NYS STATE EMS COUNCIL
Meeting – May 13-14, 2015

Officers
Chairman Dan Blum – asked for regions to support the EMS dedication ceremony on 5/19, 1pm at the plaza.
  • By-Laws revisions – approved by DLA but someone pointed out an issue and he will look this over and report at the meeting.
  • Appointed nominating committee

Safety Tag
Steve Kroll – Gave an overview of the Tag’s potential vision statement and possible activities.

Staff Report
Lee Burns – Commissioner Zucker is now permanent.
  • Cash ceiling is an issue again
  • Asked to look at the territories of all agencies in the State. Found 42 agencies with discrepancies in territory and 9 that will require action.
  • Part 800 changes have been approved and will be up on the BEMS website in the future.
  • Part 800.12 on reciprocity was overlooked in the 1st changes and a draft is now ready to correct this one, this requires a vote.
  • Part 800.5 on controlled substance license requirement – this will go through the approval process and publishing in the State Register. This requires a vote.
  • Part 81.36 needs correction on convictions and will require a vote.
  • Blood regulation – going through final review process with DLA.

Everything need on the BEMS side is complete and ready to go live once signed off.
  • May 19 is EMS Memorial Service at Capitol.
  • Vital Signs – Syracuse, October 22.
  • EMS-C needs physicians to participate.
  • CPAP Policy statement and materials has/will be sent to regions.
  • ePCR – 2.5 mil in the State bridge, will be doing some preliminary studies on the current data.
  • Brain injury wallet card has been developed and will be sent to the Program Agencies for distribution to ambulance agencies.
• STAC – listed hospitals that have received Trauma Center designation.
• Narcan nasal injector is being marketed but it has not been approved for use in NY.

Medical Standards
Medical Standards – Lee Burns –
• Protocols – NYC changes – discussion on changes with a request that data on the use of Ketamine should be gathered for review. Discussion on NYC protocol change on backboard use, Andy Johnson indicated that he could get the educational piece ready by September meeting - Passed.
  o Western REMS – Pedi sedation & pain, Dr. Dailey wants intranasal Fentanyl for pedis also needle cricoid to be done by CC. Discussion on EMS personnel assisting with pedi rectal admin of their prescribed medication does not seem to be a problem, leaving rectal valium in protocol - Passed.
  o NYC HazTac protocol – can only be used by HazTac Battalion – discussion on the haztac medication being included in the State formulary - Passed.
• Spinal Immobilization – looking to create a video that would be distributed to regions for dissemination. REMACs should instruct ED Nurses on coming changes so that EMS is not attacked when they enter the ED.
• Bleeding – draft algorithm protocol was reviewed, modified and approved – referred to SEMAC.
• CPAP – pilot CPAP by BLS was completed and results indicate that this should be available statewide, approved training materials are available at the WREMS PA.
• Epi use – Discussion on EpiPen cost versus use of syringe Epi by BLS, looking to do a pilot project to demonstrate this skill can be brought down to the BLS level, will have specially designed syringes in kits for adult & pedi – motion to approve demonstration project – Passed.

SEMAC
Lee Burns Medical Stantards Report – 2nd Motion to approve Western NY ALS Protocol changes – Passed.
• 2nd Motion to approve the NYC Protocol changes, minus spinal immobilization changes – Passed.
• 2nd Motion to approve the NYC HazTac Protocols – Passed.
• 2nd Motion to approve the hemorrhage control Tag report and approve the hemorrhage algorithm protocol with changes as discussed – Passed.
• 2nd Motion to approve a pilot demonstration project (18-months) to allow BLS personnel to utilize special kits to draw and administer Epi with the intent of moving this skill to the BLS level – Passed (U. Rochester open to any agency that wishes to participate).
• 2nd Motion to approve allowing rectal medication administration, by EMT-P, in pediatric patients in regional protocol – Passed.
Executive
Dan Blum – they have consumed the BEMS lemonade and will be trying to assist Lee Burns in getting the reforms to Article 30 that were beaten back in the previous 2 years, I guess the new theme song for the SEMSCo will be “Suicide is Painless”.

PIER
Michael Reid – June 1 is the deadline for reception of the awards applications. After this year the deadline will be May 1 starting next year.
  • Vital Signs booth support.

Education & Training
Michael Washington - 2nd Motion – A statewide update of protocol changes, including operational policies and curriculum changes should be done on an annual basis, except when deemed as an emergency change by SEMSCo – Passed
  • Raised issue of EMT-CC (1875) – looking to do away with it.

EMS Systems
Ron Hasson – TAG on CON Policy 06-06 met on conference calls and drafted suggested changes for the policy.
  • CON Appeal Monroe Ambulance & ALSFR expansion application, against was COVA. Hearing officer recommended approval of application; REMSCo (14/10) failed for lack of a majority of members present. ALJ recommends that matter be remanded to the REMSCo to reconsider. Motion to recommend that the SEMSCo vote to approve the expansion of operating territory by Monroe Ambulance – Passed
  • 2nd Motion to approve 81.36 – Passed
  • 2nd Motion to approve 800.5 on controlled substances – Passed with 2 No votes.
  • 2nd Motion to approve 800.12 on reciprocity – Passed
  • Ambulance Design – LB spoke about the new ambulance design regulations for KKK and it has become very costly, e.g. stretcher retention device would make a $25,000 addition to cost of an ambulance. Looking for development of changes to 800.22 (ambulance design), would like councils, committees, and all to send in suggestions. Lengthy discussion on ambulance design.

Legislative
Steve Kroll - 2nd Motion to support A-7503 – Authorizes community paramedicine services provided by EMS providers – Gottfried – Passed.
  • 2nd Motion to S-1055/A-1512 – Exempt requirement for pre-authorization for insurance to cover ambulance transport and would increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for ambulance services.
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**Safety Tag**
Henry Hoffman – Looking to revise DOH form 4461 (Injury/Illness report) to align it with Part 800.

**Evaluations**
Henry “Butch” Hoffman – Synthetic cannabinoids – EMS needs to have ability to chemically restrain patients using these substances.
- Pleas for all agencies to follow the notification of injured member incidents to the BEMS so that they can be evaluated with the intent of developing way to avoid future incidents.

Respectfully submitted,
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