



Meeting Minutes September 21, 2020

I. ATTENDANCE

		OFFICER / COMMITTEE								
	NAME	CATEGORY	CHAIR	TERM	2019-1 1	2020-0 1	2020-0 3	2020-0 5	2020-0 7	2020-0 9
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	A	CXL	P	P	P
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
3	Bailey, Donna	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)	P.I.E.R.	3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
4	Cook, Alex	Livingston County At Large (Seat 2)	Treasurer	3/31/2023	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
5	Coyle, Thomas	Monroe County C.O.N. (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
6	Cushman, Jeremy	Regional Medical Director		Ex-Officio	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
7	Czapranski, Tim	Monroe County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
8	Dewar, Karen	Livingston County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
9	Erbland, Edward	EMS Training / Education		3/31/2024	P-Horowitz	P-Horowitz	CXL	P	P	P
10	Farney, Aaron	REMAC Representative		3/31/2021	VACANT	VACANT	CXL	P	P	P
11	Frost, Tim	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	E	P
12	Hartman, James	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	A	A	A
13	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	E	P	CXL	P	P	P
14	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Secretary	3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
15	Kirchoff, Thomas	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
16	Clueber, Geordie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	E	P	CXL	P	E	P
17	Mustafa, Ahmed	Monroe County At Large (Seat 4)		3/31/2024	Wiedman-E	VACANT	CXL	P	P	P
18	Philippy, Mark	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)	Chairperson	3/31/2021	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
19	Perez, Andrew	Monroe County C.O.N. (Seat 2)		3/31/2024	VACANT	VACANT	CXL	P	P	P
20	Puls, Megan	Healthcare Representative (Seat 2)		3/31/2024	Farney-P	Farney-P	CXL	P	P	E
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement	Training & Ed	3/31/2023	P	P	CXL	P	P	P
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2021	E	P	CXL	P	P	A
23	Tinelli, Samuel	Livingston Count C.O.N.		3/31/2023	P	P	CXL	A	P	P
24	Williams, John	Monroe County – BLSFR		3/31/2024	Palma-P	Palma-E	CXL	P	P	P
25	Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 1)		N/A	VACANT	VACANT	CXL	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
26	Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 3)		N/A	Williams, G - P	Williams, G - P	CXL	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT

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

II. Actions

	MOTION	MADE BY	SECOND	ABSTAIN	NAY	APPROVED
1	Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 2020	Tim Kelly	Alex Cook			X
2	Motion to include Paramedic Rookie of the Year into award package	Donna Bailey	Ahmed Mustafa			X
3	Motion Adjourn	Tom Kirchoff	Geordie Klueber			X

III. Meeting called to order - Ben Sensenbach

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll

- Confirmed quorum
 - Excused absences: Megan Puls
 - Unexcused absences: James Hartman, Meredith Smith

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes from the July Meeting minutes as submitted by Tim Kelly and seconded by Alex Cook. Roll call vote – 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent, 2 vacant, 0 conflict of interest.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

VI. Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- United way - Mea culpa - next year for sure!
 - They accept applications once a year, we will explore this next year.

VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- Working on committee membership lists

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- New Members please let Tim Kelly know which committee you would like to join, it is a requirement of membership. If you are unsure of which one you would like to join, please reach out and we would be happy to help!

Working on committee membership lists

- Committee chairs and minutes/attendance
 - Please send the minutes and attendance to the secretary so we can ensure that everything is updated on the website.
 - NEG is currently working on updating the finance policy – more details to come, we are looking to likely vote on this in November.
 - Incorporating REMAC By-Laws into REMSCo By-Laws – this is done at the State level, NEG is reviewing to ensure we don't lose anything by doing so.
 - Open seats and possible candidates
 - We have two open seats on the REMSCo (Healthcare Rep) and two REMAC seats as well. If you have anyone you believe would be a good fit, please let us know so we can reach out to them!
 - Members expiring in 2021 – you will be receiving an email regarding your re-election packets and next steps.

VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- No report

IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- Status Quo
- Status of payments in relation to the state of holding some portions of payments up
 - Some delays are due to covid, and there have been changes in how we are receiving certain payments as well.

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- The state is currently holding back 20% of total payments for review. Training expenses (courses) seem to be the most heavily reviewed so just be aware. BEMSAT is working on finding out what they can do on their end. More to come as we found out more.

X. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- COVID Protocols and Policies – No changes, continuing to monitor. Watch compliance – masks, eye pro, gloves, etc. The majority of transmission within the healthcare setting is due to lack of eye protection.
- Influenza Season – Although all EMS providers are STRONGLY encouraged to get vaccinated against the flu, it is not required. With that said, Section 2.59 of the New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR Section 2.59) requires all health care and residential facilities and agencies regulated pursuant to Article 28, 36, or 40 of the Public Health Law to ensure that all personnel, as defined in the regulation, not vaccinated against influenza for the current influenza season wear a surgical or procedure mask while in areas where patients or residents are typically present. Noticeably absent are agencies regulated under Article 30 (EMS). Given that we care for patients in those facilities, I believe it is a best practice to offer vaccinations to all personnel and should they choose not to obtain a vaccination, that they wear a mask for the duration of the influenza season. Thus we follow the intent of 10 NYCRR Section 2.59.
- Collaborative Protocols – Reviewing suggestions with Dr. Fullagar and Dr. Dailey and will work with the Collaborative protocol group to vet changes for unknown timeline for implementation 0 largely dependent on BEMSAT. We continue to receive feedback. Just a reminder, there is a survey available on the MLREMS website that any provider can comment on or make suggestions: <https://mlrems.org/provider/protocols/>.
- Care Bundles – Always want feedback/suggestions on Care Bundles and which to add/modify, etc. Examining ways to create reports to measure performance against those care bundles but software hurdles are significant and limiting this opportunity. We are eager to hear suggestions for new bundles, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Program Agency

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with your thoughts. We have a new Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE) bundle that will be released for comment tomorrow.

- Mental Health – We know the mental health system is broken and have had various workgroups over the years identify potential solutions (excited delirium, restrain procedures, etc). I continue to have regular conversations with Monroe County Office of Mental Health as we explore ways to change the system to better care for those with a mental health crisis. As programs and/or opportunities develop, and should they require enabling action by the REMAC or Council, you will certainly hear from me. If you have ideas or other things we can explore, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ben or I.

XI. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- State Actions
- Thomas Dean
 - Certification revoked effective July 6, 2020.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(7), (13), and (14)
 - Any certification issued pursuant to this Part or Article 30 of the Public Health Law may be suspended for a fixed period, revoked or annulled, and the certificate holder may be censured, reprimanded, or fined in accordance with section 12 of the Public Health Law, after a hearing conducted pursuant to section 12-a of the Public Health Law, if the department finds that the certificate holder:
 - Has procured, or has attempted to procure, his/her certification or re-certification through any form of fraud or deceit, including, but not limited to, the intentional false representation or misrepresentation, either expressly or by omission, on his/her application for emergency medical services certification or re-certification, of information pertaining to prior convictions, offenses, regulatory violations and actions against other professional licenses and certification held by the certificate holder or having received certification without having completed all the specified requirements;

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- Has held him/herself out as being certified at a higher level than actually certified, or has exceeded his/her authorized scope of practice, as that term is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part;
- Has procured certification or recertification without having met the requirements of Sections 800.6, 800.8, or 800.9 of this Part, or Article 30 of the Public Health Law, as applicable.
- Francis Feely
 - Certification voluntarily surrendered effective 2/6/20.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 (b)(1), 800.16 (a) (9&11)
 - Every person certified at any level pursuant to this Part or Article 30 of the Public Health Law shall: maintain, at all times, the confidentiality of any and all patient information to which the certificate holder has access concerning patients alive or deceased, including, but not limited to, patient names, conditions, treatments, descriptions, communications, images or other identifying features, irrespective of whether the patient's name is included, which may be transmitted by electronic or other media, except
 - When a certificate holder is acting as part of an organized prehospital emergency medical service, the certificate holder responsible for patient care shall accurately complete a prehospital care report in a department-approved format for each patient with whom the certificate holder makes patient contact, and shall provide a copy to the hospital receiving the patient and/or to the department's authorized agent for use in the State's quality assurance program.
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 - Has falsified a patient record and/or misrepresented and/or concealed pertinent information during a patient care investigation, including, but not limited to making deliberate omissions of material fact;

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- Or has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part.
- Christina Cosentino
 - Certification voluntarily surrendered effective 7/7/20.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 (b)(1), 800.16 (a) (2&3)
 - Every person certified at any level pursuant to this Part or Article 30 of the Public Health Law shall: maintain, at all times, the confidentiality of any and all patient information to which the certificate holder has access concerning patients alive or deceased, including, but not limited to, patient names, conditions, treatments, descriptions, communications, images or other identifying features, irrespective of whether the patient's name is included, which may be transmitted by electronic or other media, except
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 - Has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part; or
 - Has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part;
- Letasha Wright

- Certification revoked effective 7/13/20.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR 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;.
- Data Dictionary project is moving along. We are getting to the point where we will be soliciting folks to be part of the workgroup, please consider joining.
- Several trainings are being offered through our office, please see the Cypherworx (Collaboration) calendar for signup:
 - RSI Case Review 9/21 1800-1930
 - Specialty Care Transport Conference Day 1 0800-1200
 - Specialty Care Transport Conference Day 2 1200-1600
 - MLREMS REMAC Regional Case Review 1830-2000

XII. System Operations – Reg Allen

- Status quo. Ben received an email regarding some logistical considerations for an upcoming application, however no application has been received yet.

XIII. Training & Ed – Eric Rathfelder

- Requests for a CIC Original, CIU and CLI Original
 - All of these are currently on hold until we receive information from the state (most likely looking at the first of the year). In anticipation of that, a survey was sent out to providers soliciting information about what courses they need and time of day, weekday vs. weekend, etc so we can schedule quickly and efficiently.

XIV. PIER – Donna Bailey

- Paramedic Rookie of the Year to add to the MLREMS Annual Awards as a new award category.

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- Motion by Donna Bailey to include the Paramedic Rookie of the Year in our regional awards packet this year. Seconded by Ahmed Mustafa. Discussion: is this a brand new paramedic or a paramedic that is new to the region? The intention is for this to be a new to certification paramedic. We will clarify this in the award document prior to distribution. Should this be within the first recertification cycle instead of the first two years? With having the certification cycle now be four years, we would prefer this to be the first two years to reflect the “Rookie” part of the award. Roll Call Vote: 20 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 4 absent, 0 conflict of interest, 2 vacant.
- **Motion 2 – Passed**

XV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- No Report

XVI. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- We are moving Hamlin and Brockport to 295.
- Jon Smith has accepted the position as 3rd Battalion EMS Coordinator
- 2nd Battalion interviews are currently scheduled.
- Mutual aid tag – we will need someone from the Council. If you are interested, please reach out.
- EMS Technology day is tomorrow to see how to connect to the CAD electronically.

XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- At the August REMAC – the updated refusal policy was approved and is available on the website.
- MLREMS REMAC Regional Case Review will be done on a quarterly basis – sign up is available through Cypherworx (Collaboration). The next one is scheduled for Monday 10/19 at 1830.

XVIII. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- SEMSCo/SEMAC to be announced, early November via WebEx.

XIX. Adjournment

- **Motion 3 - Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday November 16th, 2020 – location TBD at 1600**

Link for full meeting video:

[MLREMS Full Meeting Video September 2020](#)