

**Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2009**

Chair: *Dr. Craig Cooley called the meeting to order at 3:12p.m.*

Attendance: By roll call

Voting Membership: Drs.; Cooley (Chair), Myers (Vice Chair), Ellie, Borton, Notebart, Kenyon, Takats, Martin & Collins (via telephone conference)

Non-Voting: Cliff Smith, Cindy McCloud (via video), Ed Mager, Neil Williams, Scott Wander, Bill Major, Charlotte Crawford (telephone call in), Monda Carbone RN, Nurse Manager at Jones Memorial (telephone conference), Walt Reisner (telephone conference), Dr. Gregory Young, Dr. Anthony Billitter

Via video conference from Southwestern remote site: Mickey Forness, Ron Hasson, Cathi Peters,
Excused: Dr. Teuscher, Gregory Gill

****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	Approval of previous minutes November 19, 2008	MOTION #09-1
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Please see attached correspondence log</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: Ridgeway's MD change form. Lists Dr. Nadeau as new Medical Director. Question as to whether he has taken & completed the WREMAC's Base Station Course. Dr. Ellie agreed to contact him and find out. <i>Agency approval will be pending confirmation of Dr. Nadeau's completed Base Station Course attendance.</i> • Please note local enforcement: Peter Toennissen Jr. (Tonawanda) # 192912 – suspended for more than 1 yr. Effective 11/26/08. Placed on 2 years probation beginning on 11/26/08 ending 11/26/11. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000. Violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 & 800.16 • The WREMAC will soon have a WREMAC e-mail address for any official WREMAC correspondence. This will be active hopefully within a week. Dr. Cooley, Dr. Myers and Amy will each have access to this account. This will assist with keeping a more thorough record of all official WREMAC e-mail correspondence. There will also be a link on the WREMAC website directly to this e-mail address. 	
SEM/SC/SEMSCO DRS. COOLEY & MYERS	<p>Reviewed notes that were distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verifying update: Dr. Cooley has been contacted by the NYS State police 	

<p>REMAC CHAIR REPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> regarding vetting, implying that the process is moving along. Marjorie Geiger is moving to a new position within state government, and will no longer be available for EMS related purposes. Dr. Myers gave a report from the NAEMSP conference, specifically the new recommendations for Trauma Triage Guidelines. A lot of the data that went in to developing this change came off the NYS Trauma Registry. Dr. Mark Henry (SEMMAAC Chair) was on the BOD for this. 	
<p>NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR: VACANT</p>	<p>Still need a Chair for this committee.</p>	
<p>PREHOSPITAL COMMITTEE G. GILL</p>	<p>Actively pursuing re-activation of this committee. Will be distributing a letter requesting interested individuals to please notify Gregory Gill at shockemx3@aol.com</p>	
<p>DISASTER COMMITTEE J. TEUSCHER</p>	<p>N/R</p>	
<p>ALS PROTOCOL S.LAKOMY / J.MYERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rollout is available on the WREMAC website. There is an approximately 8-10 question quiz at the end of the review. Ron Hasson commented that the quiz was geared more towards CC's & Paramedics, and was perhaps too difficult for Intermediates (medications). The new Induced Hypothermia / Post MI Protocol were approved at the last SEMMAAC meeting. Would like to put together a small ad-hoc task force to set develop a training education packet for the EDs as well as the agencies, that will practice this protocol. Any volunteers, in any of the many locations that the WREMAC serves, please contact Dr. Myers. C. Peters reported that there are a little over 400 providers out of 1100 that have registered in the database. It's going well! A correspondence will be distributed shortly to the agencies, advising them that they need to update. S. Wanders raised the question on behalf of the Prehospital community as to where the new protocols / stickers will be or will come from. Current protocols were developed at the end of 2004, early 2005. Looking to develop other options to get the protocols out in a cost effective manner, as protocols are reviewed more frequently (e.g. annually or even semi-annually). Currently the only clear solution is to download the page and apply as needed. An option for other agencies / councils is to print the stickers and distribute, if they feel the need to do so. Would like to put out an EMS survey to gain a better idea as to where to go with this dilemma. The Protocol Committee will become more active 	<p>1. MOTION 09-2</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative to have the files accessible on PDAs or electronically. Perhaps with the electronic PCRs this will be possible as well. • Please contact us with any suggestions regarding this issue. • Previous date of 12/31/08 was designated for the Protocol rollout. 1. Motion to accept date of 3/15/09 for the Protocol update to be completed by. The current letter that was partially distributed will be modified to include the date, as well as Dr. Cooley's signature, where necessary. • Dr. Cooley looked for confirmation that since the protocols have changed and Morphine is a Standing Order for pain, it is not required for the physician to sign off on that when you arrive, but it would fall back on the Service MD. That is a state requirement, allowing for no "wiggle room". Committee confirmed. 	
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT R. MARTIN/M.KENYON/C.COOLEY	<p>N/R. Looking for submissions. Please contact either Dr. Martin or Dr. Cooley, so that they can address the issue. In the meantime, the committee will work with the Program Agencies on a project.</p> <p>S. Wander stated that their contract is up on 6/30/09 and it is required to have a specific QI project by then. The committee will convene within the next month or so.</p>	<p>MOTION 09-3</p>
EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE C.COOLEY/M.KENYON	<p>There has been one final change made, under Intermediate meds - there is a triple asterisk next to Albuterol & Epi Pens because not everyone have been approved for those. Major changes were basically adding antimedics, Zofran is required for pediatrics. The idea behind this list is that these are the minimum amounts to be carried on an ambulance, in order to be considered in-service.</p> <p>This needs to now be forwarded on to the State for their review & approval. The official final list will be available on the WREMAC website.</p>	
INTER FACILITY TRANSFER PROTOCOL J. TEUSCHER	<p>Dr. Teuscher will move ahead with this protocol, and would welcome any and all input or assistance. Please contact her if you are interested. An outline is attached for review.</p>	
AD HOC - SSI J. TEUSCHER	<p>N/R</p>	
AD HOC 12 LEAD PROGRAM J. TEUSCHER / JTAKATS	<p>N/R</p>	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p>1. Jones Memorial PA on-line medical direction: A letter had been sent to Jones Memorial, requesting more background and the potential</p>	<p>1. MOTION 09-4 2. MOTION 09-5</p>

	<p>communication issues as to why the PA would not be able to contact another hospital, or the on-call physician. Mona Carbone stated that the on-call doctor is not typically in the building, which means the PA is basically alone in the building. Requesting an official decision from the WREMAC as to whether it is permissible. Protocols are readily accessible. Currently there are 2 PAs which are extensively ED trained. Dr. Ellite is representing both Jones & Medina Memorial, both which are on the outer edges of the WREMAC's region. This leads to another issue, as to how available IS the Base Station Course, and will PAs be allowed to take this course?</p> <p>Dr. Young reported that this issue has been considered and discussed for many years, and although the law states that PAs can give medical direction, the WREMAC took the stance that they did partly due to the wide range in level of experience with PAs, and always need to consider the weakest link. Once this precedence is set, it will be difficult to go back. Stated that the 2-way interaction within the Base Station Course is a major reason it is so successful, and that taking it as an on-line course would not be as informative.</p> <p>Dr. Cooley questioned whether it is possible for the providers to receive medical direction from another facility in the area? Response was that there are communication issues which make this difficult and that medical direction has traditionally been destination based.</p> <p>2. Many more Base Station courses will need to be conducted. The WREMAC will need to know how many doctors or PAs will need to take this course, and where the courses will need to be held. Question as to whether it would be possible to have tele-conference for the Base Station Courses. First step is to determine how many & where.</p> <p>3. Waveform Capnography – SEMAC in December came out with their final decision, that they can't mandate equipment. They will approve ALS protocols, which should require a mechanism for Waveform Capnography with intubation, as earlier defined. Therefore as default, in order to have ALS Protocols approved by the state, there will have to have Waveform Capnography. The State sent out a letter enforcing the deadline of 6/1/09.</p> <p>Discussion as to whether the WREMAC should hold to that date, or change it. It is now the standard of care, and will be enforceable by 6/1/09, which would make it unrealistic for this committee to change the date.</p> <p>Upon suggestion, the committee should re-institute the post card survey</p>	<p>3. MOTION 09-6 4. MOTION 09-7</p>
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	<p>that was conducted in the past. An on-line version can also be developed and used.</p> <p>4. EMD Protocols: J. Adolf - guidelines for dispatch. The key is needed to match up with the protocols. Much discussion continued. The EMD Committee is looking for the endorsement of the W/REM/AC and the agency's medical director. The W/REM/AC will take this up at the next meeting after members have more time to review changes with key.</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Ad-Hoc committees – Bylaws / Membership; look to have a more inclusive, representation throughout the region.</p> <p>Policies – review and revise current policies.</p> <p>Would like to get these moving, and have some feedback by the March meeting. Please contact either Dr. Cooley or Dr. Myers, or Amy Major if you have any interest in either of these committees.</p>	
<p>ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCI Centers – Last heard it would be approximately 12-18 months before these would be designated. • S. Wander would like to welcome Bill Major to UEMS (WEREM/SC Program Agency). C. Fenar left, and Bill has come on as the Program Coordinator. • The City Council voted that the City of Batavia will no longer providing EMS through their fire department. More information will be forthcoming. • John Adolf announced that the MACC is back on-line, providing a 2 bed hospital, and can now accept ambulances. 	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING MARCH 18, 2009 THE ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY, 3359 BROADWAY, CHEEKTOWAGA</p>	<p>MOTION 09-8</p>