

Mountain Lakes Regional Medical Advisory Committee  
January 26, 2009  
Meeting Minutes  
Clinton County Office of Emergency Services

Members Present:, Patty Bashaw, Bruce Sawyer, Chris Norton, Storm Treanor, Dr. Desiderio, Andy Teig (for Dr. Broderick), Dr. Broderick, Dr. Girling, Dr. Hartung, Scott Newton (for Dr. Keller), Dr. Davis, Dr. Pond (via phone), Bruce Barry (for Dr. Pond – via phone), Dr. Viscardo, Dr. Beach.

Guests: Mary Ramo, Joe Farrell, Scott Richards, Bruce Barry and Mary Jane Connors (via phone)

Staff: Guy Goodell and Ted Monsour

Call to Order: Patty Bashaw called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 PM.

Approval of the 10/27/2008 meeting minutes as emailed was made first by Dr. Broderick, second by Dr. Viscardo and carried.

The group was advised of Dr. Whalen's resignation and Dr. Broderick agreed to take the Chair with a motion by Chris Norton, second by Dr. Desiderio and carried.

SEMAC Report: Given by Dr. Broderick with assistance of Mary Ramo and Storm Treanor.

- There is a concern at the SEMAC that doctors should always be the one to give medical orders. In the North Country this would be tough to do when most often there is a PA on the line with the Tek.
- CPAP requirement for intubation has been pushed back to June and it is not mandatory but it is a standard of care. Therefore an agency might be at risk if they do not move to utilizing CPAP.
- Ryan White law revisions were also discussed.

Mt. Lakes Report

- Introductions of new Mt. Lakes staff took place. The Chairperson, Bashaw has been happy with the production of the office to this point and the attitude.
- Deliverables are almost complete and then will be sent to the State.

Ed Corp

- Lot of classes finishing up and grade are starting to come in and they are looking good. Courses are starting up and more will start up in March.
- One of the projects the Ed Corp is working on is CPR Saturday on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Any agency that is willing to do CPR anywhere will receive assistance from the Ed Corp in advertising the event. This comes at the end of EMS Week.
- Clinton Community College has been approved as a course sponsorship.

Old Business

- Inter-facility Transfers – much discussion on this topic. The end result of the discussion was that Mt. Lakes Regional will send out a survey to Emergency Department directors and the agencies that do inter-facility transfers asking them what type of transfers they do and what type of transfers would utilize other drugs and equipment. Members on the committee to review this topic will be Dr. Hartung, Dr. Broderick and Dr. Desiderio.
- e-PCRs – No. Warren has just received approval for e-PCRs. Slowly more and more agencies are using e-PCRs.

- Medical Control for Northern is still with AMC-Saranac Lake. Dr. Lamarre is working on the infrastructure at Alice Hyde
- The enforcement list was read into the minutes.
- The Pediatric Anaphylactic protocols will be placed on the February SEMAC agenda

#### New Business

- ALS Renewals approved:
  - AuSable Forks Vol. Ambulance Service was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Davis, second by Dr. Broderick and carried.
  - Cambridge - was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Girling, second by Buzz Sawyer and carried.
  - Empire was table in the absence of Dr. Whalen.
    - Their transport policy needs work and in the light of the above conversation this will be referred to the committee.
  - Fort Ann was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Girling second by Dr. Broderick and carried.
  - Lyon Mt. was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Hartung second by Chris Norton and carried.
  - Payne was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Girling second by Buzz Sawyer and carried.
  - Peru Fire was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Hartung and second by Dr. Davis and carried.
  - Salem was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Girling second by Dr. Broderick and carried.
  - Saranac was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Hartung second by Dr. Girling and carried.
  - NCLF was approved to continue their ALS status with a motion from Dr. Gibbs second by Dr. Broderick and carried.
  
- It was reinforced that there are no protocols to make a patient hypothermic after spontaneous return of pulse after cardiac arrest.
- Chris Norton brought to the attention of the group that Mark Spiezio has resigned as Washington County EMS Coordinator.
- Dr. Broderick also introduced Andy Teig. Dr. Broderick will have Andy send in a cv to Mt. Lakes for distribution.

A motion was made by Chris Norton and second by Storm Treanor to enter into executive session for the purpose of speaking of EMS personnel. A motion was made to come out of executive session first by Dr. Broderick and second by Chris Norton and carried. There were no action items that came from the executive session.

There was a request for the on-line medical director course to be put back on line.

Spinal Immobilization – it reads in the letter from the State that an agency can not use the spinal immobilization protocols unless the whole agency is trained. Dr. Broderick made the motion to reinforce this statement to the agencies second by Chris Norton and carried.