



Meeting Minutes March 15, 2021

I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2020-05	2020-07	2020-09	2020-11	2021-1	2021-3
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	P	P	P	P	E
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
3	Bailey, Donna	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)	P.I.E.R.	3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	E
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. (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	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	Erbland, Edward	EMS Training / Education		3/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P
10	Farney, Aaron	REMAC Representative		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
11	Frost, Tim	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2025	P	E	P	P	P	P
12	Hartman, James	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2025	A	A	A	A	A	A
13	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	P	P	P	E	A	P
14	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Secretary	3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Kirchoff, Thomas	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
16	Klueber, Geordie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	P	E	P	P	P	P
17	Mustafa, Ahmed	Monroe County At Large (Seat 4)		3/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P
18	Philippy, Mark	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)	Chairperson	3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
19	Perez, Andrew	Monroe County C.O.N. (Seat 2)		3/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P
20	Puls, Megan	Healthcare Representative (Seat 2)		3/31/2024	P	P	E	P	P	P
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement	Training & Ed	3/31/2023	P	P	P	P	E	P
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2025	P	P	A	P	P	P
23	Tinelli, Samuel	Livingston County C.O.N.		3/31/2023	A	P	P	P	P	P
24	Williams, John	Monroe County – BLSFR		3/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P
25	Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 1)		N/A	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
26	Vacant	Healthcare Representative (Seat 3)		N/A	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	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 January 2021	Tim Kelly	Geordie Klueber			X
2	Roll Call Vote - confirmation uncontested officer seats.	Jeremy Cushman	Geordie Klueber			X
3	Motion Adjourn	Sam Tinelli	Jeremy Cushman			X

III. Meeting called to order - Mark Philipp noted: Everyone present has been vaccinated with the exception of Mindy Johnston who is sitting fully distanced from the rest of those present (Mark Philipp, Tim Kelly, Alex Cook, Sam Tinelli, Ben Sensenbach & Dr. Jeremy Cushman).

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 21 Present, 1 absent, 2 Excused

- Confirmed quorum
 - Excused absences: Reg Allen, Donna Bailey
 - Unexcused absences: James Hartman

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes from the January Meeting is made by Tim Kelly and seconded by Geordie Klueber. Roll call vote – No objections or abstentions to the approved minutes.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

VI. Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- Executive Team Business Meeting March 26th, 2021.
- Discussion regarding website
 - We are looking to save funds as well as continue to provide information to our providers. We are also looking to increase our social media presence. More to come in the secretary report.

VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- Proposal for Legislative Advocacy Standing Committee.
- This idea was originally brought up last year. This is specifically not to lobby, but would serve as an advisement role to keep the Council informed. This document is similar to the one sent out last year. We will be posting for public comment, please review and send us any comments you have. We hope to discuss and vote on this at our May meeting.
- Perhaps would need a name change? We are not bound to the name, please send us any comments you have and submit other ideas. The intent is good, but there is some concern with the term advocacy. As a 501c3, we are prohibited from legislative action.
- Is this a committee we could roll into the PIER Committee instead of having a separate committee? They have different missions, so this we would like to keep separate.
- **NEG**
 - Incorporating REMAC By-Laws into REMSCo By-Laws
 - Review of social media/public media policy

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- We are reviewing and discussing these items. We have a meeting tomorrow, will have more on these action items for the May meeting.
- Officer Elections for 2021
- We have an uncontested officer ballot as follows:
 - Mark Philippy – Chair
 - Tim Kelly – Vice Chair
 - Sam Tinelli – Secretary
 - Alex Cook – Treasurer
- Motion to approve by roll call vote the ballot as presented by Mark Philippy as Chair, Tim Kelly as Vice Chair, Sam Tinelli as Secretary and Alex Cook as Treasurer for a term of office between 2021-2023 by Jeremy Cushman. Seconded by Geordie Klueber. Roll Call Vote. 21-yes, 3-absent, 0-abstain, 0-COI, 2-vacant.

- **Motion 2 – Passed**

VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- Membership committee met, Our newest member is Jon Lindskoog who has joined us for tonight's meeting. He's received all the new paperwork for members. He will be taking over Donna Bailey's seat on the Council.
- Website Discussion with Geordie Klueber
 - Our website is currently a desktop site which makes it challenging to manage on an iPad or mobile device.
 - Looking into shifting all of our training videos (non CME) to youtube, those offering CME credit to Cypherworx.
 - Would like to incorporate podcasts and social mediate into the site
 - Further discussion will be had, if you have ideas please reach out to Sam Tinelli.

- Thank you to Geordie for all your help with this.

IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- Financial reports have been sent.
- Awaiting payment from NYS - Vouchers no longer at 80/20

X. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- A number of policies and care bundles were approved at this last REMAC meeting listed below:
- Credentialing of Paramedic Providers Policy
- Care of the Mentally Ill or Emotionally Distressed Person Policy
- Care of the Mentally Ill or EDP Care Bundle
- Care and Restrained of Agitated or Combative Patients
- Care of the Agitated or Combative Patient Care Bundle
- Management of Patients in Persistent VF/VT Policy & Prehospital Shock ECLS Algorithm
- This algorithm while approved is in a holding period. We hope to move forward with it when COVID is well in our rearview mirror and both hospital systems are ready to implement. More to come on that as we get closer.
- Deaf Communication Flipbook Tool – we still have a small number of these in the office, if agencies need them, please reach out to us.

- Ben Sensenbach, Dr. Cushman & Ed Erbland have met with the Golisano Children’s Hospital folks regarding caring for children with tracheostomies. Education and specific patient care information notification materials are being developed so when our responders take care of one of these patients that have been discharged, it will indicate whether you can utilize a bag valve mask, if they are tracheally intubatable, if you can use an iGel or anything else on them.
- Ketamine for Analgesia Training has been released in Cypherworx and is available.
- The Division of Prehospital Medicine plans on putting on another Quality Improvement Course – this format will be slightly different from the last. More to come as we get closer.
- 2 full day Academy with follow on assignments for the next six months.
- City of Rochester is using the PIC (Person in Crisis) Team and the FIT (Forensic Intervention Team) for responding to mental health calls. We are currently working through challenges. Input will likely be requested from Council & REMAC regarding a regional policy allowing for an individual that’s been assessed by EMS, but may be best served by either of these teams, so allowing the transfer of care to the other team without worry of abandonment as they will be in the care of these other teams.

XI. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- Voucher system update
- More complicated voucher system. The Bureau is trying to resolve these issues, but many of them are coming from other departments. More to come as we work through the process.



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- There has been collaboration between our office and the BEMSAT Data Informatics Unit. The goal is to use State data and our care bundles together. More to come as we figure this out.
- Shout out to Peter Brodie, he really has brought this department to the forefront. At the State level, we are hoping to create a Standard Committee on Standards of Excellence. This was based on the care bundles created in our region, so thank you to our Program Agency and all of the folks that worked on these.
- We are also working with the State Education Unit. The VAD training is available in the State site that our office collaborated on, but this way is available State wide.
- emsCharts & CAD Updates
- Livingston County – no action needed. Just situational awareness if you operate in both counties that Ben is making updates on the Monroe County side.
- Monroe County – action will be required, but not right now. Ben will send out correspondence as needed.
- State Actions
 - Firuz Barotov
 - Certification has been surrendered effective 1/17/21.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(10)
 - “...Has misappropriated any money or any property from any source during the course of any EMS duty and/or practice, irrespective of whether such misappropriation is prosecuted as a crime...”
 - Citywide Mobile Response Corp

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- Assessed a civil penalty of \$25,000. Of that \$12,500 is suspending pending completion of a two year period of improved performance effective 1/22/21.
- Engage a consultant from the NYC REMSCO to assist the agency with Part 800 and Article 30 compliance.
- Submit a Plan of Correction within 30 days of 1/22/21.
- Submit a current DOH 1811 within 30 days of the Plan of Correction.
- Vehicle fleet is limited to the number in service as of 8/26/19. Upon compliance with the Plan of Correction and improved inspections for six months the Department will accept certifications for additional vehicles.
- For violations of Article 30 Sec 3012(1)(b), and 10 NYCRR Part 800, 800.21, 800.3, 800.24, 800.23
- "...Any ambulance service or advanced life support first response service certificate issued pursuant to section three thousand five of this article may be revoked, suspended, limited or annulled by the department upon proof that the operator or certificate holder or one or more enrolled members or one or more persons in his employ...has not been competent in the operation of the service or has shown inability to provide adequate ambulance services or advanced life support first response service..."
- Part 800 requirements are full pages of things.
- South Farmingdale Fire Department
 - Suspended for one year effective 1/19/21. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of Article 30 Sec 3012(1)(b), and 10 NYCRR Part 800.23(a)
 - "...Any ambulance service or advanced life support first response service certificate issued pursuant to section three thousand five of this article may be revoked, suspended, limited or annulled by the department upon proof that the operator or certificate holder or one or more enrolled members or one or more persons in his

employ...has not been competent in the operation of the service or has shown inability to provide adequate ambulance services or advanced life support first response service...”

- “All equipment shall be clean, sanitary and operable.”
- Andrei Volik
 - Certification surrendered effective 2/17/2021.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(7)
 - “...has procured, or has attempted to procure, his/her certification or recertification 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 recertification, 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...”

XII. System Operations – Reg Allen

- No report

XIII. Training & Ed – Ed Erbland

- COVID-19 & Course Sponsors – Best Practices for EMT Classes
- Concerns about practical skills & methods to address same
- Maintaining COVID-safe classroom environment
- Handling COVID + students
- CME Matrix Update
- Education & Certification Updates
- Checking with BEMSAT for potential Instructor Courses

- Training Officer Development Course concept
- Training & Ed has a subgroup that will be working on mental health education. If any of your agency members are interested, please reach out to Ed Erbland.
- Communication with the Deaf – with having the flipbook tools more available, just remind folks that training is available in Cypherworx.

XIV. PIER – Ben Sensenbach / Mark Philippy

- Thank you Donna for your years of service to the Council & to our EMS Community. Although she is vacating her seat on the Council, she intends to stay on the PIER Committee as a non Council Member.
- Council Awards Update
- Letters have been sent to nominees and award winners.
- Will be the same format as we did last year – Award Ceremony will take place virtually via Zoom prior to our Council Meeting on Monday, May 17th. The physical awards and yard signs will be delivered throughout EMS Week.
- UR Medicine donation received, RRHS donation requested.
- EMS Week
- The PIER Committee is working with the UR Trauma Center to organize a Stop the Bleed training that week. More to come as we get things together.
- STEP Conference Update
- They are hoping to have an in person meeting in September depending on restrictions.
- First Aid Workshops
- We would like to explore holding a first aid workshop for the boy and girl scouts. This can prove difficult via zoom, so we are hoping as restrictions loosen that we can hold some of these training in very small groups in person.
- PSA

- Our previous PSA was well received. We are looking at doing a joint PSA with the Trauma Center regarding Stop the Bleed.
- We are looking for a PIER Committee Chair, if you are interested, please contact Mark Philippy.

XV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- Dr. Farney has held multiple zoom training regarding MSU utilization in Livingston County. There will be policies released on how the MSU will be requested and used in Livingston County, it will not be auto-dispatched as it is in Monroe County.

XVI. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- Our focus has been on the CAD. Yesterday was our cutover day, it mostly went well. There are some glitches that need to be fixed and a few non-critical items on the list of things to be fixed eventually, it will just take some time. Thank you to the 911 center for all of their efforts to ensure a smooth changeover.

XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- Multiple policies and bundles were approved (covered in Dr. Cushmans report).
- Dr. Lum remains the Director of the Emergency Department at Highland Hospital, however is transitioning the EMS Liaison part of his responsibilities to the REMAC to Dr. Jay Schueckler.
- Next Meeting is Monday, April 19th 2021.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- None to report

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- Correspondence - EMS Board of Directors Podcast
- Please be sure to submit your individual reports before the Council meeting. It helps us to determine whether we need to hold the meeting.
- RSI Case Review tonight at 1800. Please feel free to join us, signup is available at the Cypherworx Event Calendar.

XX. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- SEMSCo/SEMAC May 25th and 26th 2021 via WebEx.

XXI. Adjournment

- **Motion 3 - Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday May, 17th, 2021 Location TBD at 1600**

Link for full meeting video:

[Full March 2021 MLREMS Meeting](#)