



Meeting Minutes December 20, 2021

I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2021-03	2021-05	2021-07	2021-09	2021-11	2021-12
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	E	P	A	P	P	P
2	Arnold, William	Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	A	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	E	P	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	E	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	P	E	P	P	P	P
11	Cassin, James	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)		3/31/2025	Hartman	VACANT	VACANT	P	P	P
12	Vacant	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	Hoskins - P	Hoskins - E	Hoskins - E	Hoskins - A	Hoskins - A	Vacant
13	Kelly, Timothy	Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Vice Chair / N.E.G.	3/31/2025	P	P	P	A	P	P
14	Kirchoff, Thomas	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Clueber, Georgie	Livingston County BLSFR		3/31/2023	P	E	P	P	P	P
16	Lindskoog, Jonathan	Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)		3/31/2025	Bailey E	P	P	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	E	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	P	A	P	P
21	Rathfelder, Eric	Law Enforcement		3/31/2023	P	P	P	P	A	A
22	Smith, Merideth	Community		3/31/2025	P	E	E	E	P	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	A
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	Transfer of Operating Authority from WWFD to PVA	Reg Allen	Alex Cook			X
2	Permit Program Agency to collect and share data	Tim Frost	Tom Kirchoff			X
3	Support Nurse Nav Program	Tom Coyle	Tim Frost			X
4	Motion to support course sponsorship agencies	Sam Tinelli	Ed Erbland			X
5	Motion to Adjourn	Reg Allen	Tim Frost			X

III. Meeting called to order - Mark Philippy

- Welcome
- Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 21 Present, 2 absent, 0 Excused, 3 Vacant

- Confirmed quorum

V. Action Item: Reg Allen

- Transfer of Operating Authority from the West Webster Fire District to the Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance.
- Application review completed by the Program Agency, Systems Committee and our attorney.
- Fitness and Competency Review Completed by the BEMSAT with no issues noted.
- Motion by Reg Allen: To approve the transfer of operating Authority from the West Webster Fire District to the Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance based on the results of the Fitness and Competency Review. Seconded by Alex Cook. Anyone have to

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disclose any conflicts of interest? Ahmed announced potential conflict of interest - as a member of West Webster Fire District and of the agency that was in consideration , I could. As this is based on fiduciary liability, Ahmed is not conflicted. No conflict was determined.

- Floor opened for discussion, no discussion presented
- Roll Call vote. 18 - yes, 0 - no, 6 - Absent, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Conflict of Interest
 - **Motion 1 - Passes**

VI. Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- Report from the chair:
 - Reminder the election will take place in the January meeting. Mr. Kelly will be reaching out to everyone shortly.
- Drop Time Data Sharing
 - Program Agency has been collecting a considerable amount of data. We would like to be able to use and share this data to see where some of these health care issues come from. This would all be de-identified. Does anyone at the Council have concerns with sharing the program agency data?
 - Discussion - great data to share, I don't see.
- Motion: Permit Program Agency to collect and share aggregate de-identified data, of patient and agency identifiers for the purpose of improving quality improvement and improvement of the EMS system by Tim Frost. Seconded by Tom Kirchoff. Further discussion? Question – how are we going to notify the agencies specifically to let them know this is going on? MOU? The Council and Program Agency send a letter to each agency to allow them to opt out. All in favor? Any opposed to the motion as stated? None. Any abstentions? None.
- **Motion 2 - Passes**

- Behavioral Health Transport Data Sharing
- 911 Nurse Navigation System Launch
 - Background: The City of Rochester and AMR signed an agreement in which this Nurse Navigation was part of it. AMR would offer to the City and County of Monroe the system for Nurse Navigation. Take low acuity calls (alpha and omega call types under EMD BLS - D) those certain calls would be diverted to a Nurse who would be connected with the caller and conduct a secondary triage process and determine if there's a need for an ambulance, a tele-health visit or patient is sent to an alternative destination (i.e. Urgent Care, Primary Care, etc.) – patient would be sent via ride share service.
 - This project was supported by the EMS Advisory Board in June. Looking to go live on January 3, 2022. We expect that we're talking about a fairly small number of calls that would be eligible. A letter was sent to every elected official in Monroe County supporting the Nurse Navigation program and advising them of the Program start. Working on some public education.
 - Ask of the Council is to consider coming out in support of the Nurse Navigation Program.
 - Question: the letter that went out, had Mark Philippy as a member of MLREMS council but no signature. Why is that? We need to make a motion before discussion.
 - Motion by Tom Coyle that the Council support the program. The program is going to happen anyway from my understanding. We are talking about a small number of calls and very low acuity of calls. Seconded by Tim Frost. Back to the question.
 - Discussion was in the Executive Committee – the officers did not feel that they had enough information in that moment to vet it, so it was decided to bring it to this group to make that decision on endorsement.
 - Question: At what level is there accountability for the Nurse in terms of their clinical decision making if there's a bad outcome? Where does that liability fall?

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- It's on Global Medical Response. One of the expectations is that every week there is a quality report that will come out to the County Medical Director on what happens to every single call. Every call gets a 24 hour follow-up.

There is a robust quality improvement component to this.

- Is GMR doing this in other parts of the country? Yes, some for a few years now. If the Nurse determines that this call needs an EMS response, they go right back to the 911 center.
- All in favor? Any opposed to the motion as stated? None. Any abstentions? None.
- **MOTION 3 - Passes**

VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Tim Kelly

- No Report

VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- Amended Open Meeting Law
 - Took effect on November 8th. We are in compliance with this already
 - If we have any documents or issues to address they will need to be added to the website no less than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
 - There are some documents that may not be able to be posted due to privacy concerns without a FOIL request. Ben to reach out to the Bureau for clarification.

IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- No Report.

X. System Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Diversion discussion to be had at our upcoming REMAC meeting. As a region ten years ago, we banned the practice of Diversion in the Monroe County hospitals. We continue to advocate for the same. We will again revisit this just to ensure this is still the opinion of the physicians at REMAC. Surrounding regions often utilize diversion as a tool and most of us have concerns of the negative effects on the system.
- Program Agency office - Mindy is on vacation from 12/22/21 - 1/3/22. As always, reach out to Dr. Cushman or Ben with anything you need. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

XI. Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- We just received the audit report and tax documents today. No concerns found.
- State Actions
 - John Henderson
 - Certification revoked effective 2/3/2021.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.15(a)(2), 800.16(a)(9) and 800.3(am).
 - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: 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...”
 - “...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...”
 - “...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..."

- Pamela Aschendorf
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 - "...Emergency ambulance service vehicle means a vehicle that is owned or operated by an ambulance service that is used to transport emergency medical personnel and equipment to sick or injured persons..."
 - "...Incompetence means a lack of, or loss of, skill or knowledge to practice the profession, and/or practicing with negligence, as negligence is defined in this part, on one or more occasions while treating a patient..."

XII. System Operations - Reg Allen

- No further report.

XIII. Training and Education - Ed Erbland

- Training and Ed Report will be sent to full council
 - Course sponsors that have submitted their application for renewal this year. As a point of order, should we make a formal motion to endorse these formally? Motion to support and endorse Monroe Community College, Livingston County EMS, Rochester Fire Department and the MLREMS Council applications for course sponsorship by Sam Tinelli, seconded by

Ed Erbland. Discussion: What about Monroe and AMR? They are not up for renewal at this time. Any opposed to the motion as stated? None. Any abstentions? None.

- **Motion 4 - Passes**

XIV. PIER – Ahmed Mustafa

- No Report

XV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- No Report.

XVI. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- No Report

XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- None to report

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XX. SEMAC/SEMSCo Updates

- SEMAC/SEMSCO Meeting are January 4th and 5th - Albany Egg

XXI. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- No Report

XXII. Adjournment

- Motion made by Reg Allen to adjourn, seconded by Tim Frost.
- Motion 5 - Passes
- Next Meeting: Monday January 24th, 2022 at LCEMS at 1600

Link for full meeting video:

[Full December 2021 MLREMS Meeting](#)