

**Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee**

**March 15, 2023**

**Twin City Ambulance  
555 Commerce Ave**

**Conference Line:** 1-877-806-9883

**Code:** 566589

**Approval of previous minutes January 18, 2023 meeting**

**Correspondence:** Please see attached WREMAC Correspondence Log

**SEMAC/SEMSCO REPORT**

**Bart/Walters/Takats**

**WREMAC Chairman Report**

**M. O'Brien**

- Bylaws

**Trauma Advisory Committee**

**B. Moses**

**Nurse Advisory Committee Report**

**Program Agency Reports**

STEMS

**A. Broadbent**

UBMD EMS Division/Big Lakes

**R. McCartin / M. Shaw**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Collaborative Protocols**

**J. Bart/ B. Walters**

**QI –**

**K. Tanaka/J. Borton**

**Ad-hoc Medical Direction Committee**

**B. Walters**

On-line Medical Direction Policy sent out to membership for review

**Ad-hoc Interfacility Transport Committee**

**T. Reisner**

**Old Business:**

1. Bylaws Review –

a. Documents have been sent out to the Membership for review

**New Business:**

1. Wales Center VFC needs a letter of support from the WREMAC for Level of Care upgrade from AEMT to Paramedic – pending getting a Controlled Substance License
2. **Current Approvals/NOI's**
  - a. **Medical Director Change for** West Seneca FD #3 (Reserve Hose) from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Mangione and Harris Hill FC from Dr. Lynch to Dr. Mangione, Angola FD from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Tanaka, West Seneca FD # 2 (Union Fire) from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Poreda, Pine Hill Hose Company from Dr. Takats

to Dr. Poreda, Doyle FD from Dr. Takats to Dr. Poreda, Evans Center VFC from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Tanaka, Boston EMS from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Innes

- b. **Level of Care change** for West Seneca FD #3(Reserve Hose) AEMT to EMT, Colden FD from AEMT to EMT, Amity Rescue Squad from EMT to AEMT, Brocton FD from Paramedic to EMT, Falconer VFC from EMT to Paramedic, Portland Ambulance from Paramedic to EMT
- c. **EPI Syringe NOI** Woodlawn FD
- d. **CPAP approval for** Boston Emergency Squad, Lake View FD
- e. **BLS – 12 Lead approval for** Lake View FD, Boston Emergency Squad, Lake Shore VFC, City of Tonawanda FD

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR CHANGES AND LEVEL OF CARE UPGRADE/DOWNGRADE**

<b>MEDICAL DIRECTOR CHANGES</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
WSFD # 3 (Reserve)	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Mangione
Harris Hill FC	Dr. Lynch	Dr. Mangione
Angola FD	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Tanaka
Evans Center VFC	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Tanaka
WSFD #2 (Union Fire)	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Poreda
Pine Hill Hose	Dr. Takats	Dr. Poreda
Doyle FD	Dr. Takats	Dr. Poreda
Boston Emergency Squad	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Innes
<b>LEVEL OF CARE CHANGES</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
WSFD #3 ( Reserve)	AEMT	EMT
Colden FD	AEMT	EMT
Amity Rescue Squad	EMT	AEMT
Brocton FD	Paramedic	EMT
Falconer VFC	EMT	Paramedic
Portland Ambulance	Paramedic	EMT
Wales Center VFC	AEMT	Paramedic

**NOTIFICATIONS AND APPROVALS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Naloxone Admin Notification</b>	<b>PAD NOI</b>	<b>EPI Pen NOI</b>	<b>EPI Syringe NOI</b>	<b>BLS 12 Lead Approval</b>	<b>Albuterol Approval</b>	<b>Glucometry Approval</b>	<b>CPAP Approval</b>	<b>e-PCR Approval</b>
STEMS									
UBMD EMS/Big Lakes									
Woodlawn FD				X					
Boston Emergency Squad					X			X	
Lake Shore VFC					X				
City of Tonawanda Fire Dept					X				
Lake View FD					X			X	

## WREMAC CORRESPONDENCE LOG

01/18/2023-03/14/2023

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Date	From	Regarding	Forwarded to
	<b>STEMS</b>		
01/18/2023-03/14/2023		<b>Level of Care Upgrade for</b> Amity Rescue Squad EMT to AEMT, Brocton FD Paramedic to EMT, Falconer VFC EMT to Paramedic, Portland Ambulance Paramedic to EMT	File for meeting
	<b>UBMD EMS Division/Big Lakes</b>		
01/18/2023-03/14/2023		<p><b>Medical Director change for</b> West Seneca FD #3 (Reserve) from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Mangione, Harris Hill VFC – Dr. Lynch to Dr. Mangione, Angolan FD – Dr. Billittier to Dr. Tanaka, West Seneca FD#2 (Union Fire) – Dr. Billittier to Dr. Poreda, Pine Hill HC – Dr Takats to Dr. Poreda, Doyle FD – Dr. Takats to Dr. Poreda, Evans Center – Dr. Billittier to Dr. Tanaka, Boston Emergency Squad – Dr. Billittier to Dr. Innes</p> <p><b>CPAP approval</b> for Boston Emergency Squad, Lake View FD</p> <p><b>Epi Syringe NOI</b> for Woodlawn FD</p> <p><b>BLS 12-Lead approval for</b> Boston Emergency Squad, Lake Shore VFC, Lake View FD, City of Tonawanda FD</p> <p><b>Level of care change</b> for West Seneca FD #3(Reserve Hose) AEMT to EMT, Colden FD from AEMT to EMT</p>	File for meeting



## **Progress Report to WREMAC** **March 15, 2023**

- Staff attended the **Southwestern Regional EMS Council** meeting on February 1. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5.
- Staff attended the **EMS State Council meeting** on February 7 and 8 the next scheduled meeting is May 9 and 10.
  - Donna joined the Finance Sub-committee and participated for the first time as a member. We discussed the work the program agencies do across NYS and our value to the EMS system. These efforts were to help justify the recent request for increased funding as the program agency budget has remained unchanged since before 1997.
  - The SEMSCO ruled to grant a permanent operating certificate to Chautauqua County EMS for an ambulance service to cover Chautauqua County.
- The updated list of **WREMAC Approved Preceptors** is available on our website at [www.sthcs.org/stems](http://www.sthcs.org/stems).
- **Southern Tier EMT-B Academy** – Through funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, STHCS worked to recruit and train new EMS personnel to help bolster the EMS system in our catchment. To help overcome education barriers, the program will be provided at no cost to students and the students received a stipend during their training. The course concluded with 16 total students eligible to test for NYS Certification. An additional year of funding has been received from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.
- **Regional Paramedic Program** – The Paramedic Program began on January 23 with 34 students. An additional site has been added in Allegany County – now, students will attend class at Jamestown, Olean, or Belmont. We are excited to be able to reach so many students and are looking forward to the next 14 months.
- **EMS Leadership Academy** – Was held virtually January 31, February 2, 7, 9, 13 and 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning** – Was held Wed, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Olean General Hospital's Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine.
- **EMS Sim Night** – Was held on March 14, 2023 at STHCS with Oishei Children's Hospital and Catholic Health.

## **Notices:** EMS Protocol Changes and New Bureau of EMS Policy Statements

Please take the time to review the below documents for the EMS Protocol Changes and New Bureau of EMS Policy Statements that have been released. The Protocol Changes went into effect on February 15, 2023.

- [23-07 Scope of Practice by Level of EMS Provider](#) (PDF)
- [23-06 Oxygen Tank Compliance for EMS Agencies](#) (PDF)
- [23-05 Removal of Endotracheal Intubation from AEMT Level](#) (PDF)
- [23-04 Collaborative Protocols Changelog | Version 23. 1](#) (PDF)
  - [Collaborative Advanced Life Support Adult and Pediatric Patient Care Protocols](#) (PDF)
- [23-03 BLS Protocols Changelog | Version 23.1](#) (PDF)
  - [Statewide Basic Life Support Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols](#) (PDF)
- [23-02 EMS Instructor Training Requirements \(supersedes 22-02\)](#) (PDF)
- [23-01 BLS iGel Pilot Program Policy Statement](#) (PDF)
  - [Application for Participation in the i-gel Supraglottic Airway Pilot Program](#) (PDF)

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **WREMAC Annual Skills** – This is a reminder that the WREMAC annual didactic and clinical skills requirements are due to STEMS by June 30, 2023. Each required item can be submitted online on the [Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. LMS](#) at: <https://collabornation.net/login/STEMS>.
- **Vital Signs Academy Webinars** – NYSDOH BEMS hosts the Vital Signs Academy webinars. To access the schedule of upcoming webinars, please go to [VitalSignsAcademy.com](https://VitalSignsAcademy.com) and click on "Calendar" at the top.

## **Submissions to the WREMAC:**

- Level of Care Changes:
  - Amity Rescue Squad, Inc. 0213 – Basic to AEMT
  - Brocton Fire Department, Village of 0618 – Paramedic to Basic
  - Falconer Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. 0626 – Basic to Paramedic
  - Portland Ambulance, Town of 6245 – Paramedic to Basic
- iGel Pilot Program
  - Olean Fire Department, City of 0432
  - Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. 0427

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- **Notices** disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook (training notices found below):
  1. MEMO from Dr. O'Brien regarding AEMT Endotracheal Intubation (1/11)
  2. Notification of the new State EMS Forms Page (1/13)
  3. Notification W/ Links for New and Updated DOH Policies (1/13)
  4. Big Lakes Regional EMS Council Meeting (1/24)
  5. Big Lakes Regional Council Postponed (1/25)
  6. Notification of Updated DOH Policies and Protocols (2/2)
  7. Big Lakes Regional EMS Council Awards Announcement (2/8)
  8. EMS Sustainability Report (2/13)
  9. Big Lakes EMS Council Meeting Reminder (2/16)
  10. Big Lakes Notification going live on the UBMD Credentialing Portal (2/27)
  11. Notice Wyoming-Erie Regional EMS Council Meeting (2/28)
  12. Reminder Big Lakes Regional EMS Council Awards (2/28)
  13. Kenmore Mercy Phone/Computers Down Notice (3/1)
  14. IGEL Pilot Program Announcement (3/1)
  15. Wyoming-Erie Regional EMS Council Awards Nominations (3/2)
- **Training** notices disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook:
  1. Cambria Friends and Family CPR Training (1/17)
  2. Catholic Health SIM Training in Cambria (1/17)
  3. Medical Services Operation Conference (1/21)
  4. Mental Health for the First Responder Training (1/21)
  5. City Of Batavia CFR Course (1/21)
  6. Vital Signs Academy Week of 1/23 (1/21)
  7. Finger Lakes Regional EMS Conference (1/23)
  8. Vital Signs Academy Week of 1/26 (1/26)
  9. CME Training Suicidal Risk Assessment (1/27)
  10. Vital Signs Academy Week of 1/30 (1/27)
  11. Traumatic Management for Rural EMS & Community Hospitals (2/1)
  12. Vital Signs Academy week of 2/6 (2/6)
  13. Finger Lakes Regional EMS Conference Reminder (2/7)
  14. Cardiac SIM Lab offering at ELMA Fire Company (2/8)
  15. Vital Signs Academy week of 2/13 (2/10)
  16. Vital Signs Academy Week of 3/6 (3/6/)
- **Website:** Our website will be undergoing some change over the next few months as we shift things around and continue adding Big Lakes Information.
- **Social Media:** As a reminder, we encourage all agencies and providers to follow us on Facebook, the page name is Lake Plains Community Care Network EMS Program. We have been working on regaining access to the original UBMD EMS Division page without success so far.
- **BLSFR Vehicle Certification:** We have been reaching to in both regions reminding them and assisting with

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BLSFR recertifications/updates.

- **NYS BLS Protocol App** is available. Just a reminder the app contains the statewide BLS Protocols as well as NYS Policies. Based on the agency with which you affiliate yourself, it will also contain regional policies. The MURU app was recently updated to reflect the new protocols. We also remind everyone the previous protocol app is not contracted with the State and may have misguided information.
- **EMSC:** EMS-C is still encouraging Agencies to identify a PECC person. If interested please reach out and we will point you in the right direction. .
- **UBMD:** We now have an I Simulate for training purposes. The I Simulate has the capacity to run through patient scenarios with feedback and display using I Pads and Apple TV. The unit simulates different Cardiac Heart Monitors, AED's and Ventilators. We are willing to use this for training in our regions. Agency officers or Medical Directors can reach out to our office if interested,

We have begun the process of onboarding the Big Lakes Region onto the UBMD Credentialing Portal. Things are moving along very well with an agency deadline of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have reestablished our AHA Training Site status. We now have the capacity to teach and credential:

- BLS Provider
  - Heartsaver
  - PALS
  - ACLS
  - ASLS
- **Collaborative Protocol Changes:** Policy statements released from the State were disseminated to EMS agencies with encouragement to review these changes with their providers.
  - **Recruitment and Retention:** UBMD EMS Division has launched and are building a recruitment website to assist our region. [www.recruitemswny.com](http://www.recruitemswny.com) is live right now with some limited information. We are working with our regional councils on ideas and content.
  - The **State EMS Meetings** the next meeting is scheduled on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Troy