

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
 May 21, 2008

Chair: J.R. Takats called the meeting to order at 3:04p.m.

Attendance: On file

****PLEASE NOTE – ATTACHED IS A TABLE OF MOTIONS. THIS WILL BE USED FROM NOW ON TO REGISTER ALL MOTIONS MADE DURING MEETINGS. MOTIONS WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN THE REGULAR MINUTES. PLEASE REFER TO THIS NEW TABLE WHEN LOOKING FOR A SPECIFIC MOTION.****

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	Clarification on January’s minutes. There were no votes taken on Waveform Capnography, despite some confusion that there had been. January and March minutes need to be approved as well.	MOTION #08-13
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>3/18/08 Copy of letter from E. Mager to Chief Steve Maynard of the Ischua Fire Department regarding the Plans of Correction that they submitted. They are now compliant with the Public Health Law.</p> <p>3/24/08 E-Mail from W. Reisner regarding an “official motion from the December minutes of the SEMAC at the January 2008 meeting” pertaining to the implementation of Waveform Capnography by 1/1/09.</p> <p>3/26/08 Forwarded e-mail correspondence from Dana Jonas, NYS EMS by C. Peters regarding EMS agency changes to medical oversight and levels of care.</p> <p>3/27/08 E-Mail from Dr. Elman regarding his input for the draft memo/questionnaire that Dr. Borton wrote to be sent out to the designated PCI centers.</p> <p>3/27/08 E-Mail from Dr. Martin regarding the same draft memo/questionnaire Dr. Borton wrote to the designated PCI centers.</p> <p>3/27/08 E-Mail from Dr. Myers regarding CPAP devices.</p> <p>4/08 Notice from Bureau of Communicable Disease Control regarding a Health Advisory: Prevention and Control of Community – Associated Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (CA-MRSA)</p> <p>4/2/08 Letter from M. Geiger regarding an item of interest from the Commissioner of NYS DMV relating to the promotion of traffic safety in NYS.</p>	

	<p>4/11/08 E-Mail correspondence from Cliff Smith at R/M requesting a letter of approval for their company to utilize ePCRs (see new business)</p> <p>4/11/08 E-Mail from Dr. Myers regarding the scheduling of upcoming Base Station Courses on July 16 and July 17, 2008.</p> <p>4/12/08 E-Mail correspondence from J. Myers regarding the electronic distribution of the protocol changes to all ALS providers in the region.</p> <p>4/16/08 E-Mail correspondence that was sent out from C. Crawford at Lake Plains to all of their fire chiefs, students, and EMS Council representatives clarifying that the protocols that were sent out for review are only a draft, not meant to be implemented.</p> <p>4/18/08 E-Mail from Cathi Peters with a question regarding Waveform Capnography, specifically regarding provisions allowing quantitative monitoring.</p> <p>4/18/08 Enforcement Notifications for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Pietrzyk EMT# 175640, Amherst, NY – surrendered 2/15/08 • Stephen Kotzen EMT #11338 • Casimier Czamara EMT#19356, Buffalo, NY – surrendered 1/29/08 • Barry Suarez EMT# 239068 • Jason Norris EMT# 320442 – revoked 12/31/07 <p>Previous Enforcement Notifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Woelfersheim EMT#180921 • Michael Hyatt EMT # 308075 • Corey Samuels EMT # 305993 • Nieves Mariano EMT # 259905 • Robert Depaolo EMT#276135 • Matthew Woelfersheim EMT#180921 • Michael Hyatt EMT # 308075 • Corey Samuels EMT # 305993 • Nieves Mariano EMT # 259905 • Robert Depaolo EMT#276135 • Betania Javier # 257539 • James Peet I # 312768 • Michael Hollander # 191781 • Kerry Meisner #250225 of Albion, NY 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Fink, EMT # 3681, CIC# 4139. • Darnell Hagins EMT # 352685 <p>4/21/08 E-Mail from A. Johnson, NYS EMS regarding the discussion of the MARK 1 Protocols for Atropine at the next Medical Standards meeting.</p> <p>4/22/08 Fax from Lake Plains, notifying WREMAC that Jay Ellie is the representative to the WREMAC for Medina Memorial Medical Center.</p> <p>5/7/08 Forwarded e-mail by Dr. Myers from Laura Krawchyk, Project Coordinator, National Association of EMS Educators notifying that the Draft 3.0 of the education standards can now be found at www.nemses.org.</p> <p>5/8/08 E-mail forward by Dr. Myers from Kathy Schrank, MD, FACEP, EMS Medical Director, City of Miami Fire Rescue notifying of their problem (regarding Waveform Capnography) with a “loosely connected sensor/filter line may show a solid straight black line, but may NOT be sensing the patient’s CO2. If the waveform line is perfectly straight (horizontal) this is overwhelmingly likely to be a poor sensor connection, NOT a misplaced tube or problem with the patient.”</p>	
SEMAC/SEMSCO	N/R – Scheduled to meet next week	
REMAC CHAIR REPORT	This week is EMS week. Would like to extend appreciation to all EMS Providers. As emergency department physicians, we are a part of that group. Compliments on great work on a daily basis.	
NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Still need a Chair for this committee.	
PREHOSPITAL COMMITTEE G. GILL	In discussions with other Regional Council Chairs, there is definitely an interest reviving this committee.	
DISASTER COMMITTEE J. TEUSCHER	N/R	
ALS PROTOCOL S.LAKOMY / J.MYERS	In his absence, Dr. Myers had a report prepared for distribution.	
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT R. MARTIN/M.KENYON/C.COOLEY	N/R. Looking for submissions.	
EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE C.COOLEY/M.KENYON	Need to clarify that concerning Waveform Capnography, it may not be necessary for the agencies to purchase a separate machine, it may be possible to add the capability to their current 12 Lead EKG machine. Committee discussing the ALS Medication List.	
AD HOC – SSI	Dr. Young was asked if there will be an SSI Protocol and if there will be an	

<p align="center">J.TEUSCHER</p>	<p>education module. Dr. Young answered that there is no specific date at this time.</p>	
<p align="center">AD HOC 12 LEAD PROGRAM J.TEUSCHER / J.TAKATS</p>	<p>Indications for 12 Lead performance: Dr. Takats distributed a 12 Lead Indications policy that is currently in use with Twin City and the Town of Tonawanda EMU. He would like to see these used as guidelines for all agencies, approved by the WREMAC. Discussion followed.</p>	<p align="center">MOTION #08-14</p>
<p align="center">UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>	<p>1. TCA Chest Pain Protocol modification / 12 Lead EKG Algorithm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Takats distributed a handout that the Town of Tonawanda EMU and Twin City use for expedited transfer to specific hospitals for patients with ST elevated MI. This was reviewed and discussed extensively. • There was concern that specific hospitals were listed, and that it was perhaps not a patient's preference. There should be a region wide protocol for this, not one specific to certain agencies / hospitals. Dr. Young stated that there can not be a regional policy / protocol designating agencies to go to specific PCI centers or STEMI centers, without WREMAC approval, and then SEMAC endorsement and approval. • Dr. Takats assured the group that agencies presently taking STEMI patients to PCI centers did so only under two conditions: 1. Patient preference and 2. Online Medical Direction. • The provider should conduct patient education, in order to effectively assure that the patient is making the correct decision concerning their choice of hospitals. <p>2. Waveform Capnography: Clarification of last meeting's minutes that the motion passed was for all alternate airways must be monitored using Waveform Capnography, including back up. Dr. Cooley is concerned that the state has set the "drop dead" date of 1/1/09, but to his knowledge this has not been officially announced to the agencies, nor has any education been done regarding Waveform Capnography. He was concerned that there will not be enough time to accomplish this all. Much more discussion ensued. It was then determined that before any decisions are made, that the rest of the topics will be tabled until the June meeting, as the SEMAC meets next week and there will be questions hopefully answered there that can be brought back to the next meeting.</p> <p>3. Blood & Blood Products Transport Policy – G. Young: A training module will be developed and made available to agencies. Legislation will be out soon. Ambulances transporting patients with blood or</p>	<p>1. MOTION #08-15 2. MOTION #08-16</p>

	blood products running must have at least an RN on board at the present time.	
NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NYS DOH has notified the WREMAC in writing, that they need to provide approval for agencies that wish to use electronic PCRS. Rural Metro and Twin City Ambulance are two providers in the area that need this approval. Both agencies submitted letters requesting permission to use an electronic PCR to the WREMAC. 2. Dr. Takats would like to change the date of the June WREMAC meeting to Thursday, June 19th. 3. Agency upgrades and Change of Medical Director for squads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of Care South Lockport VFC upgrade to AEMT-P M. Torres • Change in Medical Directors: City of Batavia FD From D. Belote to Dr. Notebaert Egbertsville FD new – J.R. Takats 4. Received an e-mail with newly appointed representative for the VA hospital. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MOTION #08-17 2. MOTION #08-18 3. MOTION #08-19
ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance from the different regions is down at the meetings. Discussed rotating the meeting and / or teleconferencing them as well, to make more accessible to the distant regions. We will try to start this for June meeting. The Erie County Training Academy was suggested for the June meeting, they can provide teleconferencing. D. Kahm stated that the Program Agencies would conduct a “test run” and then let Dr. Takats know if it will be feasible to do for June WREMAC meeting. 2. M. Forness reported on behalf of the 3 Program Agencies: They have divided up the WREMAC responsibilities between them. Would like the WREMAC minutes distributed within a week of the meeting. 	
ADJOURNMENT	NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH AT 3:00, WITH EQUIPMENT MEETING PRECEEDING AT 2:00 DEFINITIVE LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED – HOPEFULLY AT THE ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY, 3359 BROADWAY, CHEEKTOWAGA	MOTION #08-20

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph R. Takats,
WREMAC Chairman