

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

November 28, 2007

Chef's Restaurant

Minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting were previously distributed via e-mail and hard copy.

Motion to accept minutes: J. Borton

Second: M. Kenyon

Approved Unanimously

Attendance: See attached

Correspondence: J. Takats

- 9/24/07 E-Mail notification from S. Wander regarding the FDA – Med Watch – MRL/Welch Allyn AED 20 Automatic External Defibrillators Class I recall due to error message on device display.
- 9/28/07 E-Mail correspondence from R.M. Patel MD notifying of a Medical Director's meeting on 10/10. Dr. Honri Lamothe, MD would be on hand as the new Medical Director for OGH.
- 10/16/07 Letter from M. Forness, Chair of SWREMSC regarding the council's request to make changes to the WREMAC members for their region. Henri Lamothe from OGH and Frank Edwards for Jones Memorial.
- 10/16/07 Letter from M. Forness regarding the SWREMSC to request the topic of STEMI centers on the next agenda for the WREMAC.
- 10/16/07 Copy of letter from M. Forness to Dr. Henry regarding the SWREMSC's concerns with the STEMI center proposal.
- 11/5/07 E-Mail notification sent from A. Major regarding the death and funeral arrangements for Michael Walters.
- 11/16/07 E-Mail correspondence from Dr. Myers regarding the Summary Changes for Controlled Substance – Analgesia.
- 11/21/07 E-Mail from R.M. Patel MD announcing 12 Lead EKG analysis class and WREMAC/OGH Skills 1/30/08 and advanced skill credential Training 12/29/07
- 11/26/07 Letter from Greg Gill of WEREMS Council notifying WREMAC of their selection of University Emergency Medical Services as their program agency.

SEMAMC / SEMSCO REPORT: J. Myers

SEMAMC notes were reviewed by the group (on file).

Dr. Cooley has previously been appointed as the representative for the Southern Tier, but has not been officially appointed by Dr. Daines as of yet. He is requesting a letter from Dr. Takats on his behalf.

WREMAC Chair Report: J. Takats

Nurse Advisory Committee –

A. Hedges (previous committee chair) no longer represents Mercy Flight, nor does she have anything to do with the Nurse Advisory Committee.

Discussion regarding the committees that are developed from the WREMAC and whether or not they need to go through the councils, or can be made a subcommittee of the WREMAC. Nurses can represent each region / Program Agency. It was requested that a new Chair for this committee is needed. Please contact Dr. Takats if you can assist with this.

Prehospital Advisory Committee – G. Gill

This committee has not met since the dissolution of WREMS. Motion to re-establish it as a subcommittee of the WREMAC.

Motion: J. Takats

Second: C. Cooley

Approved unanimously

Disaster Committee – J. Teuscher

No Report

ALS Protocol Committee – S. Lakomy

No Report

One note made by W. Reisner regarding the ALS Rollout. 966 providers have registered, with 928 completing the rollout. These numbers are substantially higher than anticipated. Medical Directors are able to review the names on the website.

QI / QA – R. Martin/M. Kenyon/C. Cooley

Requests a copy of the NYS QI Guidelines. One will be forwarded to them, per E. Mager

Equipment Committee – C. Cooley

Meeting was held prior to the full WREMAC committee meeting.

Discussed Haemostatic and AED guidelines. Both of these topics will require further review.

Research and Education – J. Myers

SSI – J. Teuscher

No Report

12 Lead – J. Teuscher

N/R

Unfinished Business:

12 Lead EKG:

Ed Mager distributed a list of those agencies that have not responded to the 12 Lead program.

Standing Orders Protocol – J. Myers

A lengthy process is required in order to submit protocols to the state. This process needs to be followed through; therefore they have not been sent on yet.

New Business:

1. Numerous representatives from Twin City Ambulance (TCA) were present at the meeting, to discuss the issue with the agreement between themselves and Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital. It was reported by T. Maxian, CEO / General Counsel for TCA, that 2 pieces of wrong information were distributed. The agreement is destination driven, upon either the patient's request, or if online medical direction directs to go there.
2. Dr. Young explained the problem in question. Up to now, and for the next few months, the hospitals in question cannot be referred to as "STEMI Centers". They are "PCI" Centers.

TCA reported that if a patient directs to be taken to a specific hospital, it must be done. Much discussion followed regarding the **precise language**, and that something is needed to protect the agency from an unfavorable outcome.

Dr. Billittier raised the question as to why an agency has an agreement with a specific hospital in the first place. Protocols should exist between receiving hospitals and agencies, not 1 specific hospital. The WREMAC supports a region wide STEMI protocol, not agency to hospital, though none exists at this time.

It was determined that a small PCI subcommittee would be developed. Members of this committee are as follows: C. Cooley, R. Martin, W. Reisner, J. Borton, R. Orlowski, and via e-mail, G. Young.

2. At the November 7, 2007 full council meeting, the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council voted on and unanimously selected UEMS (University EMS) as their Program Agency. There were 2 bidders that presented at the meeting, and the council chose to select the bidder from their region.

Now that each region has selected their Program Agency, each program agency needs to get together, once they are established – to discuss and determine the WREMAC duties. A budget is once again requested from the WREMAC to establish these needs.

PAD AGENCIES

Clarence Fire District No. 1

Swagelot Bropharm Services Co
33 Dodge Road Suite 108
Getzville, NY 14068

Lancaster Presbyterian church
5461 Boradway
Lancaster, NY 14086

State of New York Unified Court System
Eighth Judicial District
Various locations

Classic Tube
Lancaster NY

Copper & Brass Sales
West Seneca

Goya Foods
Angola NY

Niagara Generation
Niagara Falls NY

Fit Kids
Williamsville NY

Southern Wine and Spirits
Tonawanda NY

Issues from the floor:

Dr. Young reports:

- Hospital closures: “Merger discussions uniformly horrible”. Actual impact, wrote up a 29 page report, contacted each hospital.
- Overbedding in hospitals is at 104-107%.
- Berger Report will not be implemented by June, 2008. There is a transition needed to meet the rules, a phased in approach will be taken.
- St. Joes is still in litigation.
- In regards to the Berger report, progress is much more positive regarding the Southern Tier, than it was at the beginning of this process.
- Worked with Dr. Mark Henry to make a determination that will allow blood to go onto rigs.
- Neurologics – designating comprehensive Stroke Centers, certain facilities only. This will be worked out within the next 6 months to a year.
- Web casting: Other REMACs have already begun televising their meetings. The cost of the WREMAC webcasting will be subject to the Regional EMS Council’s with the new budget.

W. Reisner reported that agencies have to stand in line for ridiculous amounts of time while dropping off patients at Eds, and this is unacceptable. It was determined that something needs to be done to deal with this.

Dr. Young stated that it is NOT acceptable to wait for any amount of time, at any stroke center with a stroke patient. If this happens, notify Dr. Young immediately so that he can address the issue.

W. Reisner: Regional Councils are required to hold elections for their Executive Committee, the WREMAC should also be holding elections. The WREMAC is organized improperly. The ByLaws state that elections should be held. He is calling for elections at the January meeting of the WREMAC.

Please note – The January 16, 2008 meeting of the WREMAC will include elections of an Executive Board.

Motion to adjourn: M. Kenyon
Approved.

*The next meeting of the WREMAC will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at
3:00 at Chef's.
Please make every effort to attend.*

Respectfully submitted,

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