



Meeting Minutes January 24, 2022

I. ATTENDANCE

	NAME	CATEGORY	OFFICER / COMMITTEE CHAIR	TERM	2021-03	2021-05	2021-07	2021-09	2021-11	2022-01
1	Allen, Reg	Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	System Operations	3/31/2022	E	P	A	P	P	A
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	E
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	VACANT	P	P
12	Hoskins, Michael	At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2)		3/31/2023	P	E	E	A	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, Geordie	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	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	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	P	E
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	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 November and December Meeting Minutes	Bill Arnold	Tom Coyle			X
2	One vote for all uncontested seats to be sent by Secretary Tinelli	Sam Tinelli	Jim Cassin			X
3	Move Remac Meeting to observe Juneteenth	Aaron Farney	Sam Tinelli			X
4	Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 to support STEP hosting our annual awards	Bill Arnold	Sam Tinelli			X
5	Motion to Adjourn	Sam Tinelli	Ahmed Mustafa			X

III. Meeting called to order

IV. Attendance – Secretary call roll - Sam Tinelli - 20 Present, 1 absent, 2 Excused, 3 Vacant

- Confirmed quorum

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes from the November and December Meetings is made by Bill Arnold and seconded by Tom Coyle.
Roll call vote – No objections, no abstentions to the minutes.
- **Motion 1 – Passed**

VI. Chairperson - Mark Philippy

- I implore you to look at the proposed Governor’s budget, there are significant implications for EMS in NYS. Section F:
<https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy23/ex/artvii/hmh-bill.pdf>.



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Remembered as a man of service!
1957-2022*

- Item of correspondence: Funeral Notice for George Nalivyko. He was a member of the Regional Council, served as the Laurelton Fire Commissioner and the Town of Irondequoit Fire Marshall as well as working at Rochester Regional Health. Calling hours and funeral service information will be sent to the Council.
- Mark & Alex are meeting with the Program Agency in February to discuss budgets and financial planning. If you have questions or discussion items, please let us know.

VII. Vice Chair / NEG Report – Sam Tinelli for Tim Kelly

- Ballots have gone out for the 2022 election. As this is hybrid, votes will be collected in a different manner. Those in person will fill out a traditional ballot. Those that are online will private message Sam Tinelli with their votes. There is only one contested seat.
- Regional EMS Council
 - Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)
 - Reg Allen
 - At Large EMS Agency (Seat2)
 - Jon Smith
 - Tim Hutchings
- REMAC
 - At Large Certified (Seat 3)
 - Bill Comella
 - At Large Open (Seat 2)
 - Bill Arnold
 - Motion for one vote to be sent for all uncontested seats: Regional EMS Council Monroe County At Large Seat 2 for Reg Allen and for REMAC: At Large NYS Certified (Seat 3) for Bill Comella and At Large OPEN (Seat 2) for Bill Arnold by Sam Tinelli. Seconded by Jim Cassin. No discussion, opposed objections or abstentions.
 - **Motion 2 - passes.**

- Ballots reviewed for contested seat. Jon Smith – 12, Tim Hutchings – 7. Congratulations to Jon Smith for the Regional EMS Council At Large EMS Agency (Seat 2).

VIII. Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- June REMAC Meeting schedule change
 - Motion to move the June REMAC meeting from June 20th (Juneteenth) to June 27th at 5pm. Motion by Dr. Aaron Farney and seconded by Sam Tinelli, No opposed or abstentions.
 - **Motion 3 - passes.**

IX. Treasurer – Alex Cook

- We have not received State funding yet, so we've had to move more from our savings into our checking to cover expenses (the audit).
- Financial Reports are out.
- Question: Did the Council approve the budget? This has not been done historically. We have had no need to, the budget is reviewed by the Executive committee and is shared with the Council and there have been no questions regarding it thus far. This can be discussed at NEG. This has not been a requirement of the State.

X. System Medical Director – Ben Sensenbach for Jeremy Cushman, MD

- BHACC advisory went out.
- Geriatric teleconsult algorithm has been approved as well, but there are things that need to be put in place before it can go live.
- The MLREMS formulary is being reviewed.

- RSI credentialing policy is out for comment. There have been some administrative edits to it.
- Protocol updates approved in 2019 at the State level are still on the Commissioner's desk. More to come as things move forward.
- ECLS algorithm is on hold with staffing shortages.

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

- The Council & Program Agency quarterly reports have been reviewed and will be sent to the State this week.
- Working with the Bureau to get our vouchers paid. Staff has changed at the Bureau.
- Hospital diversions are starting to impact our area. We will keep you informed as things develop.
- ePCR update the last week of December had very few chart closing issues.
- State Actions
 - Andrew Tyszkiewicz
 - Suspended for one year effective 12/17/21. The suspension is stayed pending satisfactory completion of probation.
 - Placed on probation for three years effective 12/17/21.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000. The penalty is stayed pending successful completion of probation.
 - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.3 (am), 800.3 (as), and 800.15 (2).
 - "...Negligence means a failure to perform, on one or more EMS calls, as an ordinary, responsible, 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..."

- “...Scope of practice means the psychomotor skills and knowledge necessary for the minimum competence for each level of New York State EMT certification as approved by the Commissioner...”
- “...Comply with the 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...”

XII. System Operations - Reg Allen

- No Report

XIII. Training and Education - Ed Erbland

- End of year report will be submitted to the Executive committee and then to the full council once complete.
- Mark - A reminder that there is a Training and Education Committee at the state level, we would like to have Monroe-Livingston representation there if possible.

XIV. PIER - Ben Sensenbach

- Award Nominations
 - 0 nominations
 - Physician of Excellence
 - Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety
 - Youth Provider of the Year
 - MLREMS Richard “Dick” Tripp Community Service Award
 - MLREMS Paramedic Rookie of the Year

- 1 nominations
 - ALS Provider of the Year
 - EMS Communication Specialist of the Year
 - EMS Educator of Excellence
 - Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence
 - EMS Agency of the Year
 - Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award
- 4 nominations
 - BLS Provider of the Year
- The annual solicitation to the hospital systems have been drafted and will be sent out soon.
- There has been a conversation at the PIER level about STEP conference affiliation. We have previously partnered with them and provided funding for their education and they in turn provided us with a venue to conduct our award ceremony with light refreshments and attendance to the conference for our award winners.
- Motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 to support STEP hosting our annual awards by Bill Arnold, seconded by Sam Tinelli. Discussion: Can we lower the amount? With our financial issues, we need to be cognizant of what we are spending. The most expensive items are the awards themselves and the yard signs. The other thing we need to think about is the possibility that the hospitals don't give us the donations. Then the cost of everything would be coming out of our savings. There will be no expenditure without bringing this to the executive group once we discuss with STEP. Motion to permit the executive committee to spend up to \$2,000 in support of the STEP Council hosting our 2022 award ceremony by Mark Philippy. No objections or abstentions.
- **Motion 4-passes.**

- Perhaps this is an opportunity for the PIER committee to look at a more streamlined way of dealing with the awards each year so we aren't scrambling.

XV. Livingston County – Karen Dewar

- No Report

XVI. Monroe County – Tim Czapranski

- FEMA crews have been in town to help with 911 calls. There was a learning curve with CAD, but has been working well once we worked through the issues. They are scheduled to leave tomorrow, but will be reaching out to see if they plan on extending their stay.
- Question to Tim: Has there been any update on the CAD Import project? No, Tim will check with Mark at the 911 center and then provide an update to the group.

XVII. REMAC – Aaron Farney, MD

- Patient safety Committee is looking for members.
- RSI policy is out for comment
- The REMAC reaffirmed it's stance on hospital diversion.
- Next meeting is 2/28/2022 at 1700
- MLREMS REMAC Regional case review is tonight at 1900.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- No old business.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- Adam Oplinger is the New Trauma Coordinator at URM. He started the week of Thanksgiving. He will usually be reaching out to either give trauma follow-up to you or asking for a PCR from you. If you have any questions or are looking for follow-up, please contact him: adam_oplinger@urmc.rochester.edu.
- Proposed TAG for Improving EMS Workforce Diversity in the MLREMS Region
 - Motion made at the October State Council meeting – they are doing something similar and are asking that each region get involved. This is a good place for us to begin and have someone from the TAG also participate at the State level.
- Not limited to Council members.
- Council Chair Mark formerly makes this technical advisory group active with Dr. Maia Dorsett as the interim Chair. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Maia Dorsett.
 - The Bureau doesn't collect this information, so we don't know where we are starting from. Tim Czapranski will share the Monroe County survey to show how they did that from their end so see if we can do something at the regional level to give us a starting point.
- There have been issues with agencies being able to submit ALS intercept charts. We have found a temporary workaround and will send some guidance by the end of this week. This is relating to the September update to NEMSIS from the State. The Program Agency has attempted to get in touch with the State regarding this, but has been unsuccessful. This workaround would allow for us to submit in the meantime.

XX. SEMAC/SEMSCo Updates

- SEMAC/SEMSCO meetings are April 12th and 13th they are trying for in person at the “Egg”, meeting room 6. More to come as we get closer.
- EMS for Children survey – if you haven’t filled this out, please do. All EMS Agencies are being asked to fill it out. The Program Agency has previously shared this on their behalf.
- Muru app – there has been some back and forth to get it up and running.
- The Commissioner of Health has agreed to meet with Mark & Dr. Doynow on 2/25.

XXI. NYS DOH Dates to Remember

- Report above.

XXII. Adjournment

- **Motion made by Sam Tinelli to adjourn, seconded by Ahmed Mustafa.**
- **Motion 5 - Passed**
- **Next Meeting: Monday Mar 21, 2022 at the Public Safety Training Facility (1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester NY 14624**

Link for full meeting video:

[Full January 2022 MLREMS Meeting](#)