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Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2008

Erie County Training Academy

Chair: In the absence of J.R. Takats, Dr. Craig Cooley called the meeting to order at 3:09p.m VOTING members in attendance: C. Cooley, J. Myers, M. Kenyon, R. Martin, J. Teuscher & D. Notebart. ECDOH: C. McCloud, E. Mager, G. Young. ECEMS: J. Adolf, A. Billittier. REMSC: G. Gill, J. Malinchock. Program Agency Representatives: S. Wander, C. Fenar, C. Crawford, K. Bates.

Attending from the Southwest location are: C. Peters, D. Kahm, W. Reisner and J. Kibbe

Attendancet: 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.****

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	June 19, 2008	MOTION 08-24
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>6/25/08 Community Action of Orleans & Genesee County AED application PAD paperwork for Graham Corp.</p> <p>6/17/08 Letter from Niagara EMS Council objecting to the mandated requirement for Continued Waveform Capnography based on cost.</p> <p>7/7/08 Governor signed chapter 197 of law allowing use of MOLST form, non DNR still valid</p> <p>7/18/08 Hinsdale VFD BLS Glucometer, EpiPen and Albuterol application.</p> <p>7/21/08 Email to Ed. Wronski from PETA for use of simulator in place of animals for the difficult airway</p> <p>7/31/08 Email from W. Reisner noting Transport protocols had not been updated since 2000 – Are there plans to update in future.</p> <p>8/4/08 Amy Major – WREMSCO Board of director meeting for July minutes</p> <p>8/4/08 Michael Daely – Ryan White legislation easing process to obtain source patient testing for HIV, Hepatitis etc</p> <p>8/5/08 Sandy Scott – N.C. EMS council minutes for July 2008</p> <p>8/5/08 Email from Dr. Patel – meeting announcement for EMPIRE EMS 8/21/08 6 pm at TransAm Ambulance Service</p> <p>8/6/08 TransAm announcing a tutorial for MOLST and highway safety to be given on 8/21 in Olean.</p> <p>8/7/08 Amy Major – request for outline of requirements for Capnography, which I had emailed in June</p> <p>8/7/08 Email from Amy Major reminder for PAD documentation for Charlotte Crawford</p> <p>8/7/08 Email from C. Crawford – NYSARH Workshop – Disaster and Self-Help for Health Care Professionals Wed, Sept. 10, 2008 Corning Radisson 1-5 pm</p> <p>8/7/08 Email from John Adolph requesting the requirements for Capnography in 2009 – responded that is should be on website</p> <p>8/8/08 Letter of support written for CUBRC for a CON to obtain a certificate for ALS-FR.</p> <p>7/17/08 J. Myers - Base Station Course was conducted.</p> <p>8/1/08 From E. Wronski regarding dosages to be administered with recently distributed Atropine. Explanation concerning dosing patients to the point of secretions drying up, rather than 2 doses only.</p> <p>8/13/08 ECDOH alert regarding immunizations required for school entry</p> <p>8/14/08 Email from Sandy Scott re EMS Council meeting for August 2008</p>	

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	<p>8/15/08 Email from Sandy Scott re Announcement for Stroke seminar</p> <p>8/19/08 Email from Sandy Scott re ITLS courses November 8 & 9, 2008 8-5 pm Genesee Co. Fire Training Center December 6 & 7, 2008 8-5 pm Genesee Co. Fire Training Center</p> <p>8/19/08 Email from Sandy Scott re problems with FERNOPROFLEXX Model 35 –X stretch notice 8/11/08</p> <p>8/21/08 Email Jeff Myers requesting clarification on what has to be submitted to have change request in protocols. WREMACS new approval at next SEMAC meeting. Changes put in by Chimiuto</p> <p>8/21/08 Email Sandy Scott – MOLST Seminar, Nov. 10, 2008 to be held at Millenium Hotel 8-4:30</p> <p>8/21/08 Email from Charlotte Crawford “A Weekend with Bob Page” EMS Workshop October 24-26, 2008 Finger Lakes Comm. College</p> <p>8/22/08 Email from Dr. Patel Olean Area EMS meeting minutes</p> <p>8/22/08 Email from Andrew Johnson re NY City Protocol for cyanide exposure – draft for discussion at SEMAC Email from Andrew Johnson re PALS Course – St. Mary’s Hospital October 23, 2008 8-4 pm (room 249)</p> <p>8/28/08 Email from Valerie Osgda – minutes from May SEMAC meeting will be coming.</p> <p>8/29/08 DOH concerning Infection Control course for providers, with content revisions.</p> <p>9/2/08 Email from Sandy Scott – Red Cross discussion re: ISATSSM training at Wolcottsville FD 9/27/08 Email from Amy Major with WEREMS Minutes from July 2008 Email from Erie County Health Department re Health advisory #224 – recommendations for flu immunization 2008 Email from Jeff Myers correspondence to A. Johnson re Prehospital Hypothermia & CPAP</p> <p>9/4/08 DOH notification to Evans Center VFC that their re-certification application has not been received. The agency is in violation. A Statement of Deficiency was enclosed.</p> <p>9/5/08 Email from John Adolf – MMRS Mental Health subcommittee meeting 9/12/08 at 9 AM @ EC Fire Training Center S. Wander inquiry as to whether there is a course / inservice to teach new AEMTs our WREMAC protocols. If not an existing course, should we develop one? D. Jehle to J. Takats – a photo of a cooler used in N. Carolina for hypothermia.</p>	
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	9/8/08 9/12/08	E-Mail from A. Major regarding Mercy Flight's Open House on September 20 th . A. Johnson regarding Lifepack CR+ AED recalled due to the voice prompt. It requests responder to press the shock button, which is not visible. Must notify manufacturer or find the cover and remove it from the shock button.	
SEMAC/SEMSCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cooley reviewed the SEMAC notes that had been distributed. • The process for vetting new members to the State Council now includes State Police background checks as well as fingerprinting. • S. Wander reviewed the SEMSCO notes. Both are attached. • New, user friendly website for NYS DOH is: www.nyhealth.gov • Vital Signs Conference coming October 3, 4 & 5th in Buffalo. We have two winners from our region. Doug Baker (Mercy Flight): Leadership Award and Dan Parr (Trans Am): ALS Provider of the Year. Congratulations to our winners and nominees! 		
WREMAC CHAIR REPORT	N/R		
NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	N/R		
PREHOSPITAL COMMITTEE G. GILL	Hope to organize and conduct a meeting before the November WREMAC meeting.		
DISASTER COMMITTEE J. TEUSCHER	N/R		
ALS PROTOCOL S.LAKOMY / J.MYERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All were approved at the SEMSCO with the exception of the Hypothermia protocol, which they are requiring more information and details on. 2. One specific item that will need to be addressed is how to roll out the new protocols. After much discussion, it was decided that the on-line rollouts have worked the best in the past, and should be continued. 3. Motion 4. Transport protocols need to be re-visited. Need to update the provider's familiarity with other devices that patients may have. Meds on the list need to be updated. Any suggestions please e-mail Amy at major1010@gmail.com and she will forward to Dr. Teuscher. 	MOTION 08-25	
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT R. MARTIN/M.KENYON/C.COOLEY	Plans to meet before the next WREMAC meeting in November.		
EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE C.COOLEY/M.KENYON	Met prior to the WREMAC meeting. Will draft a regional Waveform Capnography policy. Continued to review the current drug formulary. Also reviewed ALS equipment and what should be included and carried on ambulances.		

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<p>AD HOC – SSI J.TEUSCHER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Teuscher distributed the state’s education sheet for SSI. Recommends putting it into our protocol form, and putting it on line as an additional reference, to be used for training. • Also include not being able to communicate with the patient. Remove “do not immobilize” from the bottom as well. Make the focus on major trauma and high-risk patients. • Much discussion continued as to who is responsible for the credentialing of agencies. C. McCloud suggested writing a letter to E. Wronski asking about the expectations for credentialing. • Question was raised as to whether or not the WREMAC wants to know if training has been done for SSI. We do need to be assured that there is quality care being done. Suggested that the Program Agencies as well as the WREMAC’s QI Committee and Regional Councils keep track as a QI project. 	
<p>AD HOC 12 LEAD PROGRAM J.TEUSCHER / J.TAKATS</p>	<p>Nothing new to report. Several agencies have yet to turn in their report. FDNY has several contracts signed between specific hospitals and individual agencies for STEMI / PCI Centers. Question was asked as to how the State feels regarding this? Discussion continued.</p>	
<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>	<p>With the new policy developed by the SEMAC for Waveform Capnography, what will the WREMAC’s policy be? Discussion that we will adopt the state’s final language, with provisions. MOTION An advisory should be sent out to all agencies, notifying them of the policy. Enforcement will be done on a regional level, rather than on a state level as previously believed. We must develop the plan for what kind of specific penalties or sanctions will be incurred for non-compliance.</p>	<p>MOTION 08-26</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jones Memorial request to consider changing WREMAC policy to allow PA’s to provide Medical Direction. PA’s need to take the Base Station Course in order to provide medical directions. After much discussion, it was decided that Dr. Myers would research the current policy and other outlets, and give an update at the next meeting. Tabled until then. 2. Nominating Committee nominates the following WREMAC members: Chairman: Dr. Cooley and Dr. Takats Vice Chairman: Dr. Myers and Dr. Takats Secretary: None Nominations closed – MOTION Elections will be held at the November 17th meeting of the WREMAC 	<p>MOTION 08-27</p>
<p>ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PAD agency – Sewer District #1 2. Discussion to re-visit the EMD protocol. Drs. Cooley and Myers will undertake that, along with J. Adolf. 3. Further discussion regarding the credentialing of agencies. It was suggested to 	<p>3. MOTION 08-28</p>

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	<p>appoint some individuals to see what the region requires for credentialing, what the WREMAC's jurisdiction is. The QI book would be a recommended starting point. S. Wander will develop a WREMAC sub-committee to undertake this.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>4. Question as to whether the WREMAC will continue to meet at the Training Academy? Dr. Takats answered yes, but that should consider also meeting once a year in each of the other regions (Big Lakes and Southwest).</p> <p>5. W. Reisner requested to be added to the WREMAC mailing list.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 3:00, WITH EQUIPMENT MEETING PRECEEDING AT 2:00 AT THE ERIE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY, 3359 BROADWAY, CHEEKTOWAGA</p> <p><u>*****ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.*****</u></p> <p><u>PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.</u></p>	<p>MOTION 08-29</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph R. Takats,
 WREMAC Chairman