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## General Meeting Minutes - April 28, 2008

**Date:** April 28, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Westchester County Department of Emergency Services  
**Chairman:** Dr. Nicholas DeRobertis, MD

**MEMBERS**

Dr. Mark Silberman  
 Dr. Ron Nutovits  
 Dr. Carlos Flores  
 Dr. Karlene Chin  
 Dr. Robert Marcus  
 Dr. Emil Nigro  
 Dr. Lawrence Klecatsky  
 Dr. Richard Marino  
 Dr. Nicholas DeRobertis  
 Dr. David Goldwag  
 Dr. Tim Haydock

**AFFILIATION:**

Dobbs Ferry Community Hospital  
 Hudson Valley Hospital Center  
 Lawrence Hospital  
 Mt. Vernon Hospital  
 Northern Westchester Hospital  
 Phelps Memorial Hospital Center  
 Sound Shore Medical Center  
 St. John's Riverside Hospital  
 St. Joseph's Medical Center  
 Westchester Medical Center  
 White Plains Medical Center

**ATTENDANCE**

Alt. – Dr. H. Cordi  
 Present  
 Absent  
 Absent  
 Present  
 Excused  
 Absent  
 Excused  
 Present  
 Present  
 Excused

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

VACANT  
 Dr. Joli Yuknek  
 Dr. Richard Gallager  
 VACANT  
 Roland Faucher  
 Chief Anthony Chiarlitti

Medical Specialty (Trauma)  
 Medical Specialty (Pediatrics)/WPHC  
 Medical Specialty (Psychiatry) / WMC  
 EMS – Proprietary  
 EMS – Voluntary / MVFAVAC  
 Police / Pleasantville PD

VACANT  
 Excused  
 Absent  
 VACANT  
 Present  
 Present

**GUESTS**

Dr. Michael Canter  
 Joseph Bilotto  
 John Filangeri  
 Beth Sanger  
 Kevin Gage  
 Richard Robinson  
 John Fitzgerald  
 Kevin Veenstra  
 Jeff Casas  
 Dr. Michael Guttenberg  
 Anthony Sutton  
 Phyllis Smalley  
 Michael Volk  
 Katherine O'Connor

Greenwich Hospital  
 Harrison EMS  
 HVHC/CRP  
 North Salem VAC  
 NYSDOH BEMS / MARO  
 NYSDOH BEMS / MARO  
 Physio Control  
 Physio Control  
 Port Chester Rye Rye Brook EMS  
 St. Joseph's Medical Center  
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**MEETING**

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Chair Dr. Nicholas DeRobertis. Initially it was determined that a quorum was not present. Dr. DeRobertis continued with the discussion of some items not requiring a vote.

**DELEGATE INFORMATION** – Dr. Klecatsky has retired from Sound Shore Medical Center and moved out of state. There had been unofficial indications that ED Director Dr. Ponticiello would be taking over the seat, however no official correspondence has been received from the hospital indicating his replacement on the REMAC.

**CPAP SURVEY** – The Regional EMS Office has some data in, but still need surveys from roughly 50% hospitals. It is clear however from the information returned so far that the hospitals normally do not have CPAP immediately available in the emergency department, but it is available in less than 10 minutes from another department/service, usually respiratory therapy.

**E-PCR** – Some of the smaller agencies in the region are being looking into beginning to collect patient care data electronically. A TAG from the REMSCO has developed a draft policy that it is using as a temporary guide until a final



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version can be voted on by the entire body. The intention of the policy is to offer direction for planning and assure that all the pertinent steps/issues are addressed before implementation of such a project.

Discussion regarding a letter received by one of the services from the NYSDOH Bureau of EMS seems to indicate REMAC approval, not REMSCO approval. This is in conflict with the NYSDOH policy regarding electronic data collection/submission. A clarification was obtained at the meeting through Richard Robinson, NYSDOH MARO, who spoke with Associate Director Lee Burns via phone. According to Mr. Robinson, Ms. Burns stated that the letter was in error and would be corrected, but the NYSDOH would like to have an indication that both the REMSCO and REMAC were in support of any application to go ahead with e-PCRs.

Discussion regarding the good data can come from e-PCRs, but the region has to determine what data set is needed/wanted. The SEMSCO has indicated that NEMSIS compliance is desired moving forward.

### SUBCOMMITTEES

**PARAMEDIC PROTOCOLS** – Dr. Heidi Cordi reported that the committee met on April 25<sup>th</sup> to review any comments received by the April 24<sup>th</sup> deadline. While the meeting was open to all, only committee members were present. A review of modifications will be offered immediately following the meeting for anyone who would like to see what is going to be proposed in the next distribution.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)** – Next meeting is tomorrow April 29, 2008.

**HUDSON VALLEY / WESTCHESTER HELICOPTER COMMITTEE** – The committee is meeting next month. Currently there is a state-wide survey of air medical service use underway.

It was noted by DES Commissioner Sutton that another statewide project, TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System) is looking at specific landing zones along the states highways. The purpose is to minimize the impact of a disruption to normal traffic flow.

### NOTICES OF INTENT – PAD notices received since the last meeting:

APPLICANT	CITY	SERVICE TYPE	DATE
Scarsdale Parks, Recreation & Conservation Dept.	Scarsdale	Recreational Facility	3/21/2008
Church of the Magdalene	Sleepy Hollow	Other	4/1/2008
The College of New Rochelle	New Rochelle	College/University	4/1/2008
Standard Life Insurance Company of New York	White Plains	Business	4/18/2008

**APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL PERMISSIONS (I.e. Albuterol, Mark I, EMTD)** - No applications for special permissions were received.

Michael Liverzani has been coordinating the updating of paperwork related to the change in Service Medical Director for services in the Sound Shore area due to the retirement of Dr. Klecatsky. Dr. Joseph Ponticiello, Director of the ED at Sound Shore Medical Center, has been absorbing these responsibilities.

### OLD BUSINESS



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**CONFERENCES** – There are a couple of EMS conferences/seminars coming up soon. Westchester Medical Center is holding the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Symposium on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Greater Westchester EMS Conference is being held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Empire City in Yonkers. Information on both can be obtained through the Regional EMS Office.

**AUTO-PULSE** – Port Chester Rye Rye Brook EMS is being to use the Zoll Auto Pulse chest compression device. The implementation of the devices has been endorsed by Dr. Haydock, the Service Medical Director. This is the same device put into service by Mohegan Lake VAC a few years ago.

**ACEP EMERGENCY DIRECTOR FORUM** – ACEP will be hosting a free forum for Medical Directors at West Point at the Hotel Thayer on June 11<sup>th</sup>. This event will be limited to the ED Director or designee, but an open program will be held at Westchester Medical Center that evening to discuss similar issues. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Michael Guttenberg at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

**EKG RECEIVING STATION** – John Fitzgerald from Physio Control reported that the LifeNet receiving station installed at Westchester Medical Center has been programmed with the fax numbers of all local hospitals. Some testing has been going on with Greenburgh, Port Chester Rye Rye Brook EMS and Westchester EMS to see if the bouncing of 12 lead EKGs is successful. He reported that work is beginning with Empress and TransCare. In order to afford a venue to discuss technical issues a meeting will be set up for all the ALS agencies by the Regional EMS Office.

### NEW BUSINESS

**NEXT MEETING** – Session was adjourned without a quorum at 10:00 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008, at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine O'Connor