

**Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
REMAC Meeting Summary
February 6, 2008**

Physician Members	Present	Other Members	Present
Richard A. Bagdonas, M.D.		Tracy Abamont	
Bernard Beckerman, M.D.	E	Kenneth Adams, R.N.	X
Anthony Boutin, M.D.	X	Frank Chester, EMT-CC	E
J. Oreste Bruni, M.D.		Robin Dunn	E
Robert Canter, M.D.		Sean Finnegan, EMT-CC	X
Allen Cherson, D.O.	X	Scott Glazer, EMT-CC	X
Peter Ciminera, M.D.		John J. Hassett, EMT-CC	X
Jorge L. Gardyn, M.D.	X	Ernest Heeren, EMT-CC	
Albert W. Heuser, M.D.	E	Judith Jax, R.N.	E
Neil B. Kirschen, M.D.	X	Joseph Laino, EMT-CC	
Edward Kleiner, M.D.		Steven Lenkofsky, EMT-P	
David S. Kugler, M.D.	X	David Linzer	X
Josh Kugler, M.D.		Paul Napoli, EMT-CC	X
Krishan Kumar, M.D.		Doreen O'Grady, RN	X
John McNelis, M.D.	E	Brian O'Neill, EMT-P	X
Daniel Murphy, M.D.	X	Joseph Pignataro, EMT-P	
John C. Rohe, M.D.	E	Christine Quereshi	
James Ryan, M.D.	X	Barry Rigney, R.N.	X
Mark Safford, M.D.	X	John F. Scalesi Jr., EMT-D	
Joseph Savasta, M.D.	X	Eileen Scanlon	
John Zaso, M.D.	X	Shelly Schechter, R.N.	X
		Gerard Sikorski, EMT-P	E
Guests		Jane Weiss, EMT-CC	
Antonio Napolitano, M.D.	X		

Call To Order

Call to order 2:20 PM by Dr Safford, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve minutes of December 5, 2007, by Dr. Kirschen second by Dr. D. Kugler - carried.

Correspondence

In-coming: NYS DOH BEMS – DVD on the Air Medical Services in NYS
NYS DOH BEMS – 2005 PCR Data Disk

Dr. Colantonio – Complaining about Mercy Hospital care and patient diversion

Steven Weitz, Esq. – Inquiring about REMAC position on needless IV products.

Out-going: All Agencies & Hospital - Protocols changes distributed

REPORTS

Chairman – (MS) – Nothing to report.

SEMAC – (JK) – JH, see attached report.

Q.I. Subcommittee – (BB) – Nothing to report, no meeting.

Protocol Subcommittee – (JR) – see attached minutes. B. O'Neill will see about getting 20 Cyanokits through the Regional Resource Center for positioning at Medical Control.

Credentials Subcommittee – (DK) – held a brief meeting before the REMAC, still working on policies and will bring forward when complete.

Trauma Committee – (JJ) – Not present.

Policy Subcommittee – (NK) – finished reviewing Policies & Procedures and will bring them forward under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Revised Policies – I.A-Intro, B-MedCon/Direction, B-1-Medical Authority At Scene, E-Drug & Exchange List, H-ALS to BLS Transfer, J-Decision Not to Initiate CPR come forward as a 2nd **motion** from the Policy Subcommittee – Passed unanimously.
- Revised Procedure – II.B-Helicopter Guidelines comes forward as a 2nd **motion** from the Policy Subcommittee – Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Letter from Dr. Colantonio – Complaining about Mercy Hospital care and patient diversion was read and Dr. Murphy (MMC ED Director) spoke on the issue and the fact that this doctor had been dropped from hospital staff in December. He indicated that MMC would be reaching out to the agencies that respond to their facility to attend a meeting to discuss the issues that were raised.
- Needleless IV products – the issue was raised that our equipment and exchange list does not address the need to use these types of items. It was decided that the equipment and exchange list would be corrected to indicate the need to use these whenever possible.
- Re-implant diversion – a question was raised about ambulances and helicopters diverting to this facility or that since some facilities have indicated that they are re-implantation centers and in some case the ambulances are bypassing trauma centers. There was lengthy discussion and it was pointed out that the region does not have the authority to grant special designations to hospital, this can only be

done by the State DOH. However we will look into creating a list of specialty services that the various hospitals offer.

- Chairman Safford appointed Dr. John Zaso to the Protocol Subcommittee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm.

******* Next Nassau REMAC Meeting Date *******

Date: Wednesday,
April 2, 2008

Time: 2:15 PM

Location: Auditorium – Nassau University Medical Center