



Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council
Meeting Agenda
September 18, 2023
Livingston County EMS Base
5582 Lake Road Avon, NY
4PM

Welcome by Chair Tim Kelly – Meeting called to order at 4 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance;
- Moment of silence for Paramedic Brian Obark;

Calling of the Roll;

- 19 Council members present, there is a quorum;
- Excused: Edward Erbland, Jonathan Lindskoog and Samuel Tinelli;
- Absent: John Williams
- Guests: Benjamin Sensenbach, DPM
- Aaron Farney arrived at 4:05 PM

Officer / Committee Reports:

- Chairperson / Legislative Committee Tim Kelly:
 - Welcome New Council Members - Lauren Pierson and Timothy Hutchings
 - Review and Approval of MLREMS Fee Schedule
 - Will be on the November Council meeting for approval;
- Vice Chair / NEQ Committee Sam Tinelli – Excused, Report by Chairperson Kelly
 - Review and Approval of Updated Record Retention Policy
 - Review and Approval of Military Leave Policy
 - Both these policies are at NEG for some final wordsmithing, these proposals will be brought forth at the November Council meeting for approval;
- Treasurer / Finance Committee Alex Cook: -
 - Review and Approval of July, 2023 Finance Report;
Motion: Alex Cook Second: Ahmed Mustafa
All Ayes, Motion Carried
 - Review and Approval of August, 2023 Finance Report;
Motion: Alex Cook Second: Ahmed Mustafa
All Ayes, Motion Carried

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- Review and Approval of RFP for Audit Services;
Motion: Alex Cook Second: Mark Philippy
All Ayes, Motion Carried
- Review and Approval of RFP for Accounting Services;
Motion: Alex Cook Second: Mark Philippy
All Ayes, Motion Carried
- Secretary / Membership Committee James Cassin:
 - Review and Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2023 Council Meeting;
Motion: W. Arnold Second: T. Czapranski
All Ayes, Motion Carried
 - Welcome letters and information resources were sent to new Council and REMAC Members;
 - Motion to approve MLREMS meeting schedule for 2024, all meeting to take place at Livingston County EMS Base 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY at 4PM:
 - January 22nd – This will be the fourth Monday due to Martin Luther King holiday,
 - March 18th,
 - May 20th,
 - July 15th,
 - September 16th,
 - November 18th,Motion: J. Cassin Second: W. Arnold
All Ayes, Motion Carried
 - Motion to approve the REMAC meeting schedule for 2024, all meetings to take place at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624 at 5PM.
 - February 26th – this will be the fourth Monday due to February break,
 - April 15th,
 - June 17th,
 - August 19th,
 - December 16thMotion: J. Cassin Second: W. Arnold
All Ayes, Motion Carried

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- Regional Medical Director / SEMAC Representative - Jeremy Cushman:
 - SEMAC met in Troy September 13 and 14;
 - Massive list of Protocols updates, this was primarily cleanup work to better reflect availability of medications and process;
 - Couple of items of note: IV nitro, IV Acetaminophen for pain and fever, Chempack for both vials and auto injectors;
 - MOLST protocol has been updated and training has been developed by Dr. Dorsett for all providers;
 - These protocols will be rolled out in January, 2024;
 - Regional Item – looking for assistance to look at the Pulsara app for hospital notification, currently be utilized in the Albany region, also being rolled out in the Syracuse region;
- SEMSCO Representative – Mark Philippy:
 - SEMSCO was very busy with long list of agenda items;
 - Training/Ed reporting many reports of issues with PSI testing, local seating issues, BEMS having meeting with PSI to correct;
 - Fee of computer based testing increased from \$28 to \$31, there was no notification on this and caused issues with some students that had signed up;
 - Discussion on when is NYS going to transition to National Registry, more to follow;
 - PS 06-06 CON is under revision, possible item for January SEMSCO meeting;
 - Proposed regulation changes for equipment will be forth coming for public comment, when this is available, please participate;
 - The EMS Salary Survey had 3,500 responses, highest survey response ever, lots of good data, the Region can ask for regional data only;
- REMAC - Aaron Farney:
 - REMAC did not meet in August;
 - Next Meeting October 16, 2023;
- Training & Ed Chair – Ed Erbland: Excused
 - Submitted a written report and attached to these minutes;
 - Discussion on letter sent to BEMS regarding MLREMS Regional Faculty and other training and education issues, had a date with the BEMS for meeting, but meeting did not happen. Council Officers to follow up with BEMS.
- Systems Operations Chair - Jon Smith:
 - Monroe County Mutual Aid Plan update is at County legal for review, once that is completed, will be brought forth to MLREMS Council and Monroe County Advisory Board for approvals;
 - Next project will be the Monroe County MCI Plan;

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- PIER Chair - Ahmed Mustafa:
 - NEQ grant for PR project is complete, NEQ unable to continue and was terminated in June, 2023;
 - Award Ceremony – new venue and process? Need feedback on how can we improve;
 - PIO for agencies, we need a list of contacts from each agency, please respond to the forthcoming e-mail;
 - Award applications for next year have been sent out by Mindy Cannuli, please take a moment to nominate a provider, each year we struggle;

- Livingston County EMS Coordinator - Karen Dewar :
 - Solar eclipse planning is ongoing;
 - New communications tower at Hampton Corners to help with radio and cellular coverage;
 - Steuben County recently had an MCI that caused Noyes to go on diversion, we are working on this for the future;

- Monroe County EMS Coordinator - Tim Czapranski:
 - The mapping update project for the 911 CAD is now completed;
 - Still slight glitch in Hexagon with streets, but major improvement;
 - Chempack deployment drill October 18, 2023;

- Program Agency - Ben Sensenbach:
 - State Actions;
 - Brian Torres
 - Suspended for one year effective 7/17/23. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on three years' probation effective 7/17/23.
 - Required to comply with the agency performance improvement plan and supply reports prior to August 2023, 2024 and 2025.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - 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...”

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- Jevonte Osterhout
 - Surrendered effective 8/7/23.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(5).

“...has been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, as that term is defined in § 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...”

- Brian Fernandez
 - Censured effective 7/15/23. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000. The penalty is stayed providing no further violations for three years.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR 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...”

- Vincent Visceglia
 - Revoked effective 5/4/23.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(6).

“...has been found guilty, in any jurisdiction, of any non-criminal offense or statutory and/or regulatory violation, as those terms are defined in Section 800.3 of this Part, relating to patient safety and/or has had any professional license and/or certification suspended and/or revoked in any jurisdiction, unless the Department determines such certificate holder would not involve an unreasonable risk to property or the safety or welfare of a specific individual or the general public...”

- Robert Ortiz Jr.
 - Surrendered effective 6/1/23.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(8).

“...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...”

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- Old Business – Jim Cassin
 - COVA Demand Letter – have we heard any reply from letter? Have to check to see when was sent. If not will be via USPS certified return receipt;
- New Business – Lauren Pierson - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
 - While the regional pediatric center has the names of some of the EMS PECC's, RTAC remains the main method of communication. RTAC attendance by ems is very good, but not all the PECC's are in attendance.
 - The pediatric STAC subcommittee will be requesting the state to ask referring centers and ems to send representatives at the next STAC meeting.
 - The PECC's that are actively involved in projects with the pediatric center are bringing their perspective to ongoing projects, such as parent presence in the trauma resuscitation. This involvement is appreciated and we hope to continue this partnership.
 - Each agency should have a dedicated Emergency Ped's Coordinator;
- NYS DOH and Other Important Dates –
 - SEMAC and SEMSCO December 5 & 6, 2023 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY.
 - EMS Vital Signs Conference October 19-22, 2023 OnCenter Syracuse, NY
- Next Council Meeting – Monday November 20, 2023 16:00 Hours at Livingston County EMS Base 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY.

Adjournment at 5:01 PM Motion: T. Czapranski
All Ayes, Motion Carried

Second: J. Smith

Submitted by;

James Cassin
Secretary

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2023 MLREMS Meeting Attendance Record

Category	Name	Term Expires	2023 - 01	2023 - 03	2023 - 05	2023 - 07	2023 - 09	2023 - 11
Monroe County At Large - Seat 1	Arnold, William	3/31/25	E	A	P	E	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 4	Cassin, James	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 2	Cook, Alex	3/31/26	P	P	P	P	P	
Monroe County CON - Seat 1	Coyle Thomas	3/31/25	P	E	P	P	P	
Regional Medical Director	Cushman, Jeremy	Ex-Offico	E	E	P	P	P	
Monroe County EMS Coordinator	Czapranski, Timothy	Ex-Offico	P	P	P	P	P	
Livingston County EMS Coordinator	Dewar, Karen	Ex-Offico	P	P	P	P	P	
EMS Training / Education	Erbland, Edward	3/31/24	E	P	P	E	E	
REMAC Representative	Farney, Aaron	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 3	Frost, Timothy	3/31/26	P	P	E	P	P	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 2	Hutchings, Timothy	3/31/25	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	P	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 3	Kelly, Timothy	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 3	Kirchoff, Thomas	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	
Livingston County - BLSFR	Klueber, Geordie	3/31/26	P	P	P	E	P	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 1	Lindskoog, Jonathan	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	E	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 4	Mustafa, Ahmed	3/31/24	P	P	P	E	P	
Monroe County CON - Seat 2	Perez, Andrew	3/31/24	A	P	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 1	Philippy, Mark	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	
Healthcare Representative - Seat 1	Pierson, Lauren	3/31/26	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	P	
Law Enforcement	Rathfelder, Eric	3/31/26	A	P	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 2`	Smith, Jonathan	3/31/26	P	P	E	P	P	
Livingston County CON -	Tinelli, Samuel	3/31/26	P	P	P	P	E	
Healthcare Representative - Seat 2	Vacant	3/31/24	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Healthcare Representative - Seat 3	Vacant	3/31/25	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Community Representative	Vacant	3/31/24	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Monroe County - BLSFR	Vacant	3/31/24	P	A	E	E	A	Vacant

Attendance Legend :

Present = P

Absent = A

Excused = E

Attendance for Quorum:

Quorum = 13 Members

Super Majority = 17 Members



Training & Education Committee Meeting Report to REMSCO 9/18/2023

Current Members

- Ed Erbland - Chair
- Alex Cook
- Aisha Howard
- Corey Youells
- Dawn St. James
- D James Carver
- Eric Rathfelder
- Jan Lloyd
- Jennifer Everett
- Jeremy Cushman
- Amanda Martin
- Karen Dewar
- Kevin Gustina
- Michael Meyer
- Nicole Amendolare
- Salomon Valdez
- Tova Tomer
- Ben Sensenbach
- **Geordie Klueber (NEW MEMBER)**

Committee Goals

- Schedule CIU/CLI courses for Fall, following annual battle rhythm.
- Request decentralization of some BEMS education administrative functions due to significant delays experienced in all training/education-related processes.

MLREMS Webpage Review

- N/A

Course Sponsors

- N/A

State Updates

- We are aware of significant delays of administrative functions in all of the Education offices at BEMS. They have acknowledged the delays and asked for patience and the allowance of several

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additional weeks for processing administrative actions. BEMS is reporting a 6-9 backlog on all education-related processes. The education department has brought on additional staff in recent weeks, which should help alleviate the backlog.

- MLREMS drafted a letter that raised these above concerns and others regarding training issues, specifically the confusing process regarding retention and on-boarding of Regional Faculty. The letter was sent in AUG w/ the REMSCO Chair's signature and no response has been received to date.
- Significant training and education-related updates came out of September SEMSCO meeting. Many of the changes are yet-to-be approved, but the expectation is many will be approved this fall.
- PSI testing fee has gone up from \$28 to \$31.

CIU/CLI Needs

- Working w/ Terry Taylor and Ben to execute both a CIU & CLI courses this Fall. These dates are tentative:

CIU: Friday, October 6th,

CLI Skills Verification Date: Wednesday, October 25th,

CLI Day 1: Friday, November 3rd,

CLI Day 2: Saturday, November 4th,

Project Updates

- N/A

Upcoming Trainings

- Mindy does an outstanding job of DISTROing this to the agencies and T&E community. See her emails for the latest updates,

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