

**Monroe Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2015**

Agenda Review – Manish Shah, MD

- Reviewed agenda reformatting
  - Please deliver feedback to Ben or Manish.

Minutes – Manish Shah, MD

- Move to approve. It passes

Correspondence/Announcements/State Actions – Manish Shah, MD

- No report.

Medical Director's Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Sepsis Protocol
  - Education roll-out has been completed and that will be released this week so the protocol as well as an almost one hour video training that is amenable for both ALS and BLS providers and that will be done at the agency level over the next few months.

Program Manager's Report – Benjamin Sensenbach

- 2015 Report
  - 26,000 hours of CMEs have been tracked, 200 PAD uses or notices of intent, provided coverage for multiple meetings, continue to make sure the physicians are credentialed to answer the med control phones. Developed two different podcasts last year, one for the total artificial heart and one for sepsis. Dr. Cushman provided ketamine training to all of the RSI providers in the region. 22 BLS agencies are using intranasal naloxone and we continue to support their efforts. Du. Cushman actually even pursued some additional grant funding so that we can support all of the region's BLS naloxone efforts.

Patient Safety Subcommittee

- Implementing accepted policy
- We have three agency level referrals that we're following for the February committee meeting and then the other piece to add which we are sponsoring ourselves there will be a Just Culture training coming up which I believe the class is almost full.

ALS Subcommittee – Julie Jordan (Chair)

- No Report.

Protocol & Policy Committee – Jeremy Cushman, MD (Chair)

- No action items.
- We may be able to improve the care of our patients by standardizing some handoffs and some other use information for interfacility transports.
- Dr. Ostrovsky has been working on some added components to the RSI program.

- Our existing MLREMS protocols will continue to exist. We are looking at a tentative date of spring 2016 for the roll-out of the collaborate program.

#### Pharmacy Subcommittee –Mike Bove

- No report.

#### SCT Subcommittee –Jeremy Cushman, MD

- I anticipate that we will be reaching out to the hospital ED representatives as we identify what are some good best practices that we can utilize between your staff's in EMS and what not to again try to decrease some errors that have been unfortunately happening during some of these interfacility transports.

#### Common Source TAG – Karen Dewar

- I sent a questionnaire out to the providers in the region to get their perspective on the substitutions and different packaging errors and am hoping to get a good response.

#### Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy

- We are looking for people to be on the PIER Committee this coming year. The current secretary is going to be hunting down people who have not been attending sufficiently.
- The REMAC start time will be 5:00pm

#### Training & Ed Committee – Eric Rathfelder

- Eric Rathfelder is taking over as the Committee Chair. We are trying to leverage the talents that we have in this region from an educational standpoint to reach more people.

#### State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman/Jason Bortle

- SEMAC
  - The State has approved CPAP to be provided at the BLS level. This first has to be released by the State in terms of policy and how that will be handled, and then we as a REMAC will need to make the determination as to whether or not we wish to add that within the scope of practice for our BLS providers and if that passes, it needs to be approved at the agency level.
  - Suffolk County area is doing a pilot project on EMT insertion of King airways in cardiac arrest patients.
  - Approval of spinal immobilization restriction state protocol approved. Waiting on DOH for education to include MDs & RNs, goal of 2016.
- SEMSCO
  - DOH – policy 06-06

#### Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Bob Breese/Ben Sensenbach

- Program Agency contract revisions infers that we may be supporting the RTAC a lot more.

#### Individual Hospital Reports

- RGH – Mike Santiago

- Emergency Medicine or Emergency Management Bureau Care Conference – choose either the 27<sup>th</sup> or the 28<sup>th</sup>. Addresses acute care & strokes, encephalitis, anything dealing with the brain, neuro ICU. \$350 – MDs, \$150 – Residents, Nurses, etc. Working to try to get the fee waived for EMS. Worth 15 CME credits. Applicable for Special Care Transport People
- Stroke Lecture by Dr. Gargano out of Vital signs also for CME credit.
- RGH is very busy, if you're stuck in triage and you feel that you have a sick patient, jump to the head of the line as always. If you feel the triage nurse is not giving you the time they should, let us know as soon as possible.
- SMH –Erik Rueckmann
  - No report
- Highland – Dr. Lum
  - No report
- Noyes – Dr. Mayhle
  - We're coming down to the final elements of our stroke center designation. Hornell Hospital will stay open until May 1st
- Unity – Dr. Thompson
  - No Report

#### Old Business

- Ebola
  - Removal of Mali as a country of interest.
  - We'll continue to update our algorithms and EMS plans as our respective Health Departments and CDC change how we are managing this infectious disease.
- Narcan
  - Fire departments, law enforcement and BLS transport agencies that wish to participate in delivering naloxone to patients in the community can contact our office.
  - We are currently receiving Narcan thanks to the great State of New York for distribution to those entities
  - We cannot provide them to an ALS agency.
  - We have had well over 140 reversals by BLS administering naloxone in this county alone in the last year.

#### New Business

- Rural Metro is now providing albuterol, blood glucose determination at the BLS level pursuant to the State Policy.
- REMAC committee by-laws have not been updated since 2009. We are looking for volunteers from this body to serve on the revision of these by-laws. If interested, please contact Mark Philippp or Dr. Shah by email.
- Is there anything you think that we should be really focusing on and making it a priority for REMAC this year?
  - Epi-Pens
    - Many of the fire departments in Monroe County are no longer carrying epi-pens because it is just prohibitively expensive. The State requires that all BLS transport agencies have both an AED and epi-pen for both adults and pediatrics.

Motion to adjourn, Seconded by Ms. Jordan. Next Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>

Voting Members Present:

- Jeremy Cushman, MD
- Antonios Katsetos, DO
- Douglas Mayhle, MD
- Elizabeth Murray, DO
- Benjamin Ostrovsky, MD
- Mike Santiago, DO
- Manish Shah, MD
- Bruce Thompson, MD

Voting Members Absent:

- Timothy Lum, MD
- Erik Rueckmann, MD

Non-Voting Members Present:

- Robert Breese
- Mike Bove
- Karen Dewar
- Lashay Harris
- Julie Jordan
- Mark Philippy
- Amy Pollard
- Ben Sensenbach

Non-Voting Members Absent:

- Thomas Bonfiglio
- Tim Czapranski
- Liz Darrow