educational opportunity for Providers: three lectures were given for CME by Drs. Santiago and Murray and money was contributed by each of the hospitals to provider refreshments and Peds Code Cards to all ALS Providers
 - All lectures were poorly attended & overall, Providers had bad attitudes toward the effort
 - A group from a large agency in particular feels that we slighted them and that more education is not necessary, that it's actually stupid and a waste of time
 - It's unfortunate that Providers feel this way
 - One media station used our press release
 - Regional Nominations
 - Our regional nominations will be sent into NYS
 - Would love to send our posters, but they're not allowed

Vice Chair Report – Tim Frost

- o No Report

Secretary Report – Mark Philippy

- o No Report

Treasurer's Report – Reg Allen

- o No report

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Protocol rollouts are complete
- The educational training will remain on the website
- Working on a number of educational podcasts re: albuterol, aspirin, and nitro administration

Strategic Planning – Mark Tornstrom

- No report given

Program Agency Report – Tracy DeMarse

- Quarterly reports were sent in for the 3rd quarter of the Program Agency
- Received a course sponsor renewal packet; working on pulling it together to continue offering specialty courses, instructor courses
- Working on pulling together a 5-year financial audit for the classes
- CLI course was held in the beginning of May – this was a beta test for NYS
- We received very positive feedback from all 15 students and NYS

State Actions:

- Porfirio Rodriguez, Jr. – Candor, NY
- Michael Palleschi – Staten Island, NY
- Charles McKeon – Belmore, NY
- Robin Printy – Bay Shore, NY
- Lillian Utenhmer – Silver Springs, NY

NEG Report – Reg Allen

- Joe Wurtenberg has been appointed by the EMS Advisory Board to replace Dr. Shmigel
- Dr. Doug Mayhle has been appointed by Noyes to REMAC
- Rommel Kirchoff has applied for the Livingston County transport position
- Motion by Reg Allen to approve Joe Wurtenberg & Doug Mayhle, Second by Dick Tripp
- All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carried
- Motion by Reg Allen, Second by Mark Tornstrom for Secretary to cast one ballot to approve Rommel Kirchoff as Livingston County Transport Agency rep
- All in favor? Opposed? Two abstentions. Motion carried

- Corrected version of the Bylaws was sent out via e-mail
- Biggest changes are the Council makeup
- Three required members have to stay; ex-officio members are required by Article 30
- The new makeup will take the current 28 members to 26
- People can only run for one position at a time & you need to 10 business days prior to the election to be considered for inclusion on the ballot
- State Council reps are appointed by the Commissioner of Health & the Council Chair simply sends recommendations
- All committee except for the Exec Committee, were setup so that you don't have to be a member of Council to participate. Allows the public to participate.
- Suggestion that RFD as the largest BLSFR agency should have a seat on Council
- Changes made by MLREMS and REMAC affect RFD – they should have a voice representing them on the Council
- Motion to table; Second. Important discussion – we should e-mail Fred with suggestions.

PIER Committee – Dick Tripp (Chair)

REMAC – Manish Shah, MD

- No report

Systems Operations – Tim Frost

- Two applications have been received for BLSFR agency numbers from Brockport Vol. FD & Livonia Hook & Ladder Company #1
- Systems Committee has met twice and has come forth with a motion
- Minor errors were found in both applications & have had multiple correspondence with the agencies
- Motion is to allow us to receive back a completed application and write a letter of support stating that they have completed the things we asked them to correct
- Motion – Reg Allen, Second – Mark Tornstrom. All in favor? Abstentions? Opposed? Motion carries

Training & Education Committee – Tracy DeMarse for Jennifer Levey

- Jennifer had to leave for an EMT class
- New education standards & the curriculum out of the state were discussed
- Course sponsors are aware that the first test will be affected with the EMT and CFR curriculum – December 20, 2012
- CLI applications were found in Paul's office – three are being brought forward tonight
- Laurie DuPree, Laura Wishnowski, and Amara Reese
- Would like Council to approve them as lab instructors in the region & will send their info to NYS
- Moved, Second. Any discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.

Livingston County Report – Karen Dewar

- No report

Monroe County Report – Jeremy Cushman for Tim Czapranski

- Having an EMC this week: 60 or 70 people have signed up to take it
- Comprehensive EMS study, all of the RFQs came in, a recommendation has been made
- September 15th there will be a full scale drill at the Rochester Airport

State EMS Council – Jeremy Cushman for Tim Czapranski

- We have submitted the nominations for our replacement for Tim Czapranski; they are Reg Allen and Tim Frost
- In the meantime, Tim Czapranski will remain our voting rep
- There are still rumbling of Article 30 changes
- New financial system for the State, which is slowing down reimbursement
- Mutual Aid was approved and the flu vaccination for central NY

Other News

- No other business
- Next meeting will be July 16th
- Motion to Adjourn – Meeting dismissed