NYS STATE EMS COUNCIL
Meeting – May 15-16, 2012

Chairman
Richard Brandt–Called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February meeting were not discussed or approved.

Staff Report
- Lee Burns – Article 30 changes were dropped, nothing currently on the horizon for changes to Article 30.
  - Utica CON legal decision was rendered against the DOH and REMSCo
  - BEMS is moving from Troy to 875 Central Ave, Albany, NY, e-mail and phones should be unchanged
  - SFS is in effect and reimbursement on a vendor basis and SEMSCo members must be listed as vendors and then payment will be made, but they don’t know when, still trying to figure out system
  - Announcement that REMSCo representative nominees to the SEMSCo must be at least 2 names for the Commissioner to make a selection.
  - Jim Soto transferred to SEMO
  - National Directors conference – NFPA ambulance standard is set to go into effect on 1/1/2013, changes may make cost for new ambulances increase $8,000-20,000. Asked Systems to look at the standard.
    - Discussed medication shortage, we appear to be ahead of most. BNE is expanding controlled substance level to more than just Class III.
  - BLS-FR re-certifying work is almost complete. Looking at CFR level.
  - ACS verification for trauma centers – currently Trauma Centers are looked at using 20+ year old standards (708 Reg); want to use ACS standards to credential/re-credential Trauma Centers. (Linda Tripoli, BEMS trauma rep)
  - State EMS Memorial service on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the plaza.

Medical Standards
- Lewis Marshall –
  - Alternate medications to replace those on short supply, medication list should include what the medication is being used for + for controlled substances dose per kilogram, all others to just list alternate medications and REMAC would set dosages.
Protocol Draft Standards – Pediatric changes were suggested:
- Change dose from range to standard dose (get HO from JK)
- Removed Epi 1:10,000 from all protocols except cardiac
- Fluid bolus only for hypotensive
- Modified pain meds dose, removed diazepam
- Where max total dose, change to max single dose – for narcotics
- Remove naloxone from neonatal resuscitation
- Motion - Children = up to secondary signs of puberty - Passed (AHA guidelines)
- Take out “automatic” for transport ventilators.
- Motion – to approve Pedi Protocol Standards – Passed.
- Question – do we want to add Epi to the new AEMT level (as defined in new National Standard) Motion to include Epi in educational – passed.

Finance
Cheryl Mayer – looking to revamp the Budget Template, want to have a 3-year history in each budget so that they can get a better picture on what is spent on training

Education & Training
- Michael Washington – new training standards, testing starting in December will be based on the new national standards. Instructors will now be known as educators. New standards should be out by August.
- CLI Curriculum was tested and conference call was positive.
- Course sponsors must have vendor ID in order to be reimbursed.
- On-line Paramedic course is not recognized by BEMS.

PIER
- Michael Reid – Awards nominations have not been submitted, except for 1 region, deadline is June 1.

Evaluations
- Robert Delagi – Image Trend product was reviewed and is very promising. About 500k records are in system so far. Each ambulance agency will have access to its own data and regions will have access to region wide data.
- PCR version 6 is still in discussion stage
- Draft of guidelines document for remediation of deficient technicians
- 2008 data disks were turned over to the PA representatives for REMACs

EMS Systems
- Mark Zeek – Columbia County CON, county-wide certificate, they then hire all agencies in region to provide service in areas; the County must do the billing
- Draft Mutual Aid policy was circulated 2nd Motion to approve the policy – Passed
- Utica CON issue was discussed, Appellate Division voted 3/2 to overrule the DOH/SEMSCo/REMSCo decisions, 2nd Motion to recommend that the Commissioner appeal the Appellate Division decision – Passed (22/2)
Safety Tag
- Henry Hoffman – will have a safety survey ready for Vital Signs participants to complete and may use survey monkey to poll the rest of the state
  - Will be monitoring the NFPA ambulance standards, had already submitted input into the patient compartment portions
  - Asking that course sponsors to put more emphasis on scene safety during courses
  - Looking to come up with a safety officers manual

SEMAC
- Demonstration project on EM T-P administering flu vaccine – Lee Burns indicates that the techs possess the skill to administer however there is an issue with regulations Motion: that SEMAC endorse the concept of appropriately trained pre-hospital providers administering flu vaccine – Passed.
  - Intranasal naloxone demonstration project will be starting up – Nassau will be in the program, they just need to send a letter to Andy Johnson
  - Community Para-medicine – Lee Burns has received requests from around the state however Article 30 does not allow for this type of activity; encouraged the body to create a TAG to look at specific questions/issues that can be provide to BEMS so that they go over it with DLA and determine if it will require regulatory and/or legislative changes. NYC is looking at this issue and has a meeting scheduled for next week.

Legislative
- Steven Kroll – looking to require training in CPR as part of the HS curriculum
  - 2nd Motion to support A8402/S7411 - Prohibit sale of novelty lighters in NYS – Passed.
  - 2nd Motion to oppose changing the CON process to remove municipality and Fire Districts from requirements S7013A/A9943 – Passed (20/4).
  - 2nd Motion to endorse Federal bill HR-3144 the Field EMS quality, Innovation and Cost Effectiveness Improvement Act of 2011 (provides grants for agencies and States) – Passed.

Old Business
- Further comments and discussion was made regarding the issue of On-Line Medical Control
- Question was also posed as to where we are with the survey regarding Paramedic certifications vs. licensing and if the DOE feels this is feasible.

New Business
- Nominations SEMSCo officers for the 2013 – Nominating Committee submitted for Chairman Mark Zeek, 1st Vice Chairman Daniel Blum, 2nd Vice Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
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