

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

May 17, 2023

**Twin City Ambulance
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Approval of previous minutes March 15, 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. **Current Approvals/NOI's**

- a. **Medical Director Change for West Seneca FD #5 (Seneca Hose) from Dr. Billittier to Dr. Poreda, Lackawanna FD Dr. Billittier to Dr. Poreda**
- b. **Albuterol Approval for Albion FD**
- c. **EPI Syringe NOI for Albion FD**
- d. **CPAP approval for Panama FD**

- e. BLS – 12 Lead approval for Town of Clarksville Ambulance Service, Holland FD #1
- f. Blood Glucometry approval for SBU Medical Emergency Response Team

MEDICAL DIRECTOR CHANGES AND LEVEL OF CARE UPGRADE/DOWNGRADE

MEDICAL DIRECTOR CHANGES		
Agency	From	To
WSFD # 5 (Seneca Hose)	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Poreda
Lackawanna FD	Dr. Billittier	Dr. Poreda
LEVEL OF CARE CHANGES		
Agency	From	To

NOTIFICATIONS AND APPROVALS

Agency	Naloxone Admin Notification	PAD NOI	EPI Pen NOI	EPI Syringe NOI	BLS 12 Lead Approval	Albuterol Approval	Glucometry Approval	CPAP Approval	e-PCR Approval
STEMS									
Panama FD								X	
SBU Medical Emergency Response Team							X		
Town of Clarksville Ambulance					X				
UBMD EMS/Big Lakes									
Holland FD #1					X				
Albion FD				X		X			

WREMAC CORRESPONDENCE LOG

01/18/2023-03/14/2023

March 15, 2023 WREMAC Meeting

Date	From	Regarding	Forwarded to
	STEMS		
01/18/2023-03/14/2023		Level of Care Upgrade for Amity Rescue Squad EMT to AEMT, Brocton FD Paramedic to EMT, Falconer VFC EMT to Paramedic, Portland Ambulance Paramedic to EMT	File for meeting
	UBMD EMS Division/Big Lakes		
01/18/2023-03/14/2023		<p>Medical Director change for 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>CPAP approval for Boston Emergency Squad, Lake View FD</p> <p>Epi Syringe NOI for Woodlawn FD</p> <p>BLS 12-Lead approval for Boston Emergency Squad, Lake Shore VFC, Lake View FD, City of Tonawanda FD</p> <p>Level of care change for West Seneca FD #3(Reserve Hose) AEMT to EMT, Colden FD from AEMT to EMT</p>	File for meeting

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Report 5/17/23

The RTAC met March 22, 2023. Discussion items included:

- Adult and pediatric data was reviewed for 2022 with a focus on county, MOI, ISS, mortality and frequency of patients going to an outside hospital first. 30% of adult trauma admissions were transfers from other hospitals.
- Changes to Field Trauma Triage Guidelines were reviewed. The trauma centers are required by 2022 ACS Standards (gray book) to review compliance with prehospital triage criteria, as dictated by regional protocols. EMS training on the triage guidelines with case reviews is available upon request.
- The rate of prehospital notification called within 3 minutes of leaving the scene was 55% in Q4 2022, up 14% from one year prior.
- Upcoming events were reviewed including the Trauma REACH virtual conference (April 25-26), Trauma Awareness Month (May), Trauma Survivors Day (May 17th), Stop the Bleed Day (May 25th), Simulation, ITLS, Pediatric Restraints.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Moses, RN
RTAC Liaison



Progress Report to WREMAC **May 17, 2023**

- Staff attended the **EMS State Council meeting** on May 9 and 10 the next scheduled meeting is September 12 and 13.
- Staff attended the **Southwestern Regional EMS Council meeting** on April 5. The next meeting is June 7.
- **Southern Tier EMT-B Academy** – Through funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation (MCHF), 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 MCHF has decided to fund our program for another year. We look forward to hosting another session of the EMT-B Academy this summer from July 10 to August 11. To apply for the course, visit: www.sthcs.org/emtbacademy.
- **Collaboration** – STHCS has received access to an LMS site on Collaboration. This site allows us to post educational opportunities to be made available as on-demand education. This also allows individuals in the region to submit their annual credential information. We look forward to this being utilized by all in our region!
- **Interfacility Transport Protocols** – The WREMAC IFT protocols are currently being revised by an ad-hoc committee that is being led by Todd Reisner. There are many participants on this committee from the Southwestern Region. We look forward to having an updated version of the protocols during 2023.
- **Regional Paramedic Program** – The Regional Paramedic Program continues with 34 students at three sites: Alstar in Jamestown, STHCS in Olean, and Allegany County in Belmont. We look forward to this course continuing until early 2024.
- **Cadaver Lab** – The Regional Paramedic program attended a lab session at the UB Cadaver Lab on April 17, 2023.



Upcoming Events:

- **CLI Course** – A CLI Course is taking place at STHCS in Olean and began last night. The course is occurring on May 16, 17, and 19.
- **EMS Week Events** –
 - May 24, 11 am to 1 pm – Cookout at UPMC Chautauqua Sherman Parking Lot
 - May 24 and 25, 11 am to 1 pm and 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm – Cookout at Olean General Hospital
 - May 26, 12 pm – EMS picnic at Jones Memorial Hospital
- **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](https://collabornation.net/login/STEMS) at: <https://collabornation.net/login/STEMS>.
- **Vital Signs Conference** – Hotel blocks are open for the 2023 Vital Signs Conference. The Conference will be held in Syracuse, NY from October 19-22. To make your hotel reservations, please visit www.vitalsignsconference.com
- **Vital Signs Academy Webinars** – NYSDOH BEMS hosts the Vital Signs Academy webinars. To access the schedule of upcoming webinars, please go to VitalSignsAcademy.com and click on "Calendar" at the top.

Submissions to the WREMAC:

- **BLS CPAP** – Panama Fire District 0881
- **Blood Glucometry** – SBU Medical Emergency Response Team 0494
- **BLS 12 Lead** – Town of Clarksville Ambulance Service 6205
- **BLS i-gel Pilot Program**
 - Allegany Rescue and EMS 0982
 - Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department, Village of 0617
 - Catt Co SRT 1036
 - Fluvanna Fire District 0629
 - Randolph Regional EMS 1037

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- **Notices** disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook (training notices found below):
 1. Mercy Hospital of Buffalo Downtime (03/15)
 2. NYS Forms Page (03/22)
 3. WEREMS Part S Letter of Opposition (03/27)
 4. Silver Springs Kick off to EMS Week (03/29)
 5. ECMC ER backup (04/05)
 6. EMS-C Advisory (04/06)
 7. Wyoming/Erie Awards Notification 2nd Attempt (04/06)
 8. Road Closure (04/07)
 9. Catholic Health EMS Week Events (04/21)
 10. Catholic Health Mask Policy (04/21)
 11. Kaleida Health Mask Policy (04/21)
 12. ECMC Trauma Line down (04/25)
 13. Stress Testing Employment Opportunity (04/26)
- **Training** notices disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook:
 1. Vital Signs Academy Training (Various)
 2. Burn ECHO Clinic (03/17)
 3. Certified Lab Instructor Course (03/20)
 4. 2023 Trauma REACH Seminar (03/29)
 5. EMS Leadership Training (04/06)
 6. Burn ECHO Clinical Training (04/14)
 7. Pediatric Mental Health Training (04/25)
- **2023 WREMAC Credentialing:** Submission of credentialing has opened for 2023. Please get your credentialing completed and submitted before June 30th. Remember, you can submit your report more than once if you find you have stragglers and want to get the initial report submitted. Any questions please reach out to our office.
- **Website:** Our website underwent some changes. More changes to come. Please visit our website.
- **Social Media:** As a reminder, we encourage all agencies and providers to follow us on Facebook, the page name has been changes to reflect UBMD Emergency Medicine Division.
- **BLSFR Vehicle Certification:** We have been reaching to in both regions reminding them and assisting with BLSFR recertifications/updates. We encourage agency to take the opportunity to use our services.
- **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. .



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- Most of the Big Lakes Region is up and running on the portal. We are still working on a few agencies to get their members on.
- **2023 Vital Signs Conference** The Bureau has announced that this year's conference will be on October 19th through the 22nd, 2023 in Syracuse, NY. The hotels are open and taking reservations. If you plan on attending, secure your hotel early.
- **iGEL:** The new iGel pilot program is now up and running. This is being managed by the HVREMSCO. We are finding that there is a lot of interest in participating, but we wanted to mention a few things. First, you must be an ALSFR or Transporting company. NO, BLSFR's are not allowed to participate. Your agency must be participating in ALL bls adjuncts. We attempted to advocate on behalf of the agencies since most in the region do not participate in BLS 12 lead, but we were told no. The BLS adjuncts are: BLS 12 lead, CPAP, Albuterol, Naloxone, Defib, one of the EPI's, and Glucose. If you qualify and are interested, you must submit an application, letter from your medical director and polices (reach out to Mike or I if you need the template of polices and letter) and submit it to our office so we can forward it to the REMSCO. Once they make the decision, it will be signed and sent back for you to submit. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. – Seeking approval or approved:
 - **East Seneca**
 - **Jamison Road**
 - **Colden Fire**
 - **Gowanda EMS**
 - **Lake Shore**
 - **Lakeview Fire**
 - **LVAC**
 - **Grand Island**
 - **Cambria Fire**
 - **Rapids Fire**
 - **Tri-Community**
 - **South Lockport**
- **Recruitment and Retention:** UBMD EMS Division has launched and are building a recruitment website to assist our region. www.recruitemswny.com is live right now with some limited information. We are working with our regional councils on ideas and content.
- **Big Lakes:** Big Lakes REMSCO had their awards dinner on April 26th, 2023 at Shelby Fire. Congrats to the recipients of those awards.
 - ALS Provider of the Year
 - Karen Gavin
 - Robert Orłowski
 - BLS Provider
 - Amy Manning



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Registered Professional Nurse of the Year

- Ellen Doyle
- James Honeck

EMS Communications Specialist of the Year

- Kieara Darrell

EMS Agency of the Year

- Cambria Volunteer Fire Company

EMS Educator of Excellence

- Sara McCartin

- The **State EMS Meetings**: Was May 9th and 10th. The next meeting is scheduled on September 12th and 13th in Troy