

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee of the Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council

Meeting Minutes

4-25-11

**Members in attendance:**

Bruce Barry, Dr. Mike Pond, Patricia Wolf, Dr. Doug Girling, Dr. Robert Desiderio, Dr. Paul Vinsel, Dr. John Broderick, Kevin White, Patty Bashaw, Dr. William Viscardo, Storm Treanor,

**DOH Representatives Present:**

Mary Ramo, Joe Farrell

**Staff Present:**

Travis Howe, JP Jones

**Guests:**

Charles Robertson, Julie Hartung,

REMAC Chair Dr. John Broderick was in attendance by phone so the meeting was called to order by Travis Howe at 12:15pm.

Previous minutes were presented. Dr. Paul Vinsel moved to approve the minutes as distributed by staff. Seconded by Dr. Doug Girling. Carried.

SEMAC Report – Nothing to report because of a lack of meetings.

**Ed Corp. Report:** Travis Howe gave a brief report.

**Advanced Life Support Operating Authority Renewal Applications:**

Fort Ann – Fort Ann was extended at the last meeting due to the lack of an adequate staffing and response plan. A lengthy discussion ensued about Fort Ann's response rates, staffing etc. Dr. Robert Desiderio explained that he and Travis Howe met with Fort Ann about the issues and that he is comfortable with giving them a two year certification because they are actively working to fix their problems. More discussion ensued and Dr. Desiderio made it clear that he feels that he as the medical director should have the final say.

Dr. Desiderio moved to approve a two year certification for Fort Ann. Seconded by Kevin White. Opposed by Dr. John Broderick. More discussion ensued and it was agreed upon that Dr. Desiderio will report back to the REMAC in six months about how Fort Ann is progressing if they are approved for two years.

Roll call vote for previous motion:

Dr. Charles Gibbs: Yes

Dr. William Viscardo: Yes

Dr. Robert Desiderio: Yes

Dr. Doug Girling: Yes

Dr. Paul Vinsel: Yes

Dr. John Broderick: No

Dr. Mike Pond: No

Motion carried.

Saranac Lake Rescue - Dr. William Viscardo stated that the agency is doing well with new employees and scheduling. He reports that the agency has established schedules and is providing incentives to volunteers for their response to calls.

Guest Julie Hartung brought the agency's latest schedules to the meeting and offered to show the REMAC.

Bruce Barry mentioned that the agency is doing much better after the hiring of staff etc. They are also actively participating in QA/QI.

A discussion ensued about Saranac Lake's dispatching. Dr. Mike Pond asked if there was a plan in place to move to 911 for all calls. Saranac Lake representatives and Dr. Viscardo state that most calls are now going through 911 and there will be an effort to educate people in the district on using 911.

Dr. William Viscardo moved to approve Saranac Lake Rescue for a two year certification. Roll call vote:

Dr. Broderick: Yes

Dr. Pond: Yes

Dr. Gibbs: Yes

Dr. Viscardo: Yes

Dr. Vinsel: Yes

Dr. Desiderio: Yes

Dr. Girling: Yes

North Warren EMS – Dr. Broderick stated that North Warren is doing well. They have provided proof of scheduling and an adequate staffing and response plan. Dr. Broderick moved to approve a two year certification. Seconded by Dr. Girling. Carried.

Rouses Point – Rouses Point's medical director (Dr. Joe Ventre) was not present. Storm Treanor moved to extend Rouses Point to the July 2011 so Dr. Ventre can comment and make a recommendation. Seconded by Dr. Girling. Carried.

Dannemora – Dannemora's medical director (Dr. Joe Ventre) was not present. Storm Treanor moved to extend Dannemora to the July 2011 so Dr. Ventre can comment and make a recommendation. Seconded by Dr. Girling. Carried.

Ausable Forks – Ausable Forks was extended at the last meeting. It was reported that the agency has since provided adequate proof of scheduling. Dr. Vinsel moved to approve them for a two year certification. Seconded by Kevin White. Carried.

**Old business :**

A QA/QI study update was given by Travis Howe. It was reported that the PAD study is going well. Approximately twenty incidents have been reported. Out of those a shock was delivered to the patient with an AED twice.

Dr. Broderick reported that the protocols were approved at the State level but some minor changes were made. Travis will be sending the formulary to agencies so they can be prepared to move forward with a July protocol rollout. Several members asked that it be made clear to agencies that Fentanyl requires medical director permission and that RSI medication should not be purchased.

**New business:**

Dr. Girling asked fellow members if the REMAC should require ALS providers to hold current ACLS and PALS cards. Discussion ensued and it was decided that no action should be taken at this time.

Dr. Broderick brought narcotics up for discussion. Should the REMAC require ALS agencies to carry narcotics? Some members commented on how some agencies are putting a strain on other agencies by having to request intercepts for narcotics all of the time. It was decided that no action should be taken right away and that the REMAC will revisit the topic after the implementation of the new protocols.

It was noted by Patty Bashaw that due to a loss of power in the meeting area that the meeting is not being videotaped.

The regional QA/QI study for 2011-2012 was discussed. Storm Treanor moved to

It was noted that there were some recalls on King Airways. The information was included in the meeting packet and was sent to all agencies by staff.

Dr. Broderick mentioned that Travis Howe is looking for speakers for the 2011 EMS Conference that will be held in Lake Placid.

Dr. Viscardo moved to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_. Seconded by Dr. Vinsel. Carried.

Minutes completed by Travis Howe