

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2008

Chair: J.R. Takats called the meeting to order at 3:19p.m, upon the call to the SWREMSC tele-conference location. Attending from that location are: C. Peters, D. Kahm, W. Reisner and J.

Attendance: On file

****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
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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES		08-21
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>5/15/08 Letter from Allegany EMS Council voicing serious concern about the cost of Waveform Capnography and the reasons for it. They offered other solutions to the problems of a “displaced tube”.</p> <p>5/24/08 Letter -Big Lakes Council opposing Waveform Capnography because it is expensive and is a SEMAC unfunded mandate.</p> <p>5/28/08 Email - Julie LaManna , Buffalo Mercy has 24/7 PCI availability. At the present time does not have ED Bypass for Pre-hospital referrals but would like to be considered as DOH STEMI Center.</p> <p>6/2/08 Email - A. Billitier summary of SEMAC/SEMSCO meeting (enclosed)</p> <p>6/5/08 Email - Sandy Scott – Announcement of Babe Rotella Retirement Party June 21, 6 pm @ Antonio’s Restaurant 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd \$35/person</p> <p>6/6/08 Email - Cathi Peters announcing a link on the WREMAC website to the monthly webcast – directions provided.</p> <p>6/6/08 Email - Sandy Scott WNY Stress Reduction Program Training Announcement “Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention – Dates July 28 & 19th 2008.</p> <p>6/7/08 Email - FDA & PHS notice salmonella outbreak reported from eating certain red tomatoes.</p> <p>6/10/08 Email - Donna Girard – Vital Signs 2008 Conference Brochure is available.</p>	
SEMAC/SEMSCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the SEMAC/SEMSCO notes. • Mr. Wronski has stated that the reason for not vetting new members onto the state council is due to a lack of diversity. • The Equipment Standard may not be enforceable. • CPAP was approved for use in our region (AEMT and CC 3’s) • Hypothermia Protocol – The SEMAC requested a more formal presentation to validate the use. • Currently finalizing the protocol for blood or blood products running. It has not been completed yet. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. Reisner discussed the need for specific notification with clarification on the use of Atropine pens. It is only necessary to report to the agency's medical director, not on a regional level. Also, only agencies that are certified are able to use Atro-pens, as they have medical directors. • Dr. Takats will send a letter out regarding Atro-pens and their BLS usage. • NYS will cut their budget to NYS EMS activities; therefore they are looking to cut meetings. 	
REMAC CHAIR REPORT		
NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	N/R	
PREHOSPITAL COMMITTEE G. GILL	N/R	
DISASTER COMMITTEE J. TEUSCHER	N/R	
ALS PROTOCOL S.LAKOMY / J.MYERS	CPAP – Dr. Cooley discussed whether or not it should be done without an approved training program.	
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT R. MARTIN/M.KENYON/C.COOLEY	N/R – Would like to get something set up by the fall.	
EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE C.COOLEY/M.KENYON	Meeting held prior to WREMAC. Need to review and update the required request from BL formulary review for Toridol. Per the SEMAC, a list is required of specific named drugs. Question as to whether there is a need to keep all drugs currently listed, or can get rid of some.	
AD HOC – SSI J.TEUSCHER	Potentially large selection of trainers needs to be reached. Dr. Teuscher will look for a bulleted summary of points that need to be included.	
AD HOC 12 LEAD PROGRAM J.TEUSCHER / J.TAKATS	Out of 137 ALS agencies, there are still 15-20 that have not yet responded. They will be contacted with personal letters.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	1. Capno Check – just as good and continuous as waveform, but costs 1/3 less. Any unit should be capable of downloadable information. There is a need for the agencies to be notified as to what the status is on Waveform Capnography. There was concern raised as it was stated that an agency was told by someone at the state that “You can be a paramedic agency and not intubate”. This is not acceptable. The discussion regarding the motion was very strong that this motion MAY	MOTION 08-22

	be trumped by the state.	
NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cooley discussed the SMART CON. They cannot use their advanced providers due to a technicality, that they are not an actual agency. They are applying for an ALS FR and would appreciate the WREMAC's support in this endeavor. • Nominations for the WREMAC will be held at the September meeting, with elections to be held in November. 	
ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR	<p>1. Trans Am requested the WREMAC's approval for ePCRs.</p> <p>Thank you to the WEREMS Council for providing the food for today's meeting.</p> <p>W. Reisner commented on the pleasure of conducting the telephone conference. It went very well.</p>	1. MOTION 08-23
ADJOURNMENT	<p>NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 3:00, WITH EQUIPMENT MEETING PRECEEDING AT 2:00 AT THE <u>ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY,</u> <u>3359 BROADWAY, CHEEKTOWAGA</u></p>	

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph R. Takats,
WREMAC Chairman