

Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council

Meeting Minutes for:

January 24, 2011

Morrisonville EMS Station, Morrisonville NY

Meeting was called to order by Patty Bashaw at 6:01pm.

Roll Call:

Members present – Bruce Bary, Patty Bashaw, Doctor John Broderick, Mary Jane Connors, Micki Guy, Scott Harwood, Ronald Jackson, Brian Langdon, Bruce Mason, Chris Norton, Gary Scidmore, Gregg Trask, Storm Treanor, Tammy Trombley, Kevin White,

DOH Representatives present- Mary Ramo, Joe Farrell

Staff Present – Travis Howe

Previous meeting minutes were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Storm Treanor, second by Micki Guy. Motion carried.

REMAC Report- Report was given by Doctor John Broderick. He talked about the following:

- ALS Renewals have been hit or miss. REMAC is looking at dropped calls and staffing plans.
- New protocols are being worked on and will be sent for State approval soon. These will be joint protocols with AAREMS and REMO. A committee was formed to finish the process.
- New REMAC advisories have been passed. One is a policy for squads to follow when obtaining new medicine or technology. The other two will require ALS squads to have the ability to administer Intraosseous Infusion and CPAP by March 2012.
- BLS Intranasal Narcan is becoming a reality. This will be rolled out soon.
- Dr. Rob Demuro from Elizabethtown Community Hospital was approved to sit on the REMAC. He will replace Dr. Davis.
- REMAC member attendance will be watched closely.
- The REMAC decided to stop using the “supplemental form” for annual ALS tech re-credentialing.
- The REMAC will remind ALS squads that when providers draw blood in the field they must label the tubes properly with date, patient name and ALS tech name/ID.
- ALS internships are supposed to be one year only. This will be strictly enforced.

SEMSCO Report – No report was given because there was no meeting.

Executive Directors Report – Travis referenced his report that was sent to members prior to the meeting. Overall things are going well since October.

Education Corporation Report- Report was given by Scott Harwood. The following was reported:

- The Education Corporation will be leaving the shared office space in Queensbury.
- Cash flow problems continue due to low class attendance numbers etc.
- Unable to hire anyone right now due to cash flow.
- Will be moving to some space in a Queensbury firehouse.
- The board officers are to take care of the critical functions.

Kevin White- Has the Council been taken off of the Education Corporation's Line of Credit at the bank?

Scott Harwood – Yes. The Line of credit has been dissolved.

Scott asked for Council support for North Country Community College's application for course sponsorship. Motion for support was made by Dr. John Broderick. Second by Micki Guy. Motion carried.

Finance Report- Travis Howe reported the following:

- Finances are in OK shape.
- Quarterly vouchers were sent to NYS DOH on January 7th and it should take about 4-6 weeks to receive payment
- Vanessa has been in every Thursday and things are going well in the office.

Certificate of Need Committee report- Mary Jane Connors and Travis Howe reported the following:

- Elizabethtown Community Hospital is working to complete their application. There were many things that needed to be fixed. Questions of need have arisen.
- Glens Falls Fire Department will be applying for a CON soon. This will be an attempt to replace their expiring Municipal CON.
- The Committee has taken a lot of inquiries from all over the region and expects heavy CON activity to continue.

Old Business-

- Patty reported that Guy Goodell's separation agreement was handled back in the fall.

New business-

- An application for Electronic PCR use from Lamoille Ambulance was presented. Dr. John Broderick raised concerns about whether the region is doing enough to ensure that there is access to data and that agencies are being held to the policy that they provide data to the office when needed. Travis Howe advised that he will continue to work on gaining access from all agencies and vendors. Dr. Broderick also pointed out that the E-PCR applications are supposed to be presented to the REMAC for approval as well.
Motion to approve the application was made by Gregg Trask. Second by Ron Jackson. Dr. Broderick was opposed. Motion carried.

Informational topics –

- NYS DOH enforcements were presented
- There is a new NYS policy on drawing blood for law enforcement. Dr. Broderick has been reaching out to the NYSP and County DA's in an attempt to discuss the issue and explain the REMAC's position.
- Several agencies in Essex, Franklin and Clinton Counties provided mutual aid to FDNY recently. After a large snow storm their system was taxed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Bary. Second was made by Micki Guy. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Travis Howe