



Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021

I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2020-07	2020-09	2020-11	2021- 1	2021- 3	2021- 5
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	P	P	P	E	P
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
3	Cook, Alex	Livingston County At Large (Seat 2)	Treasurer	3/31/2023	P	P	P	P	P	P
4	Coyle, Thomas	Monroe County C.O.N. (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	E
5	Cushman, Jeremy	Regional Medical Director		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
6	Czapranski, Tim	Monroe County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
7	Dewar, Karen	Livingston County EMS Coordinator		Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Erbland, Edward	EMS Training / Education	Training & Ed	3/31/2024	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Farney, Aaron	REMAC Representative		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
10	Frost, Tim	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)		3/31/2025	E	P	P	P	P	E
11	Vacant	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2025	Hartman	Hartman	Hartman	Hartman	Hartman	VACANT
12	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	P	P	E	A	P	E
13	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
14	Kirchoff, Thomas	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Klueber, Georgie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	E	P	P	P	P	E
16	Lindskoog, Jonathan	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey E	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	E	P	P	P	P
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement		3/31/2023	P	P	P	E	P	P
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2025	P	A	P	P	P	E
23	Tinelli, Samuel	Livingston County C.O.N.	Secretary	3/31/2023	P	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	Approve March Meeting Minutes	Bill Arnold	Dr. Cushman			X
2	Change the current regional council Bylaws	Sam Tinelli	Ahmed Mustafa			X
3	Accept updated CME Matrix	Dr. Cushman	Tim Kelly			X
4	Adjourn	Dr. Cushman	Bill Arnold			X

III. Meeting called to order - Mark Philippy Noted: *Everyone present has been vaccinated with the exception of Mindy Johnston who is sitting fully distanced from the rest of those present.*

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 18 Present, 0 absent, 5 Excused

- Confirmed quorum

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes from the March Meeting is made by Bill Arnold and seconded by Dr. Cushman. Roll call vote – No objections or abstentions to the approved minutes.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

VI. Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- Muru App for access to collaborative protocols
 - State has been vetting this. There are some further paid options that may allow for additional functionality. Currently, the base program behaves like our current collaborative protocol app.
- The Program Agency has not received any information on the app. We want to be sure to iron out any details and then release an advisory to discuss any details and allow plenty of time for transition. They uploaded regional policies to the app, however they did not check with the region, so we want to make sure everything is correct and that they have the most up to date policies.
- When registering for the app, you do need to put your agency is as the “licensed” agency (i.e. AMR is in their list as National Ambulance).
- Thank you Ahmed for the public announcement sent out regarding the PIER Committee’s efforts with Stop the Bleed and EMS Week.

VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- We’ve amended the by-laws in order to add the REMAC Committee and Legislation into the current council by-laws. Motion to change the current regional council by-laws under the standing committees section, REMAC to remove the requirement of separate by-laws by Sam Tinelli. Seconded by Ahmed Mustafa. Discussion: Regional Patient Safety – change verbiage – this person is appointed by the Regional Medical Director and approved by the REMAC Chair to make it consistent with the Patient Safety Committee policy. Alternates for physicians and voting capability. Originally alternates could vote. We were looking at taking this away to align closer with the SEMAC/SEMSCo Level. Further discussion – why have alternates if we don’t allow

them to vote? We are different from the State Council. Any issues with having the alternates vote? No. Thank you everyone for your help with these documents, this is a big step forward in consolidating these documents.

- Roll Call Vote: 18 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain, 5 – absent, 0 – conflict of interest.
- **Motion 2 – Passed**

VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- Webpage Project
- Working on what needs to be here. We will likely continue another year with the current contract and then look to transition after that. Thank you Geordie for all of your help with this project.
- We would like to work on a listing of members of Council contact information including emergency contacts and phone numbers. Will be reaching out in the coming months.

IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- At the end of April, we received payment from July – September. The State is starting to push everything to Grants Gateway for submission. We are being paid at 100%. We've had to pull from savings to cover some costs, but haven't spent any reserved funds yet.

X. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Remain busy in the office as we transition from COVID
- Working on Mental Health projects especially in Monroe County. More to come as things move forward.

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- Stroke teams are coming together – hope to have something in front of REMAC to expand the 24 hour stroke notification.
- Thanks to NEQ, Pittsford, Monroe and CHS as they've worked through the home vaccination process.
- Treat in place – alternative transportation definitions and approvals are ongoing. These discussions will continue at Council & REMAC.
- Long drops again – we are tracking drop times through emsCharts and keeping an eye on things – we are still at lower times than pre pandemic times. The hospital is working on opening a geriatric unit within the hospital to help alleviate numbers.
- RRHS – Dr. Verneti has been very responsive with issues, feel free to reach out with concerns.

XI. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- Pediatric trach course was this morning. The goal is to build more content for Cypherworx.
- National Stop the Bleed Day is on Thursday 5/20. UR Trauma has partnered with the PIER Committee to create some community based training.
- Peter Brodie – ePCR initiatives – all states moving to the new system, this will affect outcomes.
- Will be working on updating Agency contacts.
- Fit Teams – can be an issue, tied up resources waiting for fit teams. Is there a way to not have EMS called until they are needed? This is an operational issue – EMS Advisory Board is a good place to further discuss this, there are liability concerns and also ties in with our response metrics.
- State Actions
 - Justin Obireck
 - Certification suspended for 1 year effective 3/13/21. The suspension is stayed.

- Placed on probation for 3 years effective 3/13/21.
- Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
- 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...”
- Benjamin Tessmer
 - Certification suspended for 1 year effective 3/23/21. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on probation for 3 years effective 3/23/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(3) and 800.16(a)(13)
 - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing as established by...(3) scope of Practice as defined in Section 800.3...”
 - “...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...”
- Gerard Boettcher
 - Certification surrendered effective 3/31/21.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 (a)(1), 800.15 (a)(2), 800.16 (a)(2), 800.16 (a)(3) and 800.16 (a)(11).
 - “...comply with prehospital practice standards applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: (1) State-approved training curricula and State-approved training standards, in accordance with section 800.20 of this Part; (2) State approved protocols developed by State and/or Regional Medical Advisory Committees pursuant to sections 3002-a and 3004-a of the Public Health law...”

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- “...(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...(3) has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...(11) has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section-800.3 of this Part...”
- Joseph Oakes
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 2/3/2021. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on probation for three years effective 2/3/21.
 - Assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.16(a)(2), (9) and (11).
 - “...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
 - “...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...”
 - “...has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
- Brendan Boose
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 4/4/2021. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on probation for three years effective 4/4/2021.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(4)
 - “...has abused a patient, as patient abuse is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”

XII. System Ops - Reg Allen

- No Report

XIII. Training and Education - Ed Erbland

- Advanced the 2021 CME Matrix
- Update course names, CME hours and formatting
- Draft is attached for approval. Motion for the Council to accept the updated CME Matrix as presented by Dr. Cushman, seconded by Tim Kelly. No further discussion. Any objections or abstentions? No.
- **Motion 3 passes.**
- Policies, Procedures and Training for EDP – loose framework in place. Hope for September – October.

XIV. PIER – Ben Sensenbach / Mark Philippy

- No current PIER Chair.
- Stop the Bleed Program Begins Thursday
- EMS Activities Sent out to agency leaders
- Thank you to Donna, Ahmed, Karen and Geordie for keeping the PIER committee going.
- Ahmed is looking to put together a monthly release to the press from EMS. Highlighting agencies and appropriate subjects. (i.e. heat exhaustion in August)

XV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- No Report

XVI. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- Continue to work through CAD stuff.
- There was an issue with Mercy Flight being confused about what channel to go on when landing. 175 will now be the incoming channel. There will be a policy forthcoming on that from the 911 center.

XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- There will be another Quality Academy held this fall. It will be in a different format – two full day in person instruction on 9/17 and 9/24 with monthly followup zoom meetings after that.
- Regional Case Review was light on attendance, if anyone has ideas on how to ramp up attendance, please let us know.
- Next RSI Case Review is 6/21/21 at 1530.
- Next Regional Case Review is 7/19/21 at 1830.
- Next Meeting on 6/21/21 at 1700.
- Dr. Verneti is replacing Dr. Muto as the RRHS representative.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- None to report

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- Livingston County has been investigating doing further hybrid meetings/training with the new equipment, if you are interested please reach out.

XX. SEMAC/SEMSCo Updates

- Quality metrics committee is in place at the state level. Dave Violante and Peter Brodie are working on how to create standards like bundles.
- EMS Innovation Committee - if you are interested let Mark Philippy or Val know.

XXI. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

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

XXII. Adjournment

- **Motion 3 - Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday July, 19th, 2021 College Town at 1600**

Link for full meeting video:

[Full May 2021 MLREMS Meeting](#)