
North Country REMAC

Meeting Minutes

< June 2, 2004 6:30 PM >

< Guilfoyle, Watertown, NY >

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM. by Dr. Cattelane.

ATTENDANCE: (x) Craig Ballard, (x) Charlie Brenon III, (x) Jerry Cattelane, DO, Chair,
() Jim Deavers, () Dominic Doldo, (x) Debra Fults-Jones, (x) Jeff Gregory, () Dr. Rosemarie Heisse,
(x) Dr. Lundborg-Grey, MD, () Dr. Lunney, (x) Steve Monnat, (x) Jill Schlomer, (x) DR. Brian Shambo,
(x) Dave Sherman, (x) James David Smith, () Cabot Stone, () Todd Strom, (x) Mark Tuttle, () Dr. Richard Withington.

ABSENT: () Craig Ballard, () Charlie Brenon III, () Jerry Cattelane, DO, Chair,
(x) Jim Deavers, () Dominic Doldo, () Debra Fults-Jones, () Jeff Gregory, (x) Dr. Rosemarie Heisse,
() Dr. Lundborg-Grey, MD, (x) Dr. James Lunney, () Steve Monnat, () Jill Schlomer, () Dr. Brian Shambo,
() Dave Sherman, () James David Smith, (x) Cabot Stone, (x) Todd Strom, () Mark Tuttle, (x) Dr. Richard Withington.

EXCUSED: Dominic Doldo

GUESTS: Chris Adams

MINUTES: The minutes of the prior meeting dated February 18, 2004 were read. There was no April meeting to report on. No Changes were noted. Minutes approved.

ENFORCEMENT LIST: David W. Mischler of Amherst, Arnold Anderson of Hilton, Zimodro Sergey of Brooklyn, and Thomas Church of Astoria.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two Medical Director Applications were received. One from Philadelphia Fire Dept. from Dr. Stephen Grabowski, and the second from JCC Paramedic program from Dr. Lundborg-Grey. Both were accepted without reservation.

OLD BUSINESS:

CME: Chris Adams gave a brief report about the CME's. For this semester there were 13 providers who had not been reported on. Of those, one is on agency suspension, one was suspended regionally, one is lacking three hours, and another is an ongoing problem. This leaves nine that had not reported. This list was narrowed even further to show only the four providers listed above as being delinquent. Providers and CME evaluators report that sessions went much smoother this time.

CQI will meet after the full REMAC.

Toradol Screen: The current screened list was mailed out. 115 administrations have been tracked. There were 5 administrations that were reviewed for specific reasons. These have been addressed and letters will be sent to course sponsors to remind providers in class what this is to be used for. Please remember the list is a work in progress that is ever changing.

Intubation study: Much discussion was held on this at the SEMAC. 90-95% intubations are in the trachea, 1% was in the esophagus, and the remaining are in the oral pharynx. There were holes in the study, so this study may be redone with more stringent guidelines.

Please think over the summer about what studies we may want to do next year.

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A meeting was held about hospital diversion and a group networking forum was held, sponsored by the REMSCO, REMAC, and Program Agency. This was attended by members of each, representatives from the area hospitals and the county EMS representatives. John Morrissey was also present. Much was learned and all agreed a future meeting to continue the process and forum would be much appreciated.

NEW BUISNESS:

Discussion was held on REMAC members who have been continuously absent from meetings. Multiple calls have been made to these members. A letter of intent will be sent to those members asking if they wish to remain on REMAC. If anyone knows of a person who would like to be on REMAC, please let the Program Agency know.

Medical Control was discussed. The updated Base Station Medical Control manual was handed out for review. Please review this and return it to the Program Agency by Mid August, so that corrections may be made and a final approval can be made in September.

Policy Statement 2000-1 was changed to include Levitra and Cialis to coincide with the recommendations put forth from CNY EMS. Approved

Mandated Child Abuse Reporting was touched on. When an EMT is "not on duty" they are not a mandated reporter, per the DOH.

Mark discussed the AHA recommendations for a lay rescuer to use an adult defibrillator on pediatric patients, 1-8 years, as a last ditch effort. The DOH recommends and urges departments to purchase/upgrade AED's/Defibrillators to purchase equipment that was pediatric capable. We have already adopted a similar stance.

Policy Statement to be formed allowing AEMT-CC's to perform I.O. access on pediatric patients in Arrest, if I.V. access can not be obtained. Medical Control MUST be contacted when this is done. A medical control order is not needed, and this procedure may only be attempted once. This has been in the state CC curriculum for some times.

ALS Agency Inspections were discussed. The Program Agency will start conducting ALS Inspections of Agencies, to insure compliance with the REMAC requirements. REMAC agrees that inspections should be done.

ALS Fly cars were discussed. It was decided that the minimum equipment list for Fly cars will be what is required in the Portable Equipment list.

NEXT MEETING: September 29, 2004 at 6:30pm. Location: Guilfoyle Ambulance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Dr. Shambo, seconded by Craig Ballard. Meeting concluded at 8:25 PM.

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 6:30pm