

**Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc.**

**Medical Advisory Committee**

**Minutes – June 15, 2005**

The WREMAC met Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 3:00pm in the Chef's Restaurant, Buffalo, NY.

**Attendance:** See enclosure

The first item of business was the approval of the May 18, 2005 minutes. St. Lakomy made a motion to accept, second by J. Blum. Approved.

**WREMS Report: C. Czamara – CEO**

- The MD Base Station Course is scheduled for June 28, 2005 at the WREMS Office.
- The Chair was asked to write a letter to all hospital CEOs and ED Directors reminding them of the requirement for all ED Physicians giving online medical direction to take the Base Station course and advise their physician staff to attend a future course if they have never done so.
- WREMAC members were requested to provide updated e-mail addresses, which will allow WREMS staff to e-mail minutes and other information to members.
- The DOH has notified WREMS it is scrutinizing WREMS expenses for such items as its lease, lawn service and garbage pick up.

**Correspondence: J. Takats**

- Copies of the new NYSDOH 05-03 policy statement titled Air Medical Services Protocol Approval and Credentialing of Flight Personnel was handed out.
- A letter was received from the CEO of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, which had been sent to the DOH, its commissioner, and the Governor, complaining that the STEMI program discriminated against NFMCC, which has a non-invasive diagnostic cardiac program and would not receive patients under the current DOH plan.

**SEMAC/SEMSCO Report:**

- An overview of both meetings was presented by J. Takats.

- The Chair was asked to write a letter to the DOH regarding patient consents prior to transporting patients to a stroke center, before official designation as a stroke center and attempting to satisfy the DOH policy to bypass community hospitals.

**Nurse Advisory Committee:** No report

**Prehospital Advisory Care Committee:** No report

**Sub-committee Reports:**

**Disaster Committee:** J. Teuscher

- Dr. Dice was unable to attend this meeting and will try to attend the September 2005 meeting to discuss the US Postal Services' package screening procedure.

**ALS Protocol Committee:** S. Lakomy

- S. Lakomy made a motion to approve the 2005 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the ALS Protocols. Second by J. Blum. Approved. These protocols will be presented to the SEMAC for approval in September 2005.

**QI Committee:** No report

**Equipment Committee:** No report

**Research and Education Committee:** No report

- There was a discussion regarding PALS vs PEPP. The Chair will contact this committee for further review on this issue.

**Ad Hoc Specialty Care Committee:** J. Teuscher See enclosure

**Ad Hoc Selective Spinal Immobilization Committee:** J. Teuscher See enclosure

**Ad Hoc 12 Lead Program:** J. Teuscher See enclosure

**As Hoc EMT-I Cardiac Bridge Course:** No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- The draft of the WREMAC Guidelines (Bylaws); were forwarded to WREMAC members and the 3 REMSCOs. There has been some feedback about the lack of involvement and input from the REMSCOs.
- There was a motion by S. Lakomy for the WREMS CEO to facilitate a meeting between the REMSCO Chairs and the WREMAC to discuss and finalize the guidelines. Second by J. Blum. Approved

**New Business:**

- Cattaraugus Ambulance requested approval for a change in Medical Directors from A. Billiteir to S. Buckley. (Both Medical Directors approve the change) Motion by S. Lakomy and second by J. Blum. Approved
- Dr. Lloyd Brown introduced himself as the new WREMAC representative for Mt. St. Mary's Hospital.
- There was a motion by J. Blum to allow the Chair to act on WREMAC issues during the summer break. Second by S. Lakomy. Approved

Motion to adjourn at 4:15pm by S. Lakomy.

**An announcement will be mailed out to all members regarding next WREMAC meeting, which will be held in September 28, 2005.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Takats DO  
WREMAC Chairman

