



Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021

I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2021-01	2021-03	2021-05	2021-07	2021-09	2021-11
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	P	E	P	A	P	P
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	A	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	E	P	P	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	E	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	P	P	E	P	P	P
11	Cassin, James	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2025	Hartman	Hartman	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	P
12	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	A	P	E	E	A	A
13	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	A	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	E	P	P	P
16	Lindskoog, Jonathan	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	Bailey	Bailey 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	E	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	P	P	A	P
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement		3/31/2023	E	P	P	P	P	A
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2025	P	P	E	E	E	P
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 September Meeting Minutes	Tim Czapranski	Tom Coyle			X
2	To endorse the village of Avon FD BLSFR application	Reg Allen	Tim Czapranski			X
3	For the January Meeting to be held at Livingston County EMS	Reg Allen	Tim Czapranski			X
4						X

III. Meeting called to order

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 22 Present, 1 absent, 0 Excused, 3 Vacant

- Confirmed quorum

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes from the September Meeting is made by Tim Czapranski and seconded by Tom Coyle. Roll call vote
– No objections, no abstentions to the minutes.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

VI. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- Election Season is coming up. We will be sending notifications to the members that are expiring and posting our open seats.
- We will begin reviewing the REMSCo by-laws.

VII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- No Report

VIII. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- Status quo. We are in the same position that we have been in the past year in terms of the issue with the state processing payments. All regions are in the same boat. The bureau staff have been helpful, but it's out of their hands.

IX. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Advisories have been released related to patient safety concerns.
- Clinical guidance has been issued on automated compression devices - more of a best practice document. Once we have a critical mass of these out, we can look at implementing the ECLS algorithm (currently at the state for review)
- FAST-ED is now live. This was a collaboration between the Finger Lakes Region and ours, we hope that this will be the first of many collaborations.

X. Program Agency Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD on behalf of Ben Sensenbach

- State Actions
 - Timothy Leach
 - Certification suspended for three years effective 9/17/21. The suspension is stayed pending compliance with probation.
 - Placed on probation for three years effective 9/17/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000. \$1,500 is stayed pending compliance with Stipulation and Order.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(2) and (9).

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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..."
- "...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..."
- Christine Correia
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 10/13/21. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(4) and (9).
 - "...has abused a patient, as patient abuse 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..."
- Christopher Howland
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 10/18/21. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(5).
 - "...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 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 State Correctional Law Section 753..."

- Center for Allied Health Education
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR 66.3(d) (reference: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/nys-law-on-face-coverings-10-nycrr-subpart-66-3>)
 - “...Any person over two years of age and able to medically tolerate a face-covering must wear a face-covering when in public and unable to maintain social distance. Passengers over the age of two and able to tolerate a face-covering must wear a mask or face covering when on public transport or private for-hire transport. Drivers or other employees of transportation carriers must wear a mask or face-covering if there are paying passengers on such transport. Any employee present in the workplace must be provided a mask or face-covering and must wear it when in contact with customers or the public, or unable to socially distance. Business operators and business owners must deny entry and/or remove any person who fails to comply with the face-covering requirements. Adequate face coverings include cloth masks, surgical masks, N-95s, and face shields. To maintain social distance, persons must keep at least 6 feet away from any other person, other than their own family members...”
- Kevin Mckeon
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 10/22/21. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on probation for three years effective 10/22/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.3(am) and 800.16(a)(11).
 - “...Negligence means a failure to perform, on one or more EMS calls, as an ordinary, reasonable, similarly situated certificate holder certified at the same level would, based upon the standard of care in the region, as delineated in controlling protocols, curricula, and policies, and as demonstrated by an ordinary, reasonable certificate holder’s general standards of practice...”
 - “...has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”

- Giovanni Gaviria
 - Certification revoked effective 10/22/21.
 - 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...”
- Ambulance Service of Fulton County, Inc.
 - Certification revoked effective 10/27/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000.
 - For violations of Public Health Law Article 30 Section 3012 (1)(f).
 - “...has discontinued operations for a period in excess of one month...”
- Johnstown Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.
 - Certification revoked effective 10/27/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000.
 - For violations of Public Health Law Article 30 Section 3012 (1)(f).
 - “...has discontinued operations for a period in excess of one month...”
- Robert Gala
 - Certification revoked effective 10/27/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.16(a)(8), 800.16(a)(11) and 800.16(a)(9).
 - “...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...”
 - “...has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”

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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..."
- Matthew Martinez
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 10/29/2021. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - Provide proof of remediation
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.16(a)(2), 800.16(a)(3).
 - "...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 been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Jon Cinelli
 - Certification suspended effective 11/2/2021. The suspension is stayed for one year pending no further violations for three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 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..."
- FAST-ED – we will be sending emsCharts guidance related to FAST-ED documentation. Non-emCharts agencies should also be able to implement without issues.
- All of your ePCR frustrations have been passed to the bureau. When we answer questions, we make sure to point out the level where the hangup is so that we can direct those issues to the right place.

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- ED Diversions – can only happen in four hour blocks. Most of these are outside of our region – if we have a legitimate concern, we will keep an eye out for those that will impact us. Many of you recall the REMAC and our local hospitals ended diversion a decade ago as it is not patient centric. Areas that do it have more hospitals, it is not a viable solution to assist in hospital drop times or volumes because we only have four hospitals. We continue to monitor and have had discussions about it, but it is not wise at this moment.
- Are there repercussions if an ambulance shows up to a hospital on diversion? No, they are not closed, just requesting that you don't come there.
- Vital Signs Conference
- There were three winners this year from our region, congratulations! They also recognized Mark Philippy for his service at the State Council
 - Rob Sparks – ALS Provider of the Year
 - Sharon Chiumento – Dr. Robert Kantor EMS for Children Leadership Award
 - Dr. Jeremy Cushman – Physician of Excellence
- CIU took place on 10/25/2021. We are still processing paperwork, the forms that were listed on the Bureau website were not correct.
- State has appointed two regional faculty members per county. We don't know who they are. If your instructors receive letters, please let us know. Brian Wiedman to look further into this.

XI. System Operations - Reg Allen

- West Webster Fire District transfer of operation authority to Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance application received. Working on a time to get the systems committee together, this means we need a council meeting in december 12/20.

XII. Training and Education - Ed Erbland

- Bureau issued documents 21-07 and 21-08 which provide significant updates to distance learning standards. Please review if this applies to you. There are very specific requirements for hybrid learning modules as well.
- State Health Commerce System EMT certification look up section has been down for the last few weeks. They have intermittent times that they have been available. The Bureau has no timeline for resolution.

XIII. Chairperson/PIER – Mark Philippy

- Looking at putting some PSA's together. We have some great ideas, but it's a matter of getting everyone together. If you are interested in participating please let us know.
- The award packet is out, please send in nominations, we need to be sure to recognize our folks.
- State level - We are working to make sure that the program agencies are involved in the state Data Dictionary development.
- EMS Memorial - working to get new thoughts together regarding some potential changes.

XIV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- New Director of Emergency Management: Andrew Brodell.

XV. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- The County Executive and Health Commissioner teamed up with Erie county to talk about COVID and where we are this year compared to last year.
 - Today in Monroe County: 289 COVID patients in the hospital, 82 in the ICU, last year 184 in the hospital and 33 in the ICU - It's tough out there.
- The County Executive has announced a program where EMS agencies can get reimbursed up to \$20,000 in unpaid COVID expenses, Tim has sent an email, only six agencies have responded. If you are interested, reach out to Tim Czapranski. There is a quick timeline - has to be done by the end of the year.

XVI. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- Met on 10/18/2021
- Hospital representatives discussed staffing shortages.
- Discussion about concerns with transporting bariatric patients. A smaller group from the REMAC is getting together to brainstorm some solutions.
- Next meeting 12/20/21 at 1700

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

- MLREMS Website
 - Sam and Geordie to meet for future discussion about cost reduction relating to the website. Our current needs for the website are vastly different from our previous needs, this could lend us an opportunity to look at making some changes that make our website more accessible while allowing for a cost reduction. More to come as things progress.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Michael Hoskins has resigned from the MLREMS Council.
- Village of Avon Fire Department BLSFR Application has been submitted for endorsement.
 - Representative is present for any questions. They have been working closely with Karen Dewar through this process.
 - Motion to endorse the Village of Avon Fire Department to become a BLSFR by Reg Allen, seconded by Tim Czapranski. No abstentions or opposed. Discussion: NYS DOH is the approving authority, we are just voting to endorse.
 - **MOTION 2 - PASSES**
- Regional Faculty Update - Brian Wiedman

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- Instructors have been sent letters asking if they would like to be Regional Faculty. If they say yes, they will need to go to a training course. Once this is done, they are approved for two years. It is at that point that Program Agencies can ask for lists of regional faculties.
- Mark did speak with Jean Taylor who mentioned that there was a review of the instructors and their degree of engagement. Some are being invited back as regional faculty, where others are not.
- Mountain Lakes Region shared that they are extremely concerned, they had a regional faculty member that they use a lot who was not invited back, but there was no explanation as to why. The Mountain Lakes Region didn't get notified of any of this from the State, it was all the instructors who shared with the region.
- Can we write a letter to the DOH describing our frustrations?
- We have previously sent letters from the Training & Ed Committee as our last regional faculty appointment was >10 years ago. We were told by the State that we do not have any say in this process, but we can have folks send resumes to them for consideration.
 - Perhaps we can have Director Greenberg attend our next Council meeting. Brian Weidman to extend an invite to him.
- Mark Philippy, Dr. Doynow and Director Greenberg to meet in the new year with the new Health Commissioner. If you have items that you think is important for discussion, please bring them to Mark.
 - Will add to discussion for the December meeting
- Meeting location change due to PSTF conflict.
 - College Town is available for our use, however it can be a tight fit if we are no longer hybrid. If you have any ideas of alternative locations, please let us know.
 - Karen Dewar – we are always welcome at Livingston County EMS.
 - Motion for the January meeting to be held at Livingston County EMS by Reg Allen. Seconded by Tim Czapranski. Discussion – will this be a hybrid meeting? Not at this time – the executive order only goes until January 15th. We fall under the open meetings law, not our by-laws for our Council meetings. No opposed or abstentions. Motion passes. Thank you Karen!
 - **Motion 3 - PASSES**

XIX. SEMAC/SEMSCo Updates

- Vital Signs Conference January 4th and 5th.

XX. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- Report above.

XXI. Adjournment

- **Motion made by Tom Coyle to adjourn, seconded by Tim Czapranski.**
- **Motion 4 - Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday December 20th at LCEMS and Hybrid at 1600**

Link for full meeting video:

[Full November 2021 MLREMS Meeting](#)