



Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2024
Livingston County EMS Base
5582 Lake Road Avon, NY
4PM

Welcome by Chair Sam Tinelli -

- Pledge of Allegiance

- Calling of the Roll; 15 Members Present

- Welcome of new Council Members
 - Amanda Martin,
 - Meghann Rose,
 - Michael Witlowski,

- Committee Updates:
 - Amanda Martin will serve on PIER Committee
 - Meghann Rose has been serving on the E-PCR Committee

Officer / Committee Reports:

- Chairperson / Legislative Committee Sam Tinelli:

- Vice Chair / NEG Committee Jon Smith:
 - Council Elections will take place at the January 27, 2025 meeting; this will be for both Officers and Council Seats to be voted on.

Officer Position	Currently Held By:
Chair	Sam Tinelli
Vice Chair	Jonathan Smith
Treasurer	Alex Cook*
Secretary	Jim Cassin

New officer terms will be April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027.

*Alex Cook has served three terms as Treasurer and per our Bylaws, is termed out as Treasurer.

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The following Council Seat terms expire on March 31, 2025:

Council Seat	Currently Held By:	Expires
At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)	Michael Witkowski	3/31/2025
At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)	James Cassin	3/31/2025
Community Representative	Vacant	3/31/2028
Healthcare Representative (Seat 2)	Vacant	3/31/2028
Healthcare Representative (Seat 3)	Brandon Nugent	3/31/2025
Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)	Jonathan Lindskoog	3/31/2025
Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Meghann Rose	3/31/2025
Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)	Bill Arnold	3/31/2025
Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	Tim Hutchings	3/31/2025
Monroe County At Large (Seat 3)	Thomas Kirchoff	3/31/2025
Monroe County BLSFR (Seat 1)	Vacant	3/31/2028
Monroe County CON (Seat 1)	Tom Coyle	3/31/2025
REMAC Representative	Aaron Farney	3/31/2025

Council terms that expire on March 31, 2025, the new terms will expire March 31, 2029.

- Open REMAC Voting Member Seat – Letter of Intent from Dr. Kara LaBarge for the At Large Physician Seat that expires 3/31/26.
 - Awaiting letter of agency affiliation.
- Treasurer / Finance Committee Alex Cook:
 - Review and Approval July, 2024 Finance Report
 - Review and Approval of August, 2024 Finance Report

Motion: J. Cassin

Second: T. Czapranski

All Ayes

- The Council overall cash balance is now lower, due to beginning the payment process with URM for past Program Agency services.
- Last week, we received the Council contract with NYS for 2024-2028, there are no funding increases, it remains at \$25,000.00, and this gives us very little wiggle room for annual expense.

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- Secretary / Membership Committee James Cassin:
 - Approval of July 15, 2024 Regular Council meetings minutes with the following additions/corrections:
 - One Correction under Monroe County EMS Coordinator Report:
 - Amended to: Working on a grant purchases to replace NYS supply caches that were removed from our Fleet Center and relocated elsewhere in NYS;
 - One Addition - Will be adding in the July approved minutes, the presentation by Lauren Pierson from the July meeting.

Motion: W. Arnold

Second: E. Rathfelder

All Ayes

- Regional Medical Director / SEMAC Representative Jeremy Cushman:
 - SEMAC and Medical Standards this Wednesday in Saratoga Springs;
 - Dr. Dorsett has been vetted as the new MLREMS SEMAC representative, Dr. Dorsett will begin at the December, 2024 SEMAC meetings.
- SEMSCO Representative – Vacant
 - Chairperson Sam Tinelli was notified on Thursday September 12, 2024 that the vetting process to be the MLREMS representative to SEMSCO is now completed.
 - Unable to attend the State meetings this week due to the short notice.
- REMAC Representative: Aaron Farney:
 - Met on August 19, 2024, the updated ROSC Care Bundle was approved and will be sent out to all agencies.
 - Next REMAC meeting is October 21, 2024 at the PSTF.
- Training & Ed Chair Tim Hutchings:
 - Regional Faculty Rob Merkel & Terry Taylor have been working with me to provide a CLI course in early November. Really ramping up efforts to have more CLIs available to all agencies in the region for both original and refresher courses. If you have candidates that are interested please send them our way.

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- Systems Operations Chair Jon Smith:
 - Working through some additional question/comments on the Mutual Aid Plan for Monroe County, also reply from County Legal.

- PIER Chair Geordie Kluebler: Provided by Jesse Merdak

1. Congratulations to Dr. Maia Dorsett for receiving the NAEMT Medical Director of the Year Award, which was presented last week at the EMS World Expo in Las Vegas, NV. My thanks to the PIER Committee for supporting and driving the effort to expand recognition outside of our region, and in particular major kudos to Hutch for initiating and driving Dr. Dorsett's nomination. Great job!

2. Potential new awards categories to celebrate and recognize our practitioners. In our efforts to expand the recognition of the talent and hard work within the MLREMS region, we have been exploring ways to improve our celebration and "official" recognition program. We would like to propose some new categories of awards for our annual MLREMS Awards program, including:

1. MLREMS Administrative Support Person of the Year
2. EMS Agency Innovation Award (aligned with the new NYS award of the same name)

These awards would be added to our list of current annual MLREMS awards, with candidates being submitted as part of our existing program and process. Note that we may not *require* these awards to be distributed every year, but rather award them as appropriate based on potential candidates in a manner similar to our existing "Dick Tripp" award.

In addition, we have been exploring the notion of officially recognizing individuals for "spot awards", meaning that the objective would be to highlight and celebrate our professionals *throughout the year*. These are not intended to be "competitive" awards, but could instead be awarded by the Council on an individual basis as necessary. For example, if a major incident occurs it may be appropriate to recognize and celebrate some of our professionals that truly "made a difference". In addition to the distribution of the awards ad-hoc throughout the year, we may review and recognize all award recipients as part of our annual MLREMS Awards ceremony. The categories of these potential awards include:

1. MLREMS Valor Award
2. MLREMS Meritorious Service Award

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I have attached a document (special thanks to Jesse Merdak for this!) that contains a short writeup for each of these potential awards for the Council's review.

We seek input and thoughts from the Council, and would be prepared to include a request for nominations for the relevant new award categories during our upcoming solicitation for our annual MLREMS Awards nominations.

3. We are preparing our annual outreach to solicit MLREMS Awards nominations. Our existing messaging document is attached as a reference. If the Council has suggestions for any updates to our messaging please let us know. We would also include any new award categories as supported and approved by the Council (see above).

4. The PIER Committee is growing- we have new interest from Council members in joining. Specifically, the following members have expressed an interest in formally joining the PIER Committee:

- Jesse Merdak
- Amanda Martin

We seek formal approval for these new members, and would also encourage any additional Council members to reach out if interested.

Motion: To add these new additional award categories as part of the MLREMS Program to recognize providers for their work.

Motion: J. Cassin

Second: W. Arnold All Ayes.

- Livingston County EMS Coordinator Karen Dewar :
 - The radio system in Livingston County will be going a reprogramming the next few months, any agency from Monroe County that uses this radio system, should reach out to our office for guidance.
- Monroe County EMS Coordinator Tim Czapranski:
 - There was a meeting today for the Monroe County 911 Executive Steering Committee, Hexagon the 911 CAD vendor has not fully completed some deliverables and the County is holding the final \$300,00.00 payment until there is a resolution to this situation.

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- E-PCR Committee – Ben Sensenbach & Jim Cassin
 - The committee is currently working on the call disposition category, at the last meeting discussion on the four Refusal outcomes, can they be reduced to two? Also, discussion on Transfers and Stand-By outcomes, with more agencies providing transfers, more to come.

- Program Agency Ben Sensenbach: Provided by Dr. Cushman
 - Ben at the Program Agency meeting in Saratoga Springs today;
 - Updated SCT policy will be sent out to all agencies for comment.
 - No communication from NYS BEMS if the URMCA an approved program agency;
 - As a point of information, no Program Agency in NYS currently has a agreement with NYS BEMS, they have expired.
 - We continue to provide critical mission assistance as needed.

- State Actions –
- Luis Carrillo
 - Certification has been surrendered effective 8/7/24.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(10) and 800.3(an).
 - “...has misappropriated any money or any property from any source during the course of any EMS duty and/or practice, irrespective of whether such misappropriation is prosecuted as a crime...”
 - “...Non-criminal offense means findings of inappropriate conduct or misconduct not constituting a criminal offense in any jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, findings by either a designated governmental authority or a court of law of patient abuse, neglect, mistreatment, or misappropriation of patient property; Family Court findings of spousal and/or intimate partner violence; Family Court or other designated governmental entity findings of child abuse, neglect or abandonment; vehicle and traffic findings involving reckless and/or aggressive driving; findings by any governmental entity of diversion of controlled substances from any health care facility, health care provider, or pharmacy; and any governmental findings involving dishonesty and/or other unethical conduct evincing unfitness to serve the public...”

- Andrew Dewolf
 - Certification has been revoked effective 8/26/24.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$26,000.
 - For 134 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

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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...”

- Yevan Day
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 8/21/24. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of three years probation.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
 - For violations 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(b)(1).
 - “...when a certificate holder is acting as part of an organized pre-hospital emergency medical service, the certificate holder responsible for patient care shall accurately complete a pre-hospital care report in a department-approved format for each patient with whom the certificate holder makes patient contact, and shall provide a copy to the hospital receiving the patient and/or to the department’s authorized agent for use in the State’s quality assurance program...”

- Harold Serrano
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 8/20/24. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of three years probation.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000. \$2,000 is stayed pending successful probation.
 - For violations 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(a), 800.3(am) and 800.3(a).
 - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by...”
 - “...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...”
 - “...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...”

- Amanda Eugui
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 8/20/24. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of three years probation.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000. \$2,000 is stayed pending successful probation.
 - For violations 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(a), 800.3(am) and 800.3(a).

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 - "...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..."
- Brian Torres
 - Certification suspended for one year effective 8/2/24.
 - For violations of probation from a previous stipulation and order.
 - James Schofield
 - Certification surrendered effective 7/15/24.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(al) and violation of a previous Stipulation and Order.
 - "...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..."
 - James Wilkinson
 - Certification has been revoked effective 9/4/24. Revocation is stayed pending no further violations during a probationary period of three years.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$6,000. \$4,000 is stayed pending the same probation period.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(a), 800.16(a)(2) and 800.16 (a)(13).
 - "...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by..."
 - "...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 held him/herself out as being certified at a higher level than actually certified, or has exceeded his/her authorized scope of practice, as that term is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
 - Che Vinson
 - Certification has been revoked effective 9/10/24.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(6) and 800.16(a)(10).

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- "...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 other 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..."
- "...has misappropriated any money or any property from any source during the course of any EMS duty and/or practice, irrespective of whether such misappropriation is prosecuted as a crime..."

Old Business – None

- New Business –
 - Council Meetings for 2025 at Livingston County EMS Base 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY at 4PM will need a motion to approve.
 - Monday, January 27th (4th Monday due to MLK holiday)
 - Monday, March 17th
 - Monday July 21st
 - Monday, September 15th
 - Monday, November 17th
 - May 19, 2025 Council Meeting at the Public Safety Training Center to coincide with the MLREMS Annual EMS Award ceremony.

Motion: S. Tinelli

Second: A. Cook

All Ayes

- REMAC Meetings for 2025 at the Public Safety Training Center 5PM, will need a motion to approve.
 - Monday, February 24th (4th Monday due to President's Day holiday)
 - Monday, April 21st
 - Monday, June 16th
 - Monday, August 18th
 - Monday, October 20th
 - Monday, December 15th

Motion: J. Cushman

Second: A. Cook

All Ayes

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- NYS DOH and Other Important Dates –
 - EMS Vital Signs Conference October 16-20, 2024 Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY.
 - 2024 EMS Memorial Ceremony – Thursday September 19, 2024 at 11 am, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.
 - SEMAC and SEMSCO September 17 and 18, 2024 at the Embassy Suites Saratoga Springs, Troy, NY.
 - SEMAC and SEMSCO December 3 and 4, 2024 at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn Troy, NY.
- Next Regular Council Meeting – Monday November 18, 2024 16:00 Hours at Livingston County EMS Base 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY.

Adjournment – to adjourn at 4:35PM

Motion: E. Rathfelder

Second: A. Perez

All Ayes

Link to Meeting Video: <https://youtu.be/1-vXJS5lwpo>

Submitted by

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2024 MLREMS Meeting Attendance Record

Category	Name	Term Expires	2024-01	2024-03	2024-05	2024-06 #1	2024-06 #2	2024-07	2024-9	2024-11
Monroe County At Large - Seat 1	Arnold, William	3/31/25	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 4	Cassin, James	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 2	Cook, Alex	3/31/26	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	
Monroe County CON - Seat 1	Coyle Thomas	3/31/25	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	
Regional Medical Director	Cushman, Jeremy	Ex-Officio	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	
Monroe County EMS Coordinator	Czapranski, Timothy	Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Livingston County EMS Coordinator	Dewar, Karen	Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	
REMAC Representative	Farney, Aaron	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 3	Frost, Timothy	3/31/26	E	E	P	A	A	P	E	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 2	Hutchings, Timothy	3/31/25	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 3	Kirchoff, Thomas	3/31/25	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	
Livingston County - BLSFR	Klueber, Geordie	3/31/26	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 1	Lindskoog, Jonathan	3/31/25	P	P	E	E	P	E	E	
EMS Training / Education	Martin, Amanda	3/31/28	P	A	V	V	V	V	P	
Monroe County At Large - Seat 4	Merdak, Jessee	3/34/28	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Healthcare Representative - Seat 3	Nugent, Brandon	3/31/25	V	P	E	P	E	P	E	
Monroe County CON - Seat 2	Perez, Andrew	3/31/28	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Healthcare Representative - Seat 1	Pierson, Lauren	3/31/26	P	P	P	A	A	P	E	
Law Enforcement	Rathfelder, Eric	3/31/26	E	P	P	P	E	E	P	
Livingston County At Large - Seat 3	Rose, Meghann	3/31/25	E	V	V	V	V	V	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 2`	Smith, Jonathan	3/31/26	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Livingston County CON -	Tinelli, Samuel	3/31/26	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 1	Witkowski, Michael	3/31/25	V	V	V	V	V	V	P	
Healthcare Representative - Seat 2	Vacant	3/31/28	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
Community Representative	Vacant	3/31/28	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
Monroe County - BLSFR	Vacant	3/31/28	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	

Attendance Legend : **Present = P** **Absent = A** **Excused = E** **Vacant = V**

Attendance for Quorum: **Quorum = 13 Members** **uper Majority = 17 Members**

GUESTS
September 16, 2024

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	AGENCY	SIGNATURES
1	Melinda Cannuli	DPM	Melinda S Cannuli
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