

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting  
October 18, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Paul Bishop

Chair Report – Paul Bishop

- The minutes from the last meeting are not on the web as the transcriptionist has some technical issues
- We do not have September minutes to read from
- One item that has come up – we have been reviewing Article XXX and how it relates to different members of the council
- The Public Health Law states that members of Regional Council must live in the region they serve
- Two of our members do not live in Monroe or Livingston County – they are Mike Bove and Erik Rueckmann
- My suggestion is to make a motion to officially remove them from their current seats and thank them for their service
- They work within the system – doesn't this apply? – No
- If a person lives within the coverage area of MLREMS, would that be applicable?
- Consulted with Ross Zastrow re: this – it's the geographic localities in which we serve, not where our agencies provide coverage
  - o Motion to remove both members; Seconded; Any debate/discussion?
  - o All those in favor? Ayes, Any opposed?
  - o Motion carries

Vice Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

- No Report

Secretary Report – Tim Frost

- No Report

Treasurer's Report – Paul Bishop (for Tom Coyle)

- We are awaiting payment for April, May, and June from the State
- We are about to send in the voucher for July, August, and September

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- A few months ago, performance measures had been distributed to this group as well as the coordinators of each county
- This is document that will continue to change over time as we identify other best practices for our system
- I will be asking the REMAC for their support of this document as well
- Any discussion regarding these documents is welcome
- This body is encouraged to accept the document as a set of performance measures from which we wish our agencies in our region to achieve over time
  - Is there any liability attached if the standards are not met as far as litigation purposes?
- There is no action that I'm requesting of Council or REMAC at this time
- These are not performance expectations that result in sanction or quality assurance review
- Perhaps one day, we will get to that point but right now, the drive is for us to have a common platform to move towards - maybe a few years down the road, we can hold agencies accountable for certain things
  - o Motion that the Council support this as a living document; Seconded
  - o Any discussion? All those in favor?
  - o Ayes; Motion carries

- MHA broadcasts have been released
- Return of spontaneous circulation protocol with the use of therapeutic hypothermia passed at the State Level
- The LVAD protocol was approved at the State Level
- Some of you may be aware of the passage of Jack Shay's Law in June or July
- The law allows advanced EMTs in NYS to draw blood for evidentiary purposes at the request of a law enforcement officer
- At this time, I have a draft policy and procedure
- There will be another study involving EMS personnel starting November 1<sup>st</sup>
- We have been funded to repeat a study we did a few years ago but this time in pediatrics
- It will involve children ages 15 and younger who are brought to Strong for a traumatic mechanism
- EMS providers may be approached by research assistants asking questions
- There will be forms for EMS providers to fill out if a research assistant is not present

#### Strategic Planning – Paul Bishop (for Mark Tornstrom)

- Mark was called away to a meeting; he apologizes for not being here
- We would like your perspective as Council members re: your responsibilities
- We would like to share with the Council leadership what segment of EMS you're appointed to represent, how you are made aware of issues related to your segment, etc.
- We also have a few Council members who do not sit on any committees
- Part of the strategic planning process is to make sure our house is in order before we start branching out
- How as Council Members, do you engage with the community?

#### Program Agency Report – Tracy DeMarse

- In the process of completing the quarterly report
- In the process of taping the next set of pediatric podcasts
- We are down a secretary; we try to have the phones covered at all times but it difficult at times
- Please be patient; some calls may go to voicemail; leave a message; we will get back to you

#### NEG Report – Reg Allen

- A policy was sent out for review re: open meeting law/guidelines
- Any thoughts?
- Votes – all of the resumes, cover letters, etc were sent via email
- The file was very large & got kicked back from a lot of accounts
- We got a resume from Donna Bailey past the deadline – it's too late for her to be on the ballot but if you want to write her name in, you can – she's interested in the Livingston County position
- Our by-laws don't say anything about running for multiple positions but we would like to change this in the near future

#### PIER Committee – Dick Tripp (Chair)

- We are going to start soliciting nominations for various awards soon
- We need to come up with a better approach to get a better response

#### REMAC – Manish Shah, MD

- Mount Morris has changed from being a BLS agency to an ALS agency

#### Systems Operations – Darrin Batty

- Thursday we held the public hearing for NEQs CON
- 48 people showed up
- Only 7 people chose to speak

- The hearing went off without a hitch and we were able to combine both regions public hearings into one
- We are awaiting the official transcript from the stenographer
- The webcast is already on the Finger Lakes website – it will be on ours within the week
- The Finger Lakes region taped the whole thing; a special thank you to them
- The Hearing Committee will make recommendations to this body at the November meeting based on all of the facts that were presented
- Thank you to Tracy and Nicoletta and everyone else who had a hand in putting this together
- Everyone should have received a CD by now – please take the time to review it
- As part of this process, we've determined that we need to get a few of us together in order to get a procedure in place re: CONs including the timeline that's outlined by the State
- The Systems Committee will create this document so that when we go through this again, we know everyone's role etc.
- Thank you to the Hearing Committee for attending the hearing – Marc Connolly, Bob Faugh, Joe Giorgione, Karen Dewar, Gwen Williams
- In order to make sure things are in line before our November meeting, I have asked Tim Czapranski to serve as chair of a technical advisory committee to make sure our processes are in place - we want them to be as airtight as possible

#### Training Committee – Paul Bishop (for David Leven)

- Recommendation for Von Weilers as a certified lab instructor
- She was voted on once a few years ago but because of a problem with how her internship occurred and some timelines with the State, she had to redo the CLI class. She completed another internship
  - This is a seconded motion; Discussion?
  - All those in favor? Ayes; Any opposed? Motion Carries
- The Training Committee asked that the Regional Council to endorse the chair sending a letter to the State Council re: adopting the new EMS Education Standard
- We didn't consider the advanced EMT and the impact on the EMT- I and EMT – CC
- The advanced EMT falls above the EMT-I and below the EMT-CC
- I chose not to send the letter and bring it back to the Training Committee
  - We hashed it around today and the seconded motion was to request the Council send a letter to the State EMS Council asking the Bureau of EMS to endorse the three levels of emergency medical responder, EMT, and Paramedic
  - Discussion? All those in favor?
  - Ayes; Any opposed?

#### Livingston County Report – Manish Shah, MD

#### Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- Physician response vehicle has been kicked off, officially
- I would like to correct the people who called it the Physician's Fly Car – it's the Response Vehicle
- The EMS Coordinators are looking at the same standards Jeremy rolled out in the region – they would like to bring them before the Monroe County EMS Advisory Board for adoption at the county level

#### State EMS Council- Tim Czapranski

- Broome County – in the line of duty death; Chief lost her life to sudden cardiac arrest while she was treating a cardiac patient
- There will be a memorial in her honor

- EMS Staff Report – Schroon Lake Rescue Squad received a letter from a patient who was involved in a MVA; very positive letter
- Schroon Lake went above and beyond with this family in the MVA; they were very grateful to them
- Massive number of retirements in the NYS Dept. of Health & Legal Affairs
- Less people doing the same amount of work; keep this in mind with you request things from Albany
- Vital Signs attendance was down from previous years
- Moving it from October to August was an issue and reduced attendance
- Jeremy and I working on the protocol for EMTs to draw blood in the field
- SEMAC – Paul Bishop gave a presentation on safety
- Safety Tag – now a permanent committee
- Pier Committee – Awards deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> will stay the same
- Was a discussion re: hospital data sharing with EMS
- Blue Light Law passed for Fire and Police – looking to amend the bill to include EMS

#### Other News

- Next meeting will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM re: the NEQ decision
- Voting results will be posted to the website
- Motion to adjourn; moved; seconded; adjourned