

Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Medical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for:

January, 24, 2011

Morrisonville EMS Station, Morrisonville NY

Meeting was called to order by Dr. John Broderick at 12:03pm

Roll Call-

Members present- Patty Bashaw, Dr. Jon Beach, Dr. John Broderick, Pat Johnston, Dr. Robert Desiderio, Dr. Charles Gibbs, Dr. Doug Girling, Bruce Mason, Dr. Mike Pond, Bruce Buzz Sawyer, Gary Scidmore, Storm Treanor, Dr. Giuseppe Ventre, Dr. William Viscardo, Kevin White, Dr. Paul Vinsel, Bruce Bary, Mary Jane Connors,

NYS DOH Representatives present – Joe Farrell and Mary Ramo

Staff Present – Travis Howe

Guests present – Dr. Michael Dailey

Previous meeting minutes were presented by Dr. Broderick. Motion to accept the minutes made by Dr. Ventre. Second made by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

REMSCO Report- The following was reported by Patty Bashaw:

- The Education Corporation will be moving from our current location to cash flow problems. They will continue to operate and the board is working on the critical functions.

SEMAC Report- No report was given because there was no meeting. To save money the State will only have three meetings in 2011.

Agency ALS certification renewals –

EMPIRE Ambulance – Dr. Broderick stated that EMPIRE has 24/7 coverage and mostly do transports. He stated that there are no concerns. Motion to renew for two years by Buzz Sawyer. Second by Dr. Ventre. Motion carried.

Cambridge Valley- Dr. Vinsel reported that he has no concerns and that the agency did present an adequate schedule and staffing plan. Motion to renew for two years by Dr. Vinsel. Second by Kevin White. Motion carried.

Saranac – Dr. Beach stated that he has no issues with Saranac. Motion to approve for two years after they provide an adequate staffing schedule by Dr. Broderick. Second by Storm Treanor. Motion carried.

Fort Ann – Dr. Desiderio stated that he has no issues with Fort Ann. A schedule has been requested from them. Motion to renew for two years after they provide an adequate staffing schedule by Dr. Desiderio. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

The ALS renewal portion of the meeting was put on hold for 30-45 minutes to allow Dr. Michael Dailey from REMO to discuss new protocols. He outlined the highlights and recent changes and explained that the protocols are a joint effort between Mountain Lakes, AAREMS and REMO. After the discussion a committee was formed to finish the process in hopes of submitting the protocols to NYS for approval in late March.

Motion to move forward with the protocols by Dr. Beach. Second by Buzz Sawyer.

Salem Rescue- Dr. Desiderio stated that he has no issues with Salem. Motion to renew for two years after they provide an adequate staffing schedule by Dr. Desiderio. Second by Kevin White. Motion carried.

Lyon Mountain – Dr. Ventre stated that he has no issues. Motion made by Dr. Ventre to renew for two years after they provide an adequate staffing schedule. Second by Storm Treanor. Motion carried.

Peru- Dr. Ventre reported no issues. They have provided an adequate staffing plan and schedule. Motion to renew for two years by Dr. Ventre. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

Payne – Dr. Girling reported no issues. Payne is a commercial agency doing transports. Motion to approve for two years by Dr. Girling. Second by Dr. Ventre. Motion carried.

North Country Life Flight – Dr. Gibbs report no issues. Motion to renew for two years by Dr. Gibbs. Second by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

Westport- Pat Johnston (for Dr. Demuro) and Patty Bashaw reported that Westport has submitted an adequate staffing plan and schedule. Motion by Pat Johnston to renew for two years. Second by Buzz Sawyer. Motion carried.

Essex- Patty Bashaw reported no issues with Essex. They did submit expired NYS operating certificate and proof of insurance but the office staff has since acquired updated ones. They need a schedule. Motion to renew for two years after they submit an adequate staffing plan and schedule made by Pat Johnston. Second by Buzz Sawyer. Motion carried.

Willsboro – Patty Bashaw reported no issues. They need a schedule. Motion to renew for two years after they submit an adequate staffing plan and schedule made by Pat Johnston. Second by Buzz Sawyer. Motion carried.

Ausable- Pat Johnston reported that Ausable has paid staff during the hours of 0600 and 1800. At night they rely on volunteers. Ausable has not submitted an adequate staffing plan and schedule for the hours of 1800 to 0600. There was discussion that Ausable refuses to submit a schedule to the REMAC. Motion by Buzz Sawyer to extend Ausable for three months and to advise them that they must submit an adequate staffing plan and schedule for 1800-0600. Second made by Dr. Beach. Motion carried.

Old business –

- Dr. Broderick reported that he sent letters to the County DA's in reference to the Jack Shea Law to explain the REMAC's position and to open dialogue. He has not heard back.
- Dr. Broderick reported that we must rescind and reissue operating certificates for those agencies that we moved to the Paramedic level for training cost purposes. In order to certify an agency at the Paramedic level they must have a Paramedic on their roster.
- There were discussions about approving the King Airway for use in the field. This will be taken care of because the new protocols won't specify a specific brand. It will simply say "Supraglottic". Agencies will have a choice.
- The BLS Narcan project will be moving forward now that the Narcan shortage seems to be getting better.

New business-

- Dr. Rob Demuro submitted his CV for consideration of a REMAC seat. Dr. Demuro is out of Elizabethtown Community Hospital and will be replacing Dr. Davis who has left the area. Dr. Demuro meets the criteria and a motion to accept him was made by Dr. Beach. Second made by Storm Treanor. Motion carried.
- Randy Rowe from FACT submitted a request to be an alternate on the REMAC to Dr. Ray Keller. It was decided that Mr. Rowe needed to submit a CV prior to a decision being made.
- Meeting attendance was discussed and it was decided that the office staff will put meeting attendance figures on the sign in sheet for each meeting.
- A proposed advisory on squads acquiring new equipment, medicine etc was presented. The advisory would detail a policy that states agencies must submit a written request to the REMAC if they wish to add any new technology that is not on the region's formulary. Agency may only carry medicines that are approved and in the formulary.
- Dr. Broderick stated that Travis Howe was working on a survey to see how many ALS agencies were not carrying CPAP and which ones do not have the capability to perform IO's on adult patients. It was discussed and it was decided that all ALS agencies in the region should be required to have CPAP and adult IO capabilities. A motion was made by Dr. Beach to require ALS agencies to have adult IO and CPAP capabilities by March 1, 2012. Second by Patty Bashaw. Motion carried.
- Annual ALS CME and Skills verification forms were discussed. It was decided that the supplemental form will be discontinued.

Informational topics-

- DOH Enforcements were acknowledged
- Dr. Ventre advised that he attended some medical director training in Florida recently.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Buzz Sawyer. Second by Kevin White. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Travis Howe