

**I. ATTENDANCE**

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2019- 03	2019- 05	2019- 06	2019- 09	2019- 11	2020- 01
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	P	P	P	P	A
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	A	E	P	P	P	P
3	Bailey, Donna	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)	P.I.E.R.	3/31/2021	P	E	P	P	P	P
4	Cook, Alex	Livingston County At Large (Seat 2)	Treasurer	3/31/2023	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	Coyle, Thomas	Monroe County C.O.N.		3/31/2021	P	P	E	P	P	P
6	Cushman, Jeremy	Regional Medical Director		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
7	Czapranski, Tim	Monroe County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Dewar, Karen	Livingston County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Farney, Aaron	Healthcare Representative (Seat 2)		3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
10	Frost, Tim	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2021	E	P	P	E	P	P
11	Hartman, James	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2021	P	P	A	P	P	P
12	Horowitz, Aaron	EMS Training / Education		3/31/2023	E	P	P	P	P	P
13	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	P	E	P	E	E	P
14	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Secretary	3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Kirchoff, Thomas	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
16	Klueber, Geordie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	A	P	P	P	E	P
17	Palma, William	Monroe County BLSFR (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	E
18	Philippy, Mark	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)	Chairperson	3/31/2021	P	P	P	P	P	P
19	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement	Training & Ed	3/31/2023	P	E	E	P	P	P
20	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2021	A	E	E	E	E	P
21	Tinelli, Samuel	Livingston Count C.O.N.		3/31/2023	-	P	P	P	P	P
22	Williams, Gwen	Healthcare Representative (Seat 3)		3/31/2023	P	E	P	P	P	P
23	z-Vacant	Monroe County At Large (Seat 4)			-	Wiedman-P	Wiedman-P	Wiedman-P	Wiedman-E	VACANT
24	z-Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 1)			VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
25	z-Vacant	REMAC Chairperson			VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
26	z-Vacant	City of Rochester EMS Contract			VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT

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

**II. Actions**

	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>MADE BY</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1	Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 2019.	Tom Coyle	Mike Hoskins			X
2	To not continue with the insurance policy in an attempted to reallocate funds.	Alex Cook	Bill Arnold			
3	To direct that the Monroe County Department of Public Safety and City of Rochester Emergency Communications Department may dispatch the nearest available appropriate ambulance based on automated vehicle location data with preference given to the ambulance service with primary operating responsibility in the location of the request for service in lieu of mutual aid plans currently in existence, or approved under current policies of the Council and Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems, until such a time as the impact of Monroe County's new Computer Aided Dispatch system can be assessed and new mutual aid policies developed to address the functionality and operational implications of that CAD system, to be revisited at the next Council meeting.	Jeremy Cushman	Alex Cook			X
4	To adjourn.	Mike Hoskins	Tim Frost			X

**III. Meeting called to order**
**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**
**V. Attendance – Secretary call roll**

- Confirmed quorum
  - Excused absences: William Palma
  - Unexcused absences: Reg Allen

## VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the November Meeting minutes of the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council by Tom Coyle, seconded by Mike Hoskins. Change in verbiage from “stomping” to “stumbling”, all in favor, no opposed, no abstentions, motion passes.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

## VII. Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- Business Meeting of the Council – Setting of Goals and Objectives for 2020
  - To be scheduled prior to the March meeting for the Executive team.
- Correspondence
  - New York Knicks invitation was sent to us through the standard MLREMS inbox. This was also shared through the other Councils around the State. March 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> they are offering discount tickets, feel free to share.
  - NYSVARA – Meeting they are hosting on 1/29/20 to present a united front related to the Medicaid section of the Governor’s budget if you are able to attend.
- SEMSCO Report and Changes in Meeting Schedule
  - Formal written report will be sent out.
  - Reversal of the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS decision pertaining to the Webster Municipal CON.
  - Mark Philippy is now the Chair of the SEMSCO.
  - If there are matters you feel that are important to bring to the State level, please let us know. There is talk about having a separate CON Committee to review all CONs as well as possibly reducing the numbers of our regional councils.
  - The State meetings will now be four times a year – January, March, June and October with the hope to get more work done and regulatory changes through.
- Proposed Part 800 Changes
  - Manufacturing requirements have been accepted and is under review by Legal Affairs
- UNYAN & NYSVARA
  - Foundation of advocacy for EMS throughout the State.
  - UNYAN – more commercial and NYSVARA – more volunteer agencies.
  - These entities are able to lobby for us – consider getting involved in these or other organizations that are able to lobby for us and the future of our profession. Important to stay involved and active.

- Recognition of Dr. Elizabeth Murray – 2019 Physician of Excellence
  - February 21<sup>st</sup>, Golisano’s Children’s Hospital in the Lobby at 1pm
  - Also Recognizing Ross Zastrow for years of service to BEMSAT

### VIII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Frost

- General Membership Elections for both Council & REMAC. Two contested seats on the ballot so you are aware when you view the ballot. Tim Frost and Tom Coyle to count the ballots.
  - Results:
    - Council
      - EMS Training/Education: Ed Erbland
      - Healthcare Representative: Megan Puls
      - Monroe County At Large: Ahmed Mustafa
      - Monroe County BLSFR: John Williams
      - Monroe County Countywide CON Holder: Andrew Perez
      - REMAC Representative: Aaron Farney, MD
    - REMAC
      - Physician At Large (Seat 1): Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD
      - Physician At Large (Seat 2): Connie Vernetti, MD
      - ALS Representative: Tim Kelly
      - At Large: Bill Arnold
      - At Large NYS Certified (Seat 1): Lee Coller
      - At Large NYS Certified (Seat 2): William Comella

**IX. Secretary – Tim Kelly**

- Membership Committee Status
  - First meeting was on Friday with Sam Tinelli and Merideth Smith. We are looking at revising the orientation process with our new members. This will include a sit down meeting to be sure that everyone is on the same page prior to their start dates. We do have some open seats, so if anyone is interested please send an email to [timothy.kelly@mlrems.org](mailto:timothy.kelly@mlrems.org)

**X. Treasurer – Alex Cook**

- Financial Reports were sent out. Working on closing out any CON deposit accounts.
- Ben, Jeremy & Mindy are working on all of the fixed assets we have and working with Lynn to declare them defunct as they are no longer utilized due to age.
- We currently carry an auto indemnity insurance (~\$1200) – keep or withdraw
  - Alex Cook makes a motion to not continue with the insurance policy in an attempt to reallocate those funds elsewhere. Seconded by Bill Arnold. Discussion: We don't believe any other regional councils have this. Isn't there also other coverages for finance? So this isn't just auto insurance. There is the auto section and the other portion of the insurance covers personal property, software rider, monies and securities. There may be some value to modifying the insurance versus completely get rid of. Jeremy Cushman – move to table this to the next meeting so that we can review these documents to determine how best to move forward. No objections, motion tabled.
  - **Motion 2 - Tabled**
- Finance TAG will be getting together soon.

**XI. PIER – Donna Bailey**

- STEP Conference/Awards Program 2020
  - Awards are due February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 3 nominations for BLS Provider of the Year, 2 for ALS Provider of the Year, 1 for Harriet Weber EMS Leadership and 1 for Agency of the Year. Please share and encourage your agencies to fill out nominations.
  - Both donation letters have gone out to the hospital systems.

## **XII. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski**

- Reached out to United Way, they are not currently accepting applications.
- Sandbox test upcoming for CAD. We want as many EMS Agencies to participate as possible. Thank you to all agencies who have provided feedback. CAD has been pushed.
- Radios – moving piece-meal, it will continue to evolve from now through March.

## **XIII. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Part 800 Waiver for BLS First Response
  - Per BEMSAT Director Greenberg, application is with the Division of Legal Affairs.
- Coronavirus Update
  - 110 persons in 26 states, 5 confirmed positives. Those that are turning out negative are turning out to be influenza B. There is no indication of person to person spread in the United States yet. Still unsure of source. N95 masks are more than sufficient to protect against this virus despite what social media reports, routine cleaning and disinfecting processes continue to be appropriate. Good time to review continuity plans and infection control processes at agencies. There will be some updated guidance for EMS that will codify some of that. Go to the CDC website for any information, no other sources are appropriate. The recommendations sent in the previous Advisory still stands. In Monroe County we implemented the 36 card.
- On the Advisory – something worth stating again. Providers that are ill, stay home. First, do no harm.

## **XIV. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach**

- State Actions
  - Wayne Edgar
    - Certification has been suspended for one year and five and a half months effective 11/27/19, eleven and a half months of the suspension shall be deemed to be served concurrently and with the respondents period in restricted status, the remaining six months are stayed and provided no violations for three years from 11/27/19 and assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000, \$4,500 is stayed. For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(2) – has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this part.

- Michael Alicea
  - Certification has been revoked effective 1/10/20 for violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(8). Has responded to a call, provided patient care, or driven an ambulance or other emergency medical response vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any other drug or substance which has affected the certificate holder's physical coordination or intellectual functions.
  - State Council Meeting Medical Standards Committee – Protocol Submission Process
    - Now you can submit suggestions for new protocols or changes to current protocols via a REDCap survey: <http://j.mp/2Qh9atV>. This is the only way changes/suggestions will be accepted. This is not anonymous because if we need to follow-up and ask additional questions, this will allow us to do that.
    - It seems like the grants for both the Council & Program Agency are moving along. The Bureau is working to get the Program Agency and Council on the same budget year. We have not received the contracts yet.

#### **XV. System Operations – Reg Allen**

- No Report

#### **XVI. Training & Ed – Eric Rathfelder**

- Certified Instructor Update – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1800-2100 @ PSTF
  - To register, email [mlrems@mlrems.org](mailto:mlrems@mlrems.org). Cost is \$50/person.
- Currently reviewing CME Matrix. If you have anything you would like added, please reach out to the committee.
- There will be a survey coming out from the Bureau to discuss how much the State reimburses for courses versus how much it costs to run a course. I would strongly encourage those of you that run courses to participate.

#### **XVII. Livingston County – Karen Dewar**

- No Report

## XVIII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- REMAC Operations Committee is working on the refusal of transport policy for review.

## XIX. New Business

- Discussion: The State of PIER and continuation of standing committee
  - Creation of a PIO position
  - Creation of an ad-hoc Awards Committee
    - Both tabled for next meeting in March.
- The city is seeing a large increase in response time for law enforcement to respond to certain calls. Resources are being taxed. Looking at requesting next available agency, but are unsure how law enforcement is going to respond to that tactic.

## XX. Old Business

- Renew previous motion made by Dr. Cushman. We are still sandboxing the system, Dr. Cushman motion that the Council maintain in support of the prior resolution to be revisited at our next Council meeting. Seconded by Alex Cook.
  - Discussion – Clarification – is the term “dispatch the nearest appropriate or should it be request” – James Hartman. If the home agency doesn’t answer, the CAD is supposed to send the closest most appropriate source. Some stability problems and GPS issues that are currently being worked through. Does this request the closest most appropriate or does this require them to respond? Would it be worthwhile to have a small ad-hoc group to discuss this? Is the CAD going to be done by March? We are unsure, but would like to just move it forward one meeting at a time as we work through the process.
    - All in favor. No opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.
    - **Motion 3 - Passed**

## XXI. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- SEMSCo / SEMAC
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, at Hilton Hotel Albany



**XXII. Adjournment**

- Motion 4 - Passed
- Next Meeting: Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at College Town – 44 Celebration Drive, Room 2007, Rochester NY at 1600

Link for full meeting video: [https://youtu.be/vTMz\\_vWiRGg](https://youtu.be/vTMz_vWiRGg)