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9:30 AM

Meeting called by:

Hudson Valley Regional EMS Medical Advisory Committee (HVREMAC)

Type of meeting:

Official

Note taker:

Nelson Machado, Jr., HVREMSCO-Quality Improvement Coordinator

Attendees:

Craig Van Roekens, M.D., Eric Stutt, M.D., Erik Larsen, M.D., Jean Hibbert, M.D., Michael Lippe, M.D., John Sabia, M.D., Anthony Ruvo, M.D., Michael Sama, M.D., Catherine Polera, D.O., Gene Chin, M.D., Nicholas DeRobertis, M.D., Francine Brooks, M.D.

Agenda topics

Review of Minutes	Dr. Van Roekens
PAD Proposals	Dr. Van Roekens
EPI-PEN Proposals	Dr Van Roekens
BLS Albuterol Proposals	Dr. Van Roekens
Service Upgrades	Dr. Van Roekens
Evaluation Sub-Committee Report	Dr. Stutt
Helicopter Committee Report	Dr. Larsen
Quality Improvement Committee Report	N. Machado
New Business	Dr. Van Roekens
Old Business	Dr. Van Roekens
Open Forum	Dr. Van Roekens
Adjournment	Dr. Van Roekens

Observers:

Zubair Zoha, M.D., Jean Walsh, R.N., John Fisher, R.N., David Stuhlmiller, M.D., Ernie Stonick, Jim Hoover, Howard Adams, Kevin Hayes, David Violante, Michael Benenati, Raymond Cordi, Richard K. Parrish, Raphael Caloia, Michael Mastrianni, Jr., John Kloepfer, Oscar A. Marcilla, M.D., Todd McDonough, Edward Horton

Support Staff:

Ray Barishansky, Nelson Machado, Jr., Karen Delaunay



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Moment of Silence A moment of silence was observed as a memorial for those we lost in 9/11 and in hurricane Katrina.

Agenda topics

Review of Minutes

Craig Van Roekens,
M.D.

Discussion:

The minutes from the June 6, 2005 meeting were reviewed by the members present and were approved as written.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

PAD Proposals

Craig Van Roekens,
M.D.

Discussion:

The following PAD applications were accepted and sent to the NYS DOH:

Splashdown Beach 6-15-05, Religious Order of Jehovah's Witnesses 6-23-05, Warwick Valley Country Club 7-6-05, St. George's Pathfinder's of America 7-8-05, Hudson River Cruises 7-8-05, West Nyack Free Library 7-11-05, Pleasant Valley Fire District #1 7-18-05, Pleasant Valley Fire District #2 7-18-05, St. Stanislaus Church 7-18-05, Valley Fitness, Inc. 7-18-05, Ellenville Fire District 8-4-05, Children's Country Day School 8-5-05, Winona Lake Engine Co. #2, Elevations Fitness 9-9-05

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

EPI-PEN Proposals		Craig Van Roekens, M.D.
<p>Discussion: The following Epi-Pen applications were accepted and sent to the NYS DOH: Camp Ralph and Rose Hittman 6-29-05, Lake Carmel Fire Dept. 7-6-05, YMCA Camp Combe 7-26-05, Coldenham Fire District 8-17-05, Rhinecliff Rescue Squad 9-9-05</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
BLS Albuterol Proposals		Craig Van Roekens, M.D.
<p>Discussion: The following Nebulized Albuterol Applications were accepted: Lake Carmel Fire Dept. 7-6-05, Coldenham Fire District 8-17-05, Rhinecliff Rescue Squad 9-9-05</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Service Upgrades		Craig Van Roekens, M.D.
None		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Evaluation Sub-Committee Report

Eric Stutt, M.D.

Discussion:

Dr. Stutt reported that in early June the subcommittee was advised of a case of a paramedic operating in Dutchess County who had issues with transport and lack of knowledge in the area of trauma protocols and issues in medical control oversight. The committee met in late June and the paramedic was advised in early July of the requirements for remediation including a review of the NYS and HVREMS treatment and transport trauma protocols, airway management and ventilation, medical legal and ethical documentation issue. The remediation occurred in July at the HVREMSCO office with Dan Olmoz. The paramedic successfully remediated. The paramedic's PCR's were to be reviewed by the ALS agency, and that too was successfully completed. Dr. Stutt reported that the case is now closed.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Helicopter Committee Report

Eric Larsen, M.D.

Discussion:

Dr. Larsen introduced the new medical director of Stat Flight and LifeNet of New York, Dr. David Stuhlmiller. Dr. Larsen will remain as associate director of Stat Flight and LifeNet- South. Dr. Larsen also introduced John Fischer, the clinical coordinator for Lifenet. There is a Helicopter Committee meeting on September 29, 2005 at 130pm at Westchester.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Quality Improvement Committee Report

Nelson Machado, Jr.

Discussion: No report.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

New Business

Craig Van Roekens, M.D.

Discussion:

Dr. Larsen reports that Dr. David Stuhlmiller will also be the Westchester Medical Center representative to the Hudson Valley REMAC.

Dr. Larsen reported on the adverse conditions that the DMAT team members had to overcome in New Orleans.

There were 7 NYS DOH Enforcement Notifications read into the minutes.

A draft stun gun operational guideline was discussed.

Conclusions: After discussion, the REMAC felt that the draft stun gun guideline would increase an already high demand for emergency resources and create a needless use of those resources. As such, there will be no further

action on this guideline.		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Old Business	Craig Van Roekens, M.D.	
Discussion:		
Dr. Van Roekens reported that the REMAC is in a state of transition, announced the departure of Dan Olmoz, and welcomed Nelson Machado as the new Quality Improvement Coordinator.		
<p><u>Update: Regional ALS Protocols:</u> Nelson Machado requested that pending approval of the pediatric ventricular tachycardia protocol, that the protocols be approved by the REMAC with minor modifications so they may be presented to the SEMAC. Dr. Stutt moved to accept the protocols with minor modifications to be made by the protocol subcommittee. The motion passed.</p>		
<p><u>Update: New Windsor VAC:</u> Ray Barishansky reported that New Windsor VAC (N WVAC) received a letter on June 13, 2005 stating that they must provide an operational plan to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council, provide an operational plan to the Hudson Valley REMAC, and provide a signed affidavit to the NYS DOH signed by their members indicating their commitment to support the Town of New Windsor Volunteer Ambulance Corps' operational plan. Edward G Wronski, the director of the bureau of EMS, has given the N WVAC until February 1, 2006 to return to active operation. Mr. Barishansky reports that as of this date the REMAC has not received anything from N WVAC in writing regarding any operational plan or any proposal that they will continue operating as an ALS provider in this region. Dr. Polera stated that she was approached by N WVAC to be their medical director.</p>		
<p><u>Update: Chevra Hatzoloh of Rockland County ALS Status:</u> Ray Barishansky reported that ALS upgrade application to the paramedic level was first received from Chevra Hatzoloh of Rockland County on March 1, 2005 and copies of the applicable paperwork were forwarded to the ALS upgrade TAG. The members of the TAG were Ray Barishansky, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Van Roekens, Dan Olmoz, and David Violante. An initial review found certain additional information to be necessary. Said information was received on April 19th, 2005. The TAG determined completeness upon re-review and satisfactory compliance with regional requirements for agencies wishing to upgrade to ALS status as outlined in the medical control plan. It was announced that there was a public hearing scheduled on June 16, 2005 at 5:00pm at the Regional Office. As outlined by the regional medical control plan, all agencies authorized to operate by the NYS DOH in that territory were notified prior to the hearing. There was no documentation received prior to the public hearing and only representatives from Chevra Hatzoloh and the REMAC/REMSCO were present at the hearing. The TAG then determined that the application is complete and that Chevra Hatzoloh had fulfilled the requirements of an ambulance service to obtain authorization to provide advanced life support services as outlined by the regional medical control plan. Mr. Barishansky stated that the TAG feels their ready to become an ALS service at the paramedic level and asked the REMAC to bring the matter to a vote. A motion was made to approve the Chevra Hatzoloh upgrade, and passed unanimously. Mr. Barishansky thanked Chevra Hatzoloh for their patients and stated that the NYS DOH would be advised of Chevra Hatzoloh upgrade within the next 24 hours. The Chevra Hatzoloh representative thanked the REMAC and Mr. Barishansky for the assistance they provided throughout the ALS upgrade application.</p>		
<p><u>Specialty Centers (Cardiac, Stroke, etc.):</u> Dr. Van Roekens reports that the REMAC is in receipt of a letter from Ed Wronski from Bureau of EMS advising which hospitals have received stroke center designations including Good Samaritan Hospital and Nyack Hospital in Rockland County, White Plains, Westchester County, Albany Medical Center and Albany Memorial Hospital . There was a discussion about the draft stroke memorandum and patient destination. During the discussion, it was stated that there are various facilities in varying phases of the application process and that as more centers are approved locally, the impact on individual agency operations will be mitigated. The memorandum was reviewed by all members and approved.</p>		

Empire State Ambulance Audit: Dr. Van Roekens reports that two years ago there was an issue with respect to their BCS licensure and a similar event occurred more recently. As a result, the HVREMAC temporarily suspended Empire State Ambulance’s ALS status. Dr. Van Roekens, Dan Olmoz, Ray Barishansky, Katherine O’Conner, and Dr. DeRobertis went to ESA HQ, examined their procedures and documentation, found them to be in compliance with regional policy and reinstated Empire State Ambulance’s ability to operate as an ALS agency in the Hudson Valley Region. Mr. Barishansky thanked Mr. Mastrianni for opening the Empire State Ambulance offices on July 20 for Dan Olmoz, Katherine O’Connor, Dr. Van Roekens, Dr. DeRobertis, and Ray Barishansky. Mr. Barishansky reported that everything was found to be in order and compliant with regional guidelines and that Empire State Ambulance was allowed to return to ALS status. Mr. Barishansky added that the NYS DOH was also advised of Empire State Ambulance ALS status.

BLS Glucometers: A letter was received from the Orange County EMS Council dated August 10, 2005. The letter stated that at the July 26 council meeting the council passed a motion to support the use of glucometers by basic life support in Orange County. The letter cited that the NYS DOH BEMS approved the use of glucometers by BLS with REMAC approval. The Orange County EMS Council stated that “as BLS in Orange County,” they would like to receive training and use glucometers to aid in the assessment of altered mental status patients. The Orange County Council offered additional information from the Albany FD glucometer study prior to the next REMAC meeting date September 12, 2005. Mr. Barishansky responded on behalf of the REMAC with a letter stating that the REMAC is aware of the Bureau of EMS approval for BLS glucometers and the Albany City study. The issue was discussed at the Hudson Valley REMAC’s May 2nd meeting and made the determination not to move forward and that the REMAC made that determination after weighing the use of this adjunct on a scale of need as opposed to a scale of want. Mr. Barishansky advised the Orange County Council that if they wished to have the matter placed on the agenda at the September 12, 2005 REMAC meeting to please have supporting documentation forwarded to the Regional office by September 1st so that the information may be distributed to the REMAC members. No supporting information was received and there were no representatives of the Orange County EMS Council present to further discuss the issue.

<p>Action items: Notify the NYS DOH within 24 hours of the Chevra Hatzoloh upgrade to paramedic level service.</p>	<p>Person responsible: K. DeLaunay</p>	<p>Deadline: Within 24 hours of the meeting.</p>
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Open Forum

Discussion:

Conclusions:

<p>Action items:</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>
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Adjournment

Craig Van Roekens,
M.D.

Discussion:

The next HVREMAC meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2005.

Conclusions:

Attachments:

REMAC Attendance sheet, Meeting Agenda, NYS DOH
Enforcement Notifications

Location:

Original File Only

Source:

Various

Special notes:

Please contact the Regional office by Friday, November 4, 2005 to confirm your attendance at the next meeting.