

Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC)

Meeting Minutes 7/18/11

Clinton County 911 Building, Plattsburgh, NY

The meeting was called to order by REMAC Chair Dr. John Broderick at 12:05pm

Previous meeting minutes were presented. Dr. Pond moved to approve the minutes. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion Carried.

A REMSCO report was given by Patty Bashaw and Travis Howe.

A SEMAC report was given by Storm Treanor and Dr. Broderick.

- The Department of Health will move up the deadline for award nomination in 2012 to accommodate submissions on the national level

A Northeastern New York Educational Corporation report was given by Gary Scidmore. Gary reported that although finances are better it is still a challenge to remain solvent. He also reported that several Fall time courses are awaiting approval from DOH.

Agency Advanced Life Support (ALS) Applications were considered by the REMAC.

Chazy Fire – It was noted that Chazy Fire needs to submit a duty schedule and explain how they cover volunteer shifts. Dr. Ventre advised that he will work with Chazy on this. Dr. Broderick moved to approve a conditional two year ALS certification for Chazy. Their certificate will be released only if they provide a schedule by September 30, 2011. Second by Dr. Ventre. Motion carried.

Lake Placid Ambulance – Lake Placid's Medical Director Dr. Pond, stated that he has no issues with Lake Placid. It was also noted that they utilize paid staffing 24/7. Dr. Pond moved to grant Lake Placid a two year ALS certification. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion Carried.

Stony Creek – Travis Howe stated that Stony Creek has a full ALS covered schedule and Dr. Girling is in favor of renewal. Travis also stated that Warren County provided call statistics for Stony Creek that support their case. Dr. Broderick moved to grant Stony Creek a two year ALS certification. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

Rouses Point – It was noted that Rouses point needs to submit a duty schedule and explain how they guarantee coverage. Travis noted that Clinton County provided call stats for Rouses Point and that they have dropped very few calls. Dr. Broderick moved to approve a conditional two year ALS certification. Their certificate will be released only if they provide a schedule by September 30, 2011. Second by Dr. Ventre. Motion carried.

Dannemora – Dannemora also lacked a schedule. Dr. Broderick moved to approve a conditional two year ALS certification. Their certificate will be released only if they provide a schedule by September 30, 2011. Second by Dr. Ventre. Motion carried.

Minerva – Dr. Desiderio stated that both he and Travis have visited Minerva recently and he is happy with their progress and response rate which is above 90% according to Warren County. He also stated that they have a good duty schedule. Dr. Desiderio moved to approve Minerva for a two year certification. Seconded by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

Keene Valley – Dr. Pond stated that he has no issues with Keene Valley. Bruce Barry mentioned a lack of QA/QI participation and Patty Bashaw confirmed that they have had no dropped calls this year. Dr. pond agreed to discuss QA/QI with the agency and made a motion to renew their certification for two years. Seconded by Storm Treanor. None opposed and carried.

Morrisonville – Dr. beach stated that he has had no issues with Morrisonville and made a motion to extend their certification for two years. Seconded by Storm Treanor. None opposed and carried.

Ticonderoga – Dr. Desiderio stated that the agency recently changed Captains do to a member leaving town. Dr. Desiderio then requested a three month extension to give the new Captain time to fill out the application. Seconded by Dr. Demuro. None opposed and carried.

Discussion ensued about the timely submission of applications by agencies. Travis Howe commented that they were struggling to get application processed in time for the REMAC meetings do to late submissions. Dr. Broderick made a motion to make the submission deadline the first business day of the month of the meeting and late applicants will be forced to pay a late fee of \$250.00. Seconded by Dr. Ventre. None opposed. Motion carried.

A PAD Study report was given by Travis Howe. Not a lot of data was available for the study and results were limited.

A protocol update was given. The committee continue to work with REMO and AAREMS on the project. Bruce Barry has looked into a protocol app for iPhones and Droids.

A CON report was given by Mary Jane Connors and Travis Howe. The CON committee has been busy with the processing and review of several applications. The following applications are currently under review:

- 1) Elizabethtown Community Hospital – applying for CON for footprint of hospital.
- 2) Cambridge Valley Rescue – Transfer from Payne Ambulance.
- 3) Bolton EMS – Transfer from Bolton Fire.
- 4) Glens Falls Fire Department – Currently hold MUNI CON and is applying for permanent.
- 5) Malone EMS – Transfer from Malone Call Firemen.

Physician DEA numbers were discussed briefly. Dr. Broderick has been researching the need for physicians to have separate numbers just for their EMS Medical Director duties.

Dr. Broderick presented materials on the medication Angiomax which could be used by EMPIRE Ambulance on STEMI patients being transferred from Saratoga Hospital to St. Peters Hospital in Albany. Dr. Broderick presented a motion after a brief discussion to approve Angiomax for these transports. Seconded by Dr. Ventre. None opposed. Motion carried.

A new annual CME and skills sheet was presented to the REMAC by Travis Howe. Motion to approved presented by Bruce Barry. Seconded by Storm Treanor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The need for better Medical Director information sharing on provider disciplinary actions was discussed.

Dr. Demuro announced that he is seeking approval to be Lamoille's Medical Director until October. Lamoille was dropped by Dr. Desiderio. Motion by Dr. Broderick to approve this change. Seconded by Dr. Ventre. None opposed. Motion carried.

NYS DOH enforcements were read.

Dr. Broderick expressed congratulatory remarks to Dr. Beach and Morrisonville EMS on winning Agency of the year at both the regional and State level.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Demuro. Seconded by Dr. Desiderio. None opposed Carried.