



## Meeting Minutes July 19, 2021

### I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2020-09	2020-11	2021-01	2021-03	2021-05	2021-07
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	P	P	E	P	A
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	E	P
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	E
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	P	P	P	P	E	P
11	<b>Vacant</b>	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2025	Hartman	Hartman	Hartman	Hartman	VACANT	VACANT
12	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	P	E	A	P	E	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, Geordie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	P	P	P	P	E	P
16	Lindskoog, Jonathan	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey E	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	E
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	E	P	P	P	P	P
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement		3/31/2023	P	P	E	P	P	P
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2025	A	P	P	P	E	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	<b>Vacant</b>	Healthcare Representative (Seat 1)		N/A	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
26	<b>Vacant</b>	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 May Meeting Minutes	Bill Arnold	Ahmed Mustafa			X
2	To Vote in all candidates in non contested seats	Bill Arnold	Tim Frost			X
3	Accept updated CME Matrix	Dr. Cushman	Tim Kelly			X
4	Adjourn	Dr. Cushman	Bill Arnold			X

## III. Meeting called to order - Tim Kelly

## IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 18 Present, 1 absent, 4 Excused

- Confirmed quorum

## V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

## VI. Chairperson – Mark Philippy - Reported by Tim Kelly

- Vital Signs Conference November 11th - 14th Saratoga
- SEMAC/SEMSCO Meetings are October 19th and 20th at Empire State Plaza

## VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- Vice Chair Report – No Report
- NEG Chair Report
- Voting on membership and by-laws update
  - James Cassin – Council - At Large EMS Agency Seat 4
  - Bob Breese – REMAC – EMS Course Sponsor
  - Dr. Tyler Lemay – REMAC – At Large
    - All paperwork received. As these are all non-contested seats, Tim Kelly would like to entertain a motion to cast one vote for all seats. Motion by Bill Arnold, seconded by Tim Frost. No objections, no abstentions,
  - **Motion 2 passes.**
- NEG Meeting tomorrow – we will be discussing the Council By-Laws.
- All Council members are required to be active on a committee. If you are interested in NEG, please reach out to Tim Kelly.
- Legislative Committee
  - We will be operating Charities Bureau (Oct 2020) page 8 bullet 1 “non-partisan analysis and research of public education and provision of advice to a governmental body in response to a request.” We are strictly an educational committee. We will look at bills from the senate and the assembly and if they have effects on the industry as a whole, we will bring them to the Council for situational awareness. These will be matters for your consideration and if you so choose to act as your own person, under your own volition and not as part of your Council, you can.

## **VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli**

- Agenda Items: Please send in any agenda items as soon as possible. If you do not have a report please let me know.

## **IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook**

- No changes in my report.

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

- The Stroke items have been approved. We are still coordinating with the Finger Lakes Region to implement these together. More to come as things progress.
- The Mental Health Alternative Destination policy is also currently on the shelf just waiting for the Office of Mental Health to allow transport to the Behavioral Health Access Crisis Center. Meetings are ongoing.
- Care and Referral of Prehospital ECMO patients – these discussions are starting again, things had been on hold with COVID.

## **XI. Program Agency Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD on behalf of Ben Sensenbach**

- The Program Agency – Ben, Jim Cassin, Steve LaDue as well as many others have been working on the NEMSIS and State Validation changes. The Bureau has been very responsive to issues with these. There are still some chart closure issues, but we continue to work through these.
- State Actions
  - Keisha Brockington

- Certification revoked effective 5/21/2021.
- Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
- For violations of 10NYCRR 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..."
- Sybil Frost
  - Certification suspended for one year effective 6/1/2021. The suspension is stayed.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - 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..."
- Robert Lukens
  - Certification surrendered for revocation upon consent effective 6/1/2021.
  - 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

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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...”

○ Maneisha Atkinson

- Certification revoked effective 6/3/2021.
- For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(5) and Part 800.16(a)(7)
- “...has been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, as that term is defined in section 800.3(ak) of this Part, unless, in accordance with Article 23-A of the Corrections Law, the department determines, that (i) there is not a direct relationship between one or more of the criminal offenses and the duties required of this certificate or (ii) allowing the certificate holder to retain his/her certificate would not involve an unreasonable risk to the property or the safety or welfare of a specific individual or the general public. In determining these questions, the agency will look at the eight factors listed under New York Correctional Law Section 753...”
- “...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...”

○ Bensonhurst Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc.

- Certification suspended for one year effective 6/10/21.
- For failure to comply with a previous stipulation and order.

- James Schofield
  - Certification suspended for six months effective 6/9/2021. The suspension is stayed.
  - Placed on probation for three years effective 6/9/2021.
  - Required to take an ACLS refresher.
  - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.15(a)(1) and (2)
  - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing as established by: State-approved training curricula and State-approved training standards, in accordance with section 800.20 of this Part; 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...”
- Richard Harold Jr.
  - Issued reprimand.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of (\$2,000) dollars. One thousand (\$1,000) dollars stayed.
  - Placed on probation for three years effective 6/10/2021.
  - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.3(ao)
  - “...Patient Abandonment means a certificate holder’s willful termination of patient contact prior to delivering the patient for medical evaluation and/or treatment, or securing a proper refusal of medical attention in accordance with applicable protocol. Patient abandonment may be effected through means including, but not limited to, leaving a patient unattended after establishing patient contact, leaving a patient to the care of an EMT certified at a lower level when the certificate holder knew or should have known that the patient required a higher level of care, and/or encouraging the patient and/or bystanders to reject transport to a hospital by ambulance unless it occurs within an organized multi patient/agency response...”

- Nassau County Police Department
  - Issued a formal reprimand effective 6/14/21.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - For violations of PHL A30 3006(a)(c) and 10NYCRR Part 800.21
  - “...to review the care rendered by the service, as documented in prehospital care reports and other materials. The committee shall have the authority to use such information to review and to recommend to the governing body changes in administrative policies and procedures, as may be necessary, and shall notify the governing body of significant deficiencies...”
  - “...to periodically review information concerning compliance with standard of care procedures and protocols, grievances filed with the service by patients or their families, and the occurrence of incidents injurious or potentially injurious to patients. A quality improvement program shall also include participation in the department’s prehospital care reporting system and the provision of continuing education programs to address areas in which compliance with procedures and protocols is most deficient and to inform personnel of changes in procedures and protocols. Continuing education programs may be provided by the service itself or by other organizations...”
  - “...Certified Ambulance Services General Requirements...”
- Mountaindale Fire Department First Aid Squad
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - Suspended for one (1) year effective 6/4/21. The suspension is stayed.
  - For violations of PHL A30 3012(b), 3006 and 10NYCRR Part 800.21.
  - “...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...”



- "...Certified Ambulance Services General Requirements..."

## **XII. System Operations - Reg Allen**

- No Report

## **XIII. Training and Education - Ed Erbland**

- Working with Ben Sensenbach and Terry Taylor to refine agenda for upcoming CIU in late October.

## **XIV. PIER – Ahmed Mustafa**

- Media coverage on the staffing crisis has been posted, it's prevalent in people's minds. We need to work on getting the word out without panicking the public. We have lost a lot of traction with COVID slowing down from EMS being on the public's mind. Working on the best way to keep EMS in the mind of the public.

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

- OEM Director has left their position. He was also the fire coordinator. Currently working on finding a replacement. The Deputy Director is currently filling in.

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

- Live MUM - Identifies coverage gaps and makes suggestions based on four years worth of data crunching. Currently figuring out logistics. This is integrated into the cad, looking at how to address other issues (i.e. AMR is not currently factored in). The EMS Status page is staging on for now as it contains provider phone numbers that only the County Coordinator, 911 Center and

County Medical Director can see for follow up and safety purposes. The CAD is currently not able to have this feature without all of these peoples phone numbers being public.

## **XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD**

- Regional Case COnference is tonight at 1830 via Zoom, please feel free to join us. You must be registered in Cypherworx (collabornation) to receive CME credit.
- Patient Safety is working on a Safety Offload Checklist.
- September 17th and 24th is the in person Quality Academy Class, registration is open.

## **XVIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- None to report

## **XIX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Council Members - If you are currently not on a committee, you need to find one. If you have questions, please reach out to the related committee chairs and they would be happy to help. Please note - REMAC subcommittees (i.e. Patient Safety) do not count.
- With the executive order being pulled , what does that mean for vaccination/testing performed by EMS providers?
  - EMT's are not allowed to test or vaccinate
  - Paramedics may test and vaccinate as part of a Community Paramedicine Program or State pod.
- Update on the program agencies and council merging through the state?
  - There were some pre covid discussions but nothing since then.
- We appreciate the flexibility and support of the Bureau during COVID.



**XX. SEMAC/SEMSCo Updates**

- No report

**XXI. NYS DOH Dates to Remember**

- No Report

**XXII. Adjournment**

- Motion made by Bill arnold to adjourn, seconded by Sam Tinelli
- Motion 3 - Passed
- Next Meeting: Monday September, 20th, 2021 Livingston County EMS at 1600

Link for full meeting video:

[Full July 2021 MLREMS Meeting](#)