

Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc.

Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes January 18, 2006

The WREMAC met Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 3:00pm in the Chef's Restaurant, Buffalo, NY.

Attendance: See enclosure

The first item of business was the approval of the November 16, 2005 minutes. G. Collins made a motion to approve with a second from J. Borton. Minutes approved.

WREMS Report: R. Crist – COO

- The schedule for upcoming EMS Officer Workshops was provided

Correspondence: J. Takats

- 10/28/05 letter from Commissioner Novello to T. Billiter regarding reappointment to the SEMAC
- 11/10/05 letter from L. Burns to T. Kopp, South Lines FD regarding DOH inspection
- 11/22/05 letter from G. Young to the WREMAC chair regarding Medical Direction of R. Patel
- 11/27/05 letter from M. Klementowski to WREMAC chair regarding no longer being a Medical Director for Bergholz VFC, Shawnee VFC, and Youngstown VFC in Niagara County.
- 12/12/05 letter from C. McCloud to South Line FD, notification of DOH inspection
- 12/21/05 letter from E. Wronksi regarding sager traction splint endorsement.
- 01/11/06 letter from R. Patel to WREMAC chair documenting courses completed per the WREMAC's request. Requests relief from ATLS requirement. Note New Business below.

SEMAC/SEMSCO Report: J. Takats – See enclosure

Nurse Advisory Committee Report: No report

Pre Hospital Care Committee: No report

- The chair was reminded to send a letter to the SEMAC/SEMSCO regarding the limitations of prehospital provider's skill maintenance in hospitals

Subcommittee Reports:

Disaster Committee: J. Teuscher No report

ALS Protocol Committee: S. Lakomy

- Utilization of the umbilical vein for venous access in the newborn in our protocols was approved by the SEMAC.
- The committee will be waiting for the new AHA guideline rollouts prior to printing of our protocols. Any subsequent SEMAC modification of these guidelines will be incorporated.

QI Committee: R. Martin No report

Equipment Committee: J. Borton

- The ALS equipment list will be reviewed and updated
- Rad 57, a new non-invasive device to measure carbon monoxide was discussed (see enclosure).

Research & Education Committee: J. Borton No report

Ad Hoc: Selective Spinal Immobilization: J. Teuscher

- See enclosure on a draft spinal injuries protocol

Ad Hoc: 12 Lead Program: J. Teuscher No report

Unfinished Business: J. Takats

- WREMAC Bylaws – the WREMAC chair will provide the REMSCOs recommended changes regarding a quorum and other suggestions by WERMS.

New Business:

- The chair brought up the letter dated 1/11/06 from R. Patel. The issue is whether R. Patel has met the WREMAC's 9/04 requirement. G. Collins made a motion to table this issue until the March meeting. Second by J. Myers. Motion approved.
- The chair brought up the DOH policy 05-04: Blood Glucometry for BLS agencies. Any medical directors interested in moving on this should contact the chair.
- The chair asked for a motion for the following changes in medical direction: E. Pembroke from S. Lopez to D. Notibart and E. Amherst – from J. Borton to J. Takats. Motion by G. Collins, second by J. Borton. Motion approved.
- J. Adolf presented the EMD protocol. After the presentation, there was a motion from J. Myers to endorse the protocols. Second by G. Collins. Motion approved.
- A copy of the DOH policy 06-01: Emergency Patient Destinations and Hospital Diversion was presented. The group decided to mail the new policy to each WREMAC member for review and to be prepared to discuss at the March meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Borton, second by G. Collins. Approved

Following the meeting, C. Ionita MD from Kaleida gave a presentation to the WREMAC/NAC and PHAC on acute Ischemic Stroke.

The next WREMAC meeting will be March 15, 2006 starting at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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WREMAC Chairman

