

**Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2009**

Chair: *Dr. Craig Cooley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.*

Attendance:

Voting Membership; Drs.; Cooley (Chair), Myers (Vice Chair), Kenyon, Lakomy, Borton, Franco **via tele-conference:** Martin, Ellie, Notebart

Non-Voting: W. Major, S. Wander, J. Adolf, B. Clemency, C. Crawford **Via tele-conference:** E. Mager, C. Peters,

****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		MOTION 09-29
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed log. Discussed the status of PCRs. The State is currently out of PCRs, therefore none are available for distribution to the Program Agencies. The memo has been distributed previously via e-mail to all members, and regional councils. • Received correspondence today from Starflight requesting that the Interfacility Transfer Protocols be posted onto the WREMAC website. Both the current, as well as the updated, once they are completed. 	
SEMAC/SEMSCO DRS. COOLEY & MYERS	Next Meeting the first week of December.	
WREMAC CHAIR REPORT		
NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR: VACANT	N/R	
PREHOSPITAL COMMITTEE G. GILL	Committee is formed; members have been assigned from each region. This committee will be an ad-hoc committee, meeting as needed. Aiming to have its first meeting sometime in the second week of December.	
PROGRAM AGENCY REPORTS A. BIG LAKES B. SOUTHWESTERN C. WYOMING-ERIE	<p>A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently only have 5 or 6 packs of PCRs remaining. ▪ Will be conducting an AMLS Instructor course ▪ CLI course screening has been completed. The course will be conducted in December. ▪ A Base Station course is scheduled for tomorrow (11/19/09) at the Lake Plains offices. <p>B.</p>	

	<p>Currently only have approximately 800 PCR's remaining. A CIU is scheduled for December 12th in Jamestown. EMS Conference is scheduled for April 9 & 10, 2010 Geriatric EMS (GEMS) Provider & Instructor course is currently being planned. C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently have approximately 1200 PCR's in stock. ▪ CIC was held in October. 12 individuals signed up, with 10 completing the course. ▪ They have received a grant to conduct a PEPP class, and the WEREMS Council will match the grant funds up to an additional 50 attendees. ▪ Will be scheduling both a CIU and a CLI for Spring 2010. ▪ Conducting the final Waveform Capnography inservice December 9th at East Amherst. <p>Much discussion regarding the state of PCR's, and no inventory. Agencies are being asked how many they have left, before being distributed. A template will be pasted on the website in order to allow agencies to copy blank PCR's.</p> <p>11 of the 19 program agencies do not have contracts. Lake Plains and STHC are among those. Funds are running out at several program agencies.</p>	
DISASTER COMMITTEE J. TEUSCHER	N/R	
ALS PROTOCOL S.LAKOMY / J.MYERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a template model available to use for protocol revisions, therefore also making the approval process easier & quicker as well. • Last major revisions done in 2005 • ACLS should be changing soon. • SEMAC will only meet 3 times next year. Last time they met, there wasn't even a quorum. February, May & October are when the SEMAC will meet next year. • Hoping to have our Protocol revisions by the May SEMAC meeting. 	
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT R. MARTIN/M.KENYON/C.COOLEY	<p>Dr. Kenyon will be taking over this Committee. Discussion regarding the Waveform Capnography survey that was conducted. These need to be reviewed again.</p>	
EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE C.COOLEY/M.KENYON	N/R	
RESEARCH / EDUCATION J. MYERS	Base Station course being conducted tomorrow at Lake Plains. The next one will be done in July at the Erie County Fire Training Academy..	
BYLAWS	N/R	

C. COOLEY		
POLICIES & PROCEDURES J. MYERS	Asked for any issues with policies needing revisions. The committee will be resolved for the time being.	MOTION #09-29
THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA J. MYERS		
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intubation Study Phase II - B. Clemency: 6 residents went through the study. 5 of the 6 passed on the 1st attempt on all positions. 2. ePCR Subcommittee: This new committee has just been developed, and still needs a Chair. R. Bartel from Rural Metro has volunteered to serve on the committee. Need input from agencies, NAC, PHAC. A Chair will be appointed in January for this committee. 3. Wilson VFC – Still no confirmation from Dr. Mullaney regarding a past equivalent to the Base Station Course. The committee feels that if a doctor has taken a course equivalent to the Base Station Course and can prove with either a certificate or similar. Ideally a certificate that confirms completion, and also an outline, agenda, or slides – to show the content of the course. 4. Therapeutic Hypothermia – Trial cooler with Rural Metro: First pt. expired, and the 2nd was brought in to BGH on 11/13, is still in ICU. Dr. Myers will continue to follow this patient’s case. LVAC has a 2nd cooler that will roll out shortly. The SEMAC is very interested to follow how these trial cases turn out. The WREMAC has solicited Program Agencies to assist finding agencies interested in participating in the Therapeutic Hypothermia study. Several have already showed / requested an interest. Discussion continued. Please contact Dr. Myers ASAP if your agency is interested in participating. 	
NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NYS EMS Policy Statement 09-08 Reporting Incidents, injuries & crashes: The committee discussed / reviewed this policy statement. No data is available yet. 2. EO 29 – Approved training module has come out for EMS personnel. The only approved training module has been released and is only available on-line. Vaccinations are only to be done through either a county or state designated POD. 3. Tourniquets back into algorithm for hemorrhage control. The SEMAC will discuss this at their next meeting (December). BLS Protocols, curriculum may potentially be changed. 4. Winchester VFC – Application to upgrade from a BLSFR to an ALSFR-Intermediate. They need a municipal CON, therefore WREMAC approval is required. 5. Discussed potentially changing the time of the WREMAC meetings to 	5. MOTION #09-30

	<p>10:00a.m. If this were to happen, then the residents would not be able to attend, due to Grand Rounds. Will change the day and time at least once, to see how it goes. <u>NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M AT THE ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY.</u></p>	
ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S. Wander: Waveform Capnography discussion regarding agencies and the problems with purchasing the correct stand alone waveform Capnography units that they have purchased, but do not have the capability to print and / or store data. Agencies are overwhelmed and confused, and are being misled. The State Attorney General should be informed of companies misinforming and selling incorrect equipment. Scott will re-circulate the information to the agencies. Additionally, this issue will be taken to the SEMAC as well. 2. E. Mager brought up the S.A.L.T. airway device and asked if the Equipment Committee would consider researching this piece of equipment. Currently, WREMAC protocols ok FDA approved airway device with medical director approval. Also discussed the problem with individuals being taken off-line by their medical director, but notifying their local WREMAC or DOH, therefore the necessary information is not being circulated. Please make sure this is done so that it gets into the central system. 3. Discussed that some systems list providers on line, who have been credentialed. Suggestion that the QI Committee may slowly be able to tackle the issue of credentialing. 4. B. Clemency – Vigilant Guard report. Will bring a proposal forward to next meeting for review to trial cardio cerebral resuscitation with Orchard Park EMS. 5. C. Crawford discussed / requested the need for some WREMAC representation at the regional council meetings. Drs. Cooley and Myers will address this with further. 	
ADJOURNMENT	S. Lakomy – 8:28 pm	

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.
THE ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY,
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WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR