

Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc.

Medical Advisory Committee

March 16, 2005

The WREMAC met on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 3:00pm in the Chef's Restaurant, Buffalo, NY.

Attendance: See enclosure.

The first item of business was the approval of the January 19, 2005 minutes. S. Lakomy made a motion to accept, second by M. Kenyen. Approved

WREMS Report: Randy Crist – COO

- The 2005 Medical Director Base Station course has been scheduled for June 28, 2005 to be held at the WREMS office.
- Results of the WREMS stroke study were handed out. See enclosure.
- The new NYSDOH BLS Stroke Protocol was handed out. See enclosure.
- An outline as to the procedure for an agency to obtain Medical Direction, an agency to switch Medical Directors, how a Medical Director is to terminate Medical Direction of an agency and how an agency changes their level of care was handed out. See enclosure.

Correspondence: J. Takats

- Mention of an AP article on CPR being inadequate.
- Copy of a letter received from G. DeFrancesco to his agencies requesting more participation in CME meetings.
- A notice was received from the HANYS/DOH regarding Hospital Center Pilot Designation briefing dates. See enclosure.
- Letter from NYSDOH regarding stroke center designation.
- The old NYS ALS Protocols have been received and these protocols will be on the agenda for the March 2005 SEMAC meeting.

WREMAC Chairman Report: J. Takats

- An article in ACEP News stating the urgency for expeditious transfer of positive PCI patients was presented.
- The protocol committee was asked to provide input on prehospital thrombolitics.

SEMAC/SEMSCO: J. Takats

- An overview was presented.

NAC: A. Creighton Have not met.

PHAC: A. Creighton for G. Gill

- A sub-committee will be working with the AHA regarding stroke assessment.

Subcommittee Reports:

Disaster: J. Teuscher

- An explanation regarding the US Postal Service scanning of mail was presented.

ALS Protocol: S. Lakomy

- The committee is moving along quickly. Many changes/additions have been made. The goal is to present a draft no later than the June WREMAC meeting. Suggestions are always welcome.
- Chest pain checklist – looking to resurrect this form.

QI: R. Martin No report

Equipment: J. Borton

- The committee will be looking for info on CPAP.

Research & Education: J. Borton No report

Ad Hoc – Specialty Care Transport: J. Teuscher

- NYSDOH is still looking into this.
- The committee will develop a draft protocol for the use of Nesiritide (Natrecor) and Propofol (Diprivan). These will be sent out.

AD Hoc – Selective Spinal Immobilization: J. Teuscher

- The NYSDOH is still looking into this.

AD Hoc – 12 Lead Program: J. Teuscher

- Next meeting will be March 23, 2005 at WREMS.

Unfinished Business:

EMT-I Cardiac Bridge Course: J. Teuscher

- Working on a curriculum to present to the SEMAC.

Article 78 Petition: No new information.

WREMC Operating Guidelines: J. Takats

- Please review the draft and bring back recommendations to the Chair or the WREMS office.

New Business:

- The chairman requested a motion to approve North Java, Pekin, and Crittenden upgrade to the Albuterol level, a request for change in Medical Director for Wrights Corner from M. Martin to M. Torres and Pekin FD from S. Belote to L. Brown. Motion by J. Teushcer and second by S. Lakomy. Approved.
- The group held discussion regarding inappropriate requests by agencies for Medical Control.
- J. Adolf was appointed to chair an EMD subcommittee to look at updating dispatch protocols.
- J. Teuscher is looking to recruit an Assistant Medical Director for Rural Metro.

The next WREMAC meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 3:00pm in the Chef's Restaurant.

Motion to adjourn by at 4:45pm by J. Blum.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Takats DO

WREMAC Chirman

