



Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

I. ATTENDANCE

		OFFICER / COMMITTEE				2018-	2018-	2018-	2018-	2019-	2019-
				CHAIR	TERM	07-26	07-30	09	11	01	03
NAME	CATEGORY										
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County - 5th EMS Battalion		Chairperson	3/31/2022	P	P	P	E	P	P
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County - 4th EMS Battalion			3/31/2021	P	P	P	E	P	A
3	Bailey, Donna	Livingston County - Transport Agency (Seat 1)		P.I.E.R.	3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
4	Bonfiglio, Thomas	City of Rochester EMS Contract		System Operations	3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	Cook, Alex	Livingston County - Transport Agency (Seat 2)			3/31/2019	P	P	E	P	P	P
6	Coyle, Thomas	Monroe County - C.O.N.			3/31/2021	P	E	E	P	P	P
7	Curran, Deb	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)			3/31/2019	P	P	E	P	P	P
8	Cushman, Jeremy	MLREMS - Medical Director			Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Czapranski, Tim	Monroe County - EMS Coordinator			Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	E	P
10	Dewar, Karen	Livingston County - EMS Coordinator			Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
11	Farney, Aaron	Healthcare Representative (Seat 2)			3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
12	Frost, Tim	Livingston County - C.O.N.		Secretary	3/31/2021	E	P	P	P	P	E
13	Hartman, James	Monroe County - BLSFR (Seat 2)			3/31/2021	A	A	A	P	P	P
14	Horowitz, Aaron	EMS Training / Education			3/31/2019	P	P	P	P	P	E
15	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		Treasurer / Finance	3/31/2019	P	P	P	P	E	P
16	Jordan, Julie	Monroe County - ALSFR			3/31/2019	P	P	P	E	P	A
17	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County - Transport Agency (Seat 3)			3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
18	Kirchoff, Thomas	Monroe County - 1st EMS Battalion			3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
19	Clueber, Geordie	Livingston County - BLSFR			3/31/2019	P	P	P	P	P	A
20	Palma, William	Monroe County - BLSFR (Seat 1)			3/31/2021	E	E	P	P	E	P
21	Philippy, Mark	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2021	P	E	P	P	P	P
22	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement		Training & Ed	3/31/2019	P	P	E	P	P	P
23	Smith, Merideth	Community			3/31/2021	E	P	E	P	P	A
24	Williams, Gwen	Healthcare Representative (Seat 3)			3/31/2020	P	P	P	P	P	P
25	z-Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 1)			3/31/2022	Bishop - A	Bishop - A	Bishop - A	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
26	z-Vacant	REMAC Chairperson			3/31/2019	Murray - E	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
27	z-Vacant	Monroe County - 2nd EMS Battalion			3/31/2021	Rudow - E	Rudow - P	Rudow - A	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
28	z-Vacant	Monroe County - 3rd EMS Battalion			3/31/2020	Tracy - E	Tracy - A	Tracy - E	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT

LEGEND: Present = P Excused Absents = E Unexcused Absents = A

II. Actions

	MOTION	MADE BY	SECOND	ABSTAIN	NAY	APPROVED
1	On behalf of the body to signify by voice vote in the affirmative to elect the slate of officers.	Philippy, Mark	Hoskins, Mike			X
	ELECTION Results: Monroe-Livingston REMSCO Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair – Mark Philippy ▪ Vice Chair – Tim Frost ▪ Secretary – Tim Kelly ▪ Treasurer – Alex Cook 					
2	To appoint Tim Kelly as the alternate representative to SEMSCO.	Philippy, Mark	Allen, Reg			X
3	To approve the minutes of January 28 th , 2019.	Cushman, Jeremy	Philippy, Mark			X
4	To approve the calendar for the 2019 operating year of the Monroe-Livingston REMSCO and REMAC.	Hoskins, Mike	Hartman, James			X
5	That the Monroe-Livingston REMSCO recognize Wegmans as a BLSFR Agency.	Cushman, Jeremy	Cook, Alex			X
6	Our REMSCO has reviewed the application for the transfer of Hamlin Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc's (Hamlin) operating certificate to Central Orleans Volunteer Ambulance Inc. (COVA), but we have not been allowed to complete the process outlined in Policy Statement 06-06. Our REMSCO questions its ability to approve the transfer of the operating certificate from Hamlin to COVA pursuant to PHL 3010 since the proposed transfer is not taking place in connection with the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Hamlin. Our REMSCO has reviewed the Fitness and Competency Review completed by the BEMSAT although it was not conducted by BEMSAT at our request per Policy Statement 06-06. BEMSAT advises that no reason was shown why COVA is not Fit and Competent. Despite the foregoing, and without establishing any precedent for any future applications, our REMSCO approves the transfer of the operating certificate from Hamlin to COVA. Such	Cushman, Jeremy	Philippy, Mark			X

	transfer is subject to any other approvals required by any other agencies or under the law. As our REMSCO was not allowed to follow the process outlined in Policy Statement 06-06, the BEMSAT will have to facilitate a Clarification of Operating Authority with Hamlin to COVA as the current operating certificate states “portions of the Towns of Clarkson and Kendall”. The BEMSAT also should advise COVA that their articles of incorporation should be amended because those articles do not permit COVA to provide services outside “the County of Orleans and its environs”. Roll Call: Yes – 15, No – 0, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 6, Vacant – 5, COI – 0					
7	To adjourn.	Philippy, Mark	Hoskins, Mike			X

III. Attendance – Secretary call roll

- Secretary absent, Tim Kelly acting as secretary for this meeting.
- Confirmed quorum
 - Excused absences: Frost, Tim / Horowitz, Aaron
 - Unexcused absences: Arnold, William / Jordan, Julie / Klueber, Geordie / Smith, Merideth

IV. Chair – Reg Allen

- Reminders
 - STEP is 3/29-/30, awards ceremony is on 3-29 at 4:15 PM. Part of the responsibilities of Council members is to participate in the award ceremony
 - EMS Memorial is in May
 - Thank you to out going Chair, Reg Allen, for all of your continued hard work and dedication over the last four years.

V. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Mark Philippy

- Election of Officers
- Motion 1 - Passed

- Inquiry: Nominations from the floor? We did not write that into our by-laws, but that is something we can discuss in the future. Congratulations to our new officers.
- Election of REMAC Member(s)
 - Renewal of members that are already serving on the REMAC as they weren't able to get their paperwork in on time for the January elections. Eric Thomas as BLS Provider, Bob Breese as the CIC Course Sponsor.
 - Dr. Katsetos and Dr. Thompson has been asked through Unity Health System to swap their positions, so going forward those will be changed.
- Backgrounds Policy. Discussion.
- Appointment of an alternate to SEMSCO as Tom Bonfiglio has resigned.
- **Motion 2 – Passed**

VI. Secretary Report – Tim Kelly in Tim Frost's Absence

- Approval of Minutes
- **Motion 3 - Passed**
- List of MLREMS Council Meetings for 2019:
 - Monday May 20, 2019 @ 1600 – Livingston County
 - Monday July 15, 2019 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - Monday September 16, 2019 @ 1600 – Livingston County
 - Monday November 18, 2019 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - Monday January 27, 2020 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - Monday March 16, 2020 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - January meeting moved from the 3rd Monday to the 4th Monday in recognition of MLK Day
- List of REMAC Meetings for 2019:
 - Monday April 15, 2019 @ 1700 – PSTF
 - Monday June 17, 2019 @ 1700 – PSTF
 - Monday August 19, 2019 @ 1700 – PSTF
 - Monday October 21, 2019 @ 1700 – PSTF
 - Monday December 16, 2019 @ 1700 – PSTF
 - Monday February 17, 2020 @ 1700 – PSTF

- Motion 4 - Passed

VII. Treasurer's Report – Mike Hoskins

- As of today, we received the balance of the cost of processing the CON transfer request from Webster. There were exceeding expenses over the deposit, the town has covered that. We have increased the cost of the deposit going forward to try and mitigate this.

VIII. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- SEMAC
 - Collaborative protocols were approved for BLS. We are still awaiting the commissioner sign off for those, which is why the roll out has not happened yet. Once that has happened, the app will be updated and an advisory will be sent out with the changes, but no additional training will be required.
- Wegmans Corporate had reached out a few years ago to create a EMT program – their Assets Protection Department will respond to their corporate locations on Brooks Avenue and Wegmans Market Street. At that point, after discussing with Ross, there was no reason for them to pursue a BLSFR certification. What we have identified is that they have the opportunity to participate in the CME recertification, but they need to be recognized as a BLSFR Agency within Monroe County. All of their policies and procedures are consistent with the BLSFRs in the County. They have been integrated with our 911 system. They will be operating at the BLSFR level with epi, narcan, AED, albuterol. In both of those areas, Gates Fire will still respond as well as Gates Ambulance and CHS. Their application has been received in the office for processing. Jeremy Cushman makes a motion that the MLREMS Council recognize Wegmans as providing BLSFR EMS services within the region. Reg Allen seconds.
 - How is their training – CME or something else? Up until this point, they were expecting to do the standard refresher every three years, but that is not a great option for them, so they would like to participate in the CME program, which is why they are pursuing their BLSFR certification. This will not change anything as to how they have been operating for the past few years. This is similar to Kodak.
 - What would their call volume be? A few hundred calls a year. They currently have 12 members on their rosters and would max out at about 16. These are only at their corporate locations and not their individual stores, correct? Yes that is correct, the Brooks Avenue and Wegmans Market Street corporate locations only.
- Motion 5 - Passed

- ET3 – Medicare patients would be allowed to be transported via ambulance to urgent care centers as appropriate and the ambulance service would be able to be reimbursed. In the process of developing an application plan. All but one agency in Monroe County has responded to Dr. Cushman’s request for interest. There may be a role for MLREMS in this as the sponsor or organizer with CMS as we work through things. Applications will be released this summer. No action items for this group, but there may be things we need to get from this group as we work through the process.

IX. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- PECC – Prehospital Emergency Care Coordinator. The idea is to have someone at your agency to support prehospital pediatric emergency care (high acuity, low frequency). Right now they are trying to identify those folks so that they can create a distribution list and start filtering information down. As we receive information, we will continue to distribute. More to come.
- NEMSIS V3 – emsCharts folks. Hiccups are happening, however we continue to work through and troubleshoot these issues. Continue to call the office and we will work with you and emsCharts to get them adjusted. For AMR, MEDS hasn’t been messed with too much. For the agencies on other vendors, we will be working with them to be sure we get their data. More to come. Mark Philippy – with this NEMSIS V3 change, there were many fields added that seem to lack practicality. These required validation rules were not pilot tested, but were implemented by the Bureau and we don’t have control over those. We were told that the Bureau will be meeting with the ePCR vendors to try and work through some of these things. The red warnings are what you need to do to close your chart. If you get the yellow warning, the data is still being transmitted. Is the bureau accepting feedback on issues? Yes they are.

X. Livingston County Report – Karen Dewar

- Communications system update
- Towers – Nunda is near completion (this summer). Hampton’s Corners tower will be forthcoming.

XI. Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- Brockport EMS
 - Slated to begin service April 9th – working on subscriber agreement
- Complex Coordinating Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) Managing Chaos – June 4th
 - Opportunity for elected officials and EMS agencies to get together and discuss
- CCTA PER-340 Active Threat Integrated Response course. This course is scheduled for May 13-15, 2019 (Fire, Police, EMS)

- CCTA PER-335 Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks April 1-2, 2019 (Senior Chiefs, how do you respond to one of these incidents?)
- Radio update (LE & Fire)
 - Law enforcement is training. Fire won't come on until January.
- MDT update
 - Technical advisory group meets monthly. A bunch of issues were found, working through them as they come up.
- CAD update
 - End of 2019
- May 23rd 2019 – National Stop the Bleed Day – Kessler Trauma Center can help to coordinate training. Register your trainings online through them so that they can steer individuals to your site.

XII. REMAC – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Dr. Rueckmann has been working with Dr. Verneti and Dr. Farney to update policies. No action items for this group.

XIII. NYS EMS Council and Advisory Committee– Mark Philippy / Jermey Cushman, MD

- Report has been sent out. If you have any comments or questions, please let Mark know. May has a full docket and there will be more to come.

XIV. Systems Ops Committee Report – Reg Allen

- Hamlin CON
 - Start executive session. Given the matter before this, I move that the Program Agency Administrator be included in the executive session given the matters being discussed by Jeremy Cushman. Approved by Chairman Reg Allen. After executive session, quorum was lost, attended new business and waiting for quorum to return to continue report.

XV. PIER Committee Report – Donna Bailey

- Annual Awards Presentation – March 29th at 4:15pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in College Town
- If you are interested in attending, let Mindy know as we are working with STEP to have our MLREMS Council members recognized with name badges to be easily identifiable.
- Bob Lonsberry will be our MC again this year. All of the award winners have RSVP'd except the Youth Provider and some of the agencies that were nominated for Agency of the Year.

- If you are interested in attending just the awards ceremony, go to the STEP website and you can purchase a ticket just for the ceremony itself. Light refreshments will be provided.
- Formal listing of award winners will be sent to Council tomorrow morning.
- Bureau sent out a notice regarding their community outreach for EMS Week awareness – Mark Philippy to forward to Donna Bailey.

XVI. Training & Education Committee Report – Eric Rathfelder

- CLI Original scheduled for April 12-14. Terry and Beth Ann will be teaching. Contact the Program Agency to register, two spots left available.
- Course sponsor renewals are due to the State. As we found out a few years ago, they are required to be reviewed by Training & Ed and then approved by the Council. Course sponsors, the next training & education committee meeting is May 7th, we need to receive your renewal prior to that in order for it to be reviewed and acted upon at the May Council meeting.

XVII. New Business

- Guest Bryan Mason from Union Hill Ambulance Re: Mutual Aid in the Town of Webster
 - Thank you for all of your help with our issues with Mutual Aid in the Town of Webster. Based on your recommendations we will be working with the State moving forward.

XVIII. System Operations Follow Up – Reg Allen

- Quorum confirmed. We have a seconded motion regarding the CON transfer from Hamlin to COVA.
- **Motion 6 - Passed**
- Discussion
 - The background on this is that COVA has imposed on us an Article 78 despite the fact that we have followed all of the rules and regulations. Council has followed all of the imposed on us by New York State, however we have had legal action against us with no support from the Bureau. To defend the suit against us is not financially possible, so we are being forced to indicate that this transfer is complete even though it has not met the requirements of 06-06 or our regional policy for reasons stated in the motion. Such actions by the Bureau and COVA cause grave concern regarding the sovereignty of the REMSCO's ability to adjudicate EMS services within its community as outlined in the Public Health law and puts great question in the Bureau's ability to willfully and wantonly follow some protocols and policies while disregarding others. Roll Call Vote. Yes-15, No-0, Absent-6, Vacant-5, Abstentions-0. Motion passes. The record should reflect that there are no members of Hamlin or COVA in this room.

XIX. NYS DOH Dates to Remember / Region Meetings / Events

- Meeting Dates
 - Tuesday, May 7, 2019 SEMAC
 - Wednesday, May 8, 2019 SEMSCO
- STEP Conference
 - March 29th & 30th
- Vital Signs
 - 2019 TBD
- Next Meetings
 - Monday July 15th, 2019 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - Monday September 16th, 2019 @ 1600 – Hamptons Corners
 - Monday November 18th, 2019 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - Monday January 27th, 2020 @ 1600 – PSTF
 - In observation of MLK Day

XX. Adjournment

- **Motion 7 – Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday May 20, 2019 at Hamptons Corners, 3360 Gypsy Lane, Mt. Morris, NY at 1600**

Link for full meeting video: <https://youtu.be/M4cBvI5bCew>