



Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council

March 20, 2023 16:00

Meeting Minutes

Livingston County EMS Station

5582 Lake Road

Avon, NY

Meeting called to order

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – Secretary call roll

- Minutes for approval: January 2023. Tim Czapranski, seconded by Ahmed Mustafa. Correction suggested on page two regarding the motion. This will be corrected before posting. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

Chairperson – Mark Philippy

- Thank you all for your support over the last number of years. It's been a pleasure serving as Chair and am pleased with the progress we've made during that time. Delighted with our engagement.
- Program Agency Contract Renewal
 - We are unique in the State in that we are our own Program Agency and we contract that out to the University of Rochester.
 - Motion to approve by Alex Cook, seconded by James Cassin to approve the Program Agency Contract as written.
 - Discussion: Date clarifications. There is intentionally not an end date written in, so that we do not have to terminate services while we are waiting for the State to approve contracts/payments (i.e. the latest contract wasn't received and signed from the State until January 2023, whereas had we had a date on it, the Program Agency would've stopped work July 2022. There are termination clauses that allow us to end it at any time. If we decide to RFP this, how do we convince other entities that this is good business when we are so behind on payments currently? This is something we will have to think about. This is a best practice, however this is something to consider. Thirty day notice – who does this go to? It goes to the Chair. Reference to paper PCR – can we remove this? No, as it still is a State deliverable. All in favor? No opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

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Vice Chair – Tim Kelly

- NEG Report
 - Officer Elections
 - As there currently stands, there are no contested positions. Motion by Tim Kelly to have one vote for all seats by the Council Chair - by Ahmed Mustafa, seconded by Tim Frost.
 - Council Chair – Tim Kelly
 - Vice Chair – Sam Tinelli
 - Secretary - Jim Cassin
 - Treasurer – Alex Cook
- Thank you Mark for your support over the years.

Secretary – Sam Tinelli

- Next Meeting will be the awards meeting
 - Agenda Items – please send them in early and plan on attending the awards.
 - Community & Healthcare members – we don't have anyone for those seats. If you have anyone that you think would be interested, please let Sam know. Also at large Monroe County seat open.
 - Perhaps Dr. Morocco.

Treasurer/Finance Committee – Alex Cook

- Financial Report
- Approve Finance Reports to date – Motion to approve by Sam Tinelli, seconded by Tom Kirchoff. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions, motion passes.
- How far behind are we? About 6-7 quarters.

System Medical Director – Ben Sensenbach for Dr. Cushman

- iGel pilot underway. Four agencies participating, any others interested can reach out to Jeremy for details.
- RSI credentialing simulation testing at the end of the month, looking forward to credentialing a few more RSI providers for our region.
- Leave behind naloxone targeted for a few EMS and Fire agencies in Monroe County as part of the HEAL grant, expect to offer up to others as option in April so more to come.
- Dr. Dorsett, Jeremy and others from this region and around the State are working on updating MOLST policy and education given recent changes to the form.
- Handtevy configuration nearly complete, developing educational component. Hopeful to roll out in 2nd quarter of 2023.



- Ben and Jeremy met with FLREMS Counterpart John VanAuker to explore opportunities for collaboration, particularly in areas of performance improvement and patient safety.
- Dr. Dorsett continues to lead two specific efforts on quality: one on stroke care – particularly posterior circulation identification and assessment including both UR Medicine and RRHS; and an initiative on “the lift assist” which is engaging multiple partners including primary care to better connect this very high risk population to care and services.
- Dr. Farney has been very busy with a number of patient safety referrals.
- Jeremy is leading a number of revisions to the NYS Collaborative protocols and is working with the UR Trauma Program/RTAC on training surrounding the new trauma triage guidelines.

Program Agency – Ben Sensenbach

- State Actions
 - Timothy Rogers
 - Certification has been suspended for one year effective 12/5/22. The suspension is stayed.
 - Must complete a full refresher within one year of 12/5/22.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1), (2), (3) and (9).
 - “...has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 800.15 of this Part...”
 - “...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...”
 - “...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...”
 - John Kirk
 - Certification has been suspended for one year effective 12/5/22. The suspension is stayed.
 - Must complete a full refresher within one year of 12/5/22.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1), (2) and (3).
 - “...has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 800.15 of this Part...”
 - “...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...”
 - Michael Sudol



- Certification has been revoked as of 12/21/22.
- Assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(ap), 800.3(ap)(2), 800.3(ap)(3), 800.15(b) and 800.16(4).
 - "...Patient abuse means any inappropriate and/or offensive physical, sexual or verbal contact or interaction with a patient, irrespective of whether the certificate holder is specifically acting in his/her capacity as an EMT when (s)he engages in the abuse, including but not limited to the following..."
 - "...Psychological abuse means verbal or non-verbal conduct by a certificate holder, directed to a patient, which insults, denigrates, humiliates, shocks, mocks, threatens, harasses, or alarms the patient. Psychological abuse shall not include verbal or non-verbal conduct which has medical or therapeutic purpose or justification..."
 - "...Sexual abuse means conduct by a certificate holder, which subjects a patient to any offense defined in article one hundred thirty, two hundred forty-five of the penal law; or any conduct or communication by a certificate holder that allows, permits, uses or encourages a patient to engage in any act described in two hundred sixty-three of the penal law. Offensive sexual contact or conduct may include, but shall not be limited to, engaging in, or facilitating sexual contact, exposure, performances, photography or any other form of sexual image collection and/or dissemination, irrespective of the patient's receptiveness to the conduct..."
 - "...maintain, at all times, the confidentiality of any and all patient information to which the certificate holder has access concerning patients alive or deceased, including, but not limited to, patient names, conditions, treatments, descriptions, communications, images or other identifying features, irrespective of whether the patient's name is included, which may be transmitted by electronic or other media, except:..."
 - "...has abused a patient, as patient abuse is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Terry Parker Jr.
 - Certification surrendered as of 1/10/23.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(ak)
 - "...Criminal offense means, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the agency, convictions in any jurisdiction for felonies involving murder, manslaughter, assault, sexual abuse, theft, robbery, fraud, embezzlement, drug abuse, or sale of drugs..."

System Operations – Jon Smith

- No Report.

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Training & Education – Ed Erbland

- Policy regarding instructor certification/recertification from the State came out, was shared via email.

PIER – Ahmed Mustafa

- EMS Week – looking to do a press conference on Monday
 - Perhaps need to change that as PGA tournament is happening
- Hope that agencies do public events on same cycle.
 - Sunday – Open house
 - Monday – CPR
 - Tuesday – Stroke Awareness
 - Wednesday – Narcan
 - Thursday – Stop the Bleed
 - Friday – Staff recognition
- Looking to have TV 13 to do spots on agencies and EMS agencies. More to come as Ahmed gets some more information.
 - EMS Week is a week later this year which is why the EMS awards are not being given during EMS Week. We would like to invite the media this year. We will have to move the award location. More to come as that gets arranged. Motion that we hold the meeting at the PSTF by Eric Rathfelder, seconded by Mr. Kirchoff. All in favor? No opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes. Request that everyone be in uniform for the award presentation.

Livingston County EMS Coordinator – Karen Dewar

- York Ambulance closed their doors February 1st. They originally were part of the Fire Department, that Fire Department became a BLSFR.

Monroe County EMS Coordinator – Tim Czapranski

- Domestic violence training
- New electronic portal for radio issues
- Pagers going away by the end of this year
- New policy coming out – there was an issue with the CAD – CAD recommendations of the closest, most appropriate was not close at all. It was discovered that the DOH map base that is used that the drive time gets automatically put at 25mph if there wasn't a speed limit indicated in the system. If you feel that you are closer to the call and want to take the call, you can get on the radio and let them know as it will take probably a month to get the system updated.



REMAC – Dr. Aaron Farney

- Executive Session to discuss a patient safety issue and moved on it.
- As a reminder, RSI Case Review is tonight on Zoom.
- Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 at 5pm.

Old Business

- Demand letter – to be revisited by Systems Operations.

New Business

- Part S is out there. The meeting regarding this was very interesting. There is discussion and some displeasure about the wording. It will be in our purview to discuss this body's position on Part S.
- Senate and State Assembly has come up with their objections, which has been published. NYC and Wyoming-Erie REMSCos has come out against Part S as a whole. There are some good parts of this section, however the devil is in the details. The passage of this as written, we go from where we go from making decisions, to where we are in collaboration or consultation. There is important context regarding intent. They may not intend to do things today, but this allows them to do it tomorrow.
- There was money allocated in the budget for creation of districts, however no funds are allocated to the current system. CONs – completely pulls the region out of the equation – just something to keep in mind. Our timeline at the region is also must quicker that the State timeline especially if they end up having CONs across the entire State. Motion that the Council supports certain elements of Part S of the budget process of the State of New York to include the acceptance of the training, recruitment and retention funding, acceptance of the expanded definition of EMS, accepting mobile integrated healthcare, and open to any other items folks want to consider by Jim Cassin. Discussion. Motion that at the discretion of our Executive Committee that we draft a letter of opposition to Part S on behalf of the Council by Tim Frost. Seconded by Eric Rathfelder. Discussion. All in favor. No opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

NYS DOH and Other Important Dates to Remember

- SEMSCo / SEMAC May 9th & 10th

Motion to adjourn by Bill Arnold, seconded by Tim Frost.

Next Meeting: Monday May 15, 2023 at 1600 TBD.

Link for full meeting video: <https://youtu.be/tJValBlwNIY>

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