

**Western Regional Emergency Medical System, Inc.**

**Medical Advisory Committee**

**Minutes – September 28, 2005**

The WREMAC met Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 3:pm in the Chef's Restaurant, Buffalo, N.Y. In the absence of Chairman J. Takats, R. Crist – COO, WREMS, conducted the meeting.

**Attendance:** See enclosure

The first item of business was the approval of the June 15, 2005 minutes. J. Tuescher made a motion to approve with a second from M. Kenyon. Minutes approved.

**WREMS Report: C. Czamara – CEO**

- Staff will once again be conducting EMS Officer Workshops in each of the eight counties of WNY. Erie Counties is scheduled for November 15, 2005 at the WREMS office.

**Correspondence: R. Crist**

- 8/17/05 letter from J. Blum outlining an agreement between WCA Hospital and Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital for the transfer of stroke patients. WCA Hospital will transfer stroke patients as of 4/29/05.
- 8/17/05 copy of letter from E. Davis, Monroe-Livingston to S. Lopez regarding LeRoy Ambulance service operating under the MLREMS protocols. Chair will send a follow up letter to Leroy.
- 8/18/05 letter from Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital announcing their designation as a Stroke Center.
- 9/2/05 letter from Ellicott Creek Fire Department approving the change in medical directors from M. Ferguson to J. Borton.
- 9/8/05 letter from WCA Hospital stating effective September 12, 2005, WCA Hospital's designation as an Area Trauma Center is suspended.

**SEMAC/SEMSCO Report:**

- An overview on both meetings was presented. Note enclosure.

**Nurse Advisory Committee:**

- The committee met recently at Jones Memorial in Wellsville. Meeting dates and locations have been selected for the remainder of 2005 and into 2006.
- The group heard a presentation on organ donation after cardiac death.
- The next meeting will be November 1, 2005 at the Buffalo VA.

**Prehospital Advisory Care Committee:**

- The group met earlier this date. The problem of attendance continues. The chair will be contacting each county EMS Coordinator to encourage attendance of representatives.

**Sub-committee Reports:**

**Disaster Committee:** J. Teuscher

- There will be a drill using the postal services Bio Detection System October 17, 2005 in Angola.

**ALS Protocol:**

- The 2005 8<sup>th</sup> Edition was approved by the SEMAC and SEMSCO with a few changes. Note enclosure.

**QI Committee:** R. Martin No report

**Equipment Committee:** J. Borton No report

**Research and Education Committee:** J. Borton

- PEPP vs PALS It is the consensus of the WREMAC that there are significant areas lacking in the PEPP course. The WREMAC Policy # 2000-1 will not be changed. The committee determined that PEPP lacks many ALS features.

**Ad Hoc Specialty Care Committee:** J. Teuscher No report

**Ad Hoc Selective Spinal Immobilization Committee:** J. Teuscher No report

**Ad Hoc 12 Lead Program Committee:** J. Teuscher

- J. Teuscher made a motion to develop and distribute a WREMAC policy by January 1, 2006 stating the following;
  - All patients with possible cardiac chest pain will need the capability for a 12 lead ECG to be performed within 30 minutes of the initiation of the 911 call. This may occur by direct contact with an ALS provider, mutual aid arrangements or transport of the patient to a hospital with-in the 30 minute time frame. The results of the ECG should then be phoned in to the expected destination hospital. The same respective hospital will then give direction as to treatment or redirect transport of the patient to another

facility, as deemed appropriate per the medical control physician. An implementation date will be discussed at the next WREMAC meeting. There was a second by M. Kenyan. Motion was approved with one opposed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- EMT-I Cardiac Bridge Course – J. Teuscher proposes a 20 hour course with increased clinical time. A detail of the curriculum will be provide to the SEMAC.
- WREMAC Bylaws – note enclosure of recommended changes. Each REMSCO will be voting on these changes.

**New Business:**

- There was a question regarding Basic EMTs performing D-sticks. This is a procedure that is not taught in the Basic EMT curriculum and cannot be performed by the Basic EMT.
- G. Young mentioned atropen auto injectors will soon be distributed to all agencies
- Clayton York from Zoll Medical Group gave a brief demonstration of their 12 Lead monitors.

Motion to adjourn by R. Elman at 4:30pm.

The next WREMAC meeting will be November 16, 2005 starting at 3:pm at Chef's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Takats DO  
WREMAC Chairman