

## **Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee**

**The WREMAC met on June 20, 2007 3:00 p.m. at Chef's Restaurant, Buffalo, NY.**

**Minutes from the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were previously distributed via e-mail and hard copy.**

**Motion to accept minutes: C. Cooley**

**Second: G. Collins**

**Approved**

**Attendance: See enclosure**

### **Correspondence: J. Takats**

- 5/23/07: Memorandum from Buffalo News about upcoming article, 6/2/07 concerning causes of ambulance delays in response time.
- 5/25/07: NYSDOH Notice of rare type F botulism.
- 6/11/07: Email from NYSDOH: Fentanyl policy statement.
- 5/24/07: Emails from W. Reisner and S. Wander on revisions of protocol test.
- 5/24/07: M. Forness requesting WREMAC submit list of tasks requiring funding or support.
- 6/13/07: Email from WEREMS special meeting notice for 6/25/07, 7:00pm. at South Wales Fire Co.

### **SEMAM / SEMSCO REPORT: J. Myers**

N/R

### **WREMAC Chair Report: J. Takats**

Protocol Rollout: 475 providers have completed the rollout, with 50 still in the process. One of the CPAP companies gave a presentation at the Equipment Committee meeting.

### **Nurse Advisory Committee – A. Hedges**

G. Gill reported that there might possibly be a new chair for this committee. He will check in to this.

### **Prehospital Advisory Committee – G. Gill**

No Report

### **Disaster Committee – J. Teuscher**

**ALS Protocol Committee – S. Lakomy**

**QI / QA – R. Martin - Chair**

**Equipment Committee – C. Cooley**

Meeting was held prior to the full WREMAC committee meeting.

Reviewed QuikClot further. This will be able to be purchased OTC. The committee would like for the WREMAC to put out general guidelines for the use of individual providers. This should be a generic guideline, not specific to QuikClot. A bulletin will be sent to the hospitals notifying them of this.

**Motion was made to create a policy of the recommendations from the WREMAC for the use of QuikClot.**

**Motion: S. Lakomy**

**Second: J. Teuscher**

**Approved**

The committee was also given a demonstration of the Whisper Flow CPAP device.

**Research and Education – J. Myers**

Dr. Myers reported that 16 people have registered for the Base Station Course.

**SSI – J. Teuscher**

No Report

**12 Lead – J. Teuscher**

No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

**Live Protocol Rollouts:**

A live presentation of the Protocol Rollout will be made available for those individuals that are not able to access the web in order to complete the rollout. One is in the process of being organized for the Southern Tier within the next month.

Wyoming County reports that all providers are taking the rollout on line.

Discussed the need to accomplish the establishment of an accurate database for providers in the regions. Between the DOH and the WREMAC website, there is a need to identify agencies that have not completed the rollout.

It is important to approve those agencies that have 100% compliance.

Much discussion evolved regarding the rollout, including rollout in service dates and determining why some individuals have not yet completed the rollout.

**12 Lead EKG Deadline:**

Have not received any additional responses in quite some time. A third mailing will need to be done. A list will be compiled of those agencies that have not complied or responded.

Discussion on what course of action to take for those agencies that do not respond or comply.

**Final form of new Analgesia Policy:**

The analgesia orders were reviewed for the committee by Dr. Myers. Dr. Lakomy raised a question regarding weight based dosage.

Discussion continued regarding whether this option should be kept as a medical control option or a standing order.

This is a generic treatment option, a specified brand name has not been suggested.

**Motion made to change the orders according to Dr. Myers development**

**Motion: J. Myers**

**Second: S. Lakomy**

**Approved**

**WREMAC requirement for Webcasting:**

Question was raised as to whether the WREMAC meeting is a public meeting?

This webcasting issue will be a deliverable for all of the program agencies to meet.

According to G. Gill, the chair of the Big Lakes Regional EMS Council the new program agency for their agency has not signed their contract because of this deliverable. The deadline for this is July 1, 2007. Most areas are waiting for September to see what the State Council does.

**WREMAC ByLaw omission – See attached**

**New Business:**

**Authorization for the Chair to conduct business during the summer months on behalf of the committee:**

**Motion to approve: J. Teuscher**

**Second: C. Cooley**

**Approved**

**EMT Test Site:**

There are a very limited of test sites in New York State. Rochester and Albany are the only two areas, and New York State Department of Health is currently looking for a new

site. The WREMAC will write a letter requesting more locations closer to Western New York.

**Agency Level of Care changes:**

Upper Mountain VFC has their application all completed, with the exception of one form. Recommended that the committee approve, contingent on the completion of the necessary paperwork.

Newton Abbott request to down grade their level of care from Paramedic to Intermediate. All paperwork is in order.

Request from East Otto to upgrade from a Basic to an EMT-D level. Again, all required paperwork is filed.

**Motion to approve all agency requests: J. Teuscher**

**Second: J. Myers**

**Approved**

**Issues from the floor:**

Question regarding the 12 Lead EKG box on the PCR's, and who can fill these out? It was determined that only AEMT-CC's and AEMT-P's are allowed. ?????

Motion to adjourn: C. Cooley

Approved.

*The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2007 at 3:00pm at Chef's.*

*Equipment Meeting will precede the WREMAC meeting at 2:00pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Takats III, D.O., Chairman