



Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes
February 26, 2024 at 5pm
Public Safety Training Facility Room 103

Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach

Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Additions to the agenda - none

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- Stanford Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.
 - Certification has been surrendered effective 1/9/2024.
 - For violations of Article 30 3012 (1)(f)
 - "...had discontinued operations for a period in excess of one month..."
- Stephanie Lugo
 - Certification has been revoked effective 8/17/22
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)
 - "...Any certification issued pursuant to this Part or Article 30 of the Public Health Law may be suspended for a fixed period, revoked or annulled, and the certificate holder may be censured, reprimanded, or fined in accordance with section 12 of the Public Health Law, after a hearing conducted pursuant to section 12-a of the Public Health Law, if the department finds that the certificate holder..."
- Leah Cousino
 - Certification has been suspended for (1) year effective 1/11/2024. The suspension is stayed.
 - Placed on probation for three (3) years effective 1/11/2024.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000 (\$1,000 stayed)
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(b)
 - "...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..."

New Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD / Ben Sensenbach

- Medical Control Recordings
 - See attached MLREMS Policy. Recent Patient Safety referrals have suggested that not all ED's are recording their medical control line. This is a REMAC requirement and national best practice.
- Webster EMS Request for ALS Privileges
 - Written statement from Dr Cushman due to his absence from this meeting.

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- Motion by Dr. Rueckmann: Pursuant to regional policy, the Monroe-Livingston Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) has reviewed and approved the request made by the Town of Webster for the Town of Webster Emergency Medical Service to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) service pending approval of the New York State Department of Health. Seconded by Tim Czapranski. No further discussion. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions, motion passes.

Old Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD/Ben Sensenbach

- SEMAC has approved NYS Protocol changes, awaiting NYS BEMSAT release. Available now is training on MOLST (See Advisory 23-09); additional training on IV Acetaminophen for agencies wishing to pursue has been developed and will be released when protocols are live. Expected changeover date is no later than June 30, 2024 to the new protocols and a change log will be available for each set of changes (BLS and ALS). No other regionally required training anticipated, although agencies and their Medical Directors may require specific training particularly if an agency is adding new medications to their formulary (eg IV acetaminophen). A regional Advisory will be issued as soon as the state releases the protocols.

Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- RSI Credentialing Program is in process for this cycle
 - The physicians had met to do validation on the written test. The process for the written testing is entirely blinded. Simulation testing will be upcoming.

Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD/Erik Rueckmann, MD

- A Hospital and EMS community-wide information session is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 28th at 10 am and will be recorded regarding the Pulsara One communication platform. All are encouraged to attend as we explore a singular platform to provide prenotification of all disease processes and align with other regions of New York.
- Medical Directors and leadership of SCT Agencies have been meeting regularly and anticipate bringing forward to this body a series of updated policies surrounding interfacility transport and specialty care transport. They will be distributed well in advance of the next meeting for at least 30 days of public comment, so please look out for them and provide any comments/suggestions in advance of the next REMAC so they can be incorporated accordingly.
- Given epinephrine 1:10,000 (0.1 mg/ml) shortages, and limited data on the benefit beyond three doses, what is the ML REMAC position on Epinephrine dosing in cardiac arrest? Is administering a maximum of three doses and then stopping within the standard of care and does the REMAC endorse this as an appropriate option?
 - Discussion: North Carolina did this and published their data and there was no difference in survival. No more than three doses in any cardiac arrest. There is some data that shows



that we shouldn't do more than one. Is this a permanent change or an in case of shortage? This would be a permanent change. Maia to create and share a summary of the retrospective data to share with the group.

- Tabled until guideline is created and can be voted on.

Associate Regional Medical Director for Patient Safety– Aaron Farney, MD

- Case – patient transported to Strong and was critically injured where no PCR was generated. That has been rectified and agency is under surveillance for the time being.

Associate Regional Medical Director for Education & Quality – Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD

- Pediatric Medication Safety
 - Full report was shared via email, summary data presentation shared.
 - There is a regional code that we will be able to use to have direct upload from the app into the PCR (in emsCharts and ImageTrend).
 - We will be working with the ALS Chief's Association to see if we can continue with this as the State funding is running out, so there will be a cost associated with continuing this.
- Get with the Guidelines Data for Stroke Update
 - Data shared with group
 - Ben is putting together emsCharts reports that you can run at your agency level. There will be some manual chart review, but this report will make it easier.
- Thank you Maia, this has been a tremendous amount of work. It's truly important to fix issues at the prehospital level as it goes through their entire course of care for patients.

Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli

- Tim Kelly has stepped down and Sam Tinelli has stepped up as interim Chair. Next month will be voting on the changes in officers.

State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman, MD/Ben Sensenbach

- February SEMAC meeting approved the state protocol updates.
- Next meeting is May 7-8

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Adam Oplinger

- Adult Trauma program has survived their VRC visit. Pediatric verification window is open, so we will likely do this again in a year.
- Adam's previous position is open again, so follow-up for trauma has been effected. If you have a case where you want follow-up, please contact Adam directly for the time being.
- Aggressive deadly behavior drill this weekend. Hope to be able to apply what we learned from the last drill and see what the dynamics of having this on the weekend.



Individual Hospital Reports

Rochester Regional

RGH – Connie Verneti, MD

- No Report

Unity/St. Mary's – Tony Katsetos, DO

- Issues with the Medical Recordings is being remedied this week.

UR Medicine

SMH/Strong West – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- No major update. As the construction continues, traffic will be re-routed.

Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO

- No Report

Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report

Motion to adjourn by Bill Comella, seconded by Maia Dorsett.

Next Meeting is April 15, 2024 (moved due to the holiday) at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.

Meeting Link: <https://youtu.be/b2wA-0pICNs>