



Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025
Livingston County EMS Base
5582 Lake Road Avon, NY
4PM

Welcome by Chair Sam Tinelli - Pledge of Allegiance

Calling of the Roll; 17 members present

Officer / Committee Reports:

- Chairperson Report: Sam Tinelli
 - SEMSCO Representative Report
 - Nothing new to report since last Council meeting.

- Vice Chair : Jon Smith
 - Systems Operations Committee Report
 - Monroe County Mutual Plan, committee has developed an updated draft of the plan and Operational Plan, hope to bring in the near future for Council review and vote.

 - NEG Committee Report - Council Elections
 - Need to Appoint Ballot tellers:
 - Amanda Martin, Jonathan Lindskoog and James Cassin.

The following were elected to Council Seats with a term from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2029:

Monroe County At Large (Seat 1)	William Arnold
Monroe County At Large (Seat 2)	Sahil Singhal
Livingston County At Large (Seat 1)	Jonathan Linskoog
Livingston County At Large (Seat 3)	Meghann Rose
Monroe County CON (Seat 1)	Thomas Coyle
REMAC Representative	Aaron Farney, MD
At Large EMS Agency (Seat 1)	Michael Witkowski
At Large EMS Agency (Seat 3)	Evan Fendt
At Large EMS Agency (Seat 4)	Xavier Corujo
Monroe County BLSFR (Seat 1)	Andrew Young

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2025 MLREMS Meeting Attendance Record

Category	Name	Term Expires	2025-01	2025-03	2025-05	2025-07	2025-09	2025-11
Monroe County At Large - Seat 1	Arnold, William	3/31/25	P					
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 4	Cassin, James	3/31/25	P					
Livingston County At Large - Seat 2	Cook, Alex	3/31/26	P					
Monroe County CON - Seat 1	Coyle Thomas	3/31/25	P					
Regional Medical Director	Cushman, Jeremy	Ex-Officio	E					
Monroe County EMS Coordinator	Czapranski, Timothy	Ex-Officio	P					
Livingston County EMS Coordinator	Dewar, Karen	Ex-Officio	P					
REMAC Representative	Farney, Aaron	3/31/25	E					
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 3	Frost, Timothy	3/31/26	P					
Monroe County At Large - Seat 2	Hutchings, Timothy	3/31/25	P					
Monroe County At Large - Seat 3	Kirchoff, Thomas	3/31/25	E					
Livingston County - BLSFR	Klueber, Geordie	3/31/26	P					
Livingston County At Large - Seat 1	Lindskoog, Jonathan	3/31/25	P					
EMS Training / Education	Martin, Amanda	3/31/28	P					
Monroe County At Large - Seat 4	Merdak, Jessee	3/34/28	P					
Healthcare Representative - Seat 3	Nugent, Brandon	3/31/25	P					
Monroe County CON - Seat 2	Perez, Andrew	3/31/28	P					
Healthcare Representative - Seat 1	Pierson, Lauren	3/31/26	A					
Law Enforcement	Rathfelder, Eric	3/31/26	E					
Livingston County At Large - Seat 3	Rose, Meghann	3/31/25	P					
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 2`	Smith, Jonathan	3/31/26	P					
Livingston County CON -	Tinelli, Samuel	3/31/26	P					
At Large EMS Agency - Seat 1	Witkowski, Michael	3/31/25	E					
Healthcare Representative - Seat 2	Vacant	3/31/28	V					
Community Representative	Vacant	3/31/28	V					
Monroe County - BLSFR	Vacant	3/31/28	V					

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

Attendance for Quorum: **Quorum = 14 Members** **Super Majority = 19 Members**



The following were elected to REMAC Seats with a term from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027:

Voting Members	
Noyes Hospital	Aaron Farney, MD
Highland Hospital	John T. Schueckler, MD
Unity Hospital	Antonios Katetos, DO
URMC-Strong	Erik Reuckmann, MD
At Large	Bohdan Klymochko, DO
At Large	Tyler LaMay, MD
Non-Voting Members	
ALS Representative	Samuel Tinelli
BLS Representative	Scott Johnson
EMS Course Sponsor	Robert Breese
At Large NYS Certified (Seat 2)	Kevin Gustina
At Large NYS Certified (Seat 4)	Corey Youells
At Large Open	Timothy Frost

Prior to Council Officer Elections, NEG brought forth some conflicts with MLREMS Bylaws and the Treasurer position.

- Two candidates submitted letters of intent;
- One candidate letter was passed the deadline as per the Bylaws;
- One candidate is termed out per the Bylaws;

NEG was able to talk to both candidates Alex Cook and Jonathan Lindskoog, and Jonathan is willing to help with the ongoing reimbursement process with NYS and that Alex Cook knowledge of meetings and communications of working through payments challenges from NYS, and completing these payments is important for continuity of the Council.

Additionally, Jonathan Lindskoog will work with Alex Cook to learn the Treasurer Duties and processes to have future officer growth.

It is the recommendation that the Council vote on a motion to allow Alex Cook to be the Treasurer for an additional term.

The Council allows Alex Cook to run as Treasurer from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027.

This motion is to supersede Article IV Section 1(A) of the Council Bylaws regarding term limits for Council Officers.

Motion: J. Smith

Second> T. Frost

All Ayes

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- Regional Medical Director – Jeremy Cushman – written report submitted due to being excused from meeting.
 - Apologies for not being able to join the Council meeting on Monday. Here is my report, no actions required of Council:
 - As you know, Mindy had a healthy baby boy last week and we are trying to keep up with all that Mindy does for us in the office. We appreciate your patience and understanding and please contact Ben or I directly if you need anything or are worried that something may have fallen through the cracks during this transition.
 - We continue to move forward with Pulsara implementation as a region. Both health care systems have gotten all necessary IT approvals and will be building out their workflows and implementation processes. Once that is complete, we'll be connecting with EMS. Exact launch date TBD but hopeful for late spring.
 - The REMAC Pediatric Committee continues to do great work, and is engaging EMS agencies in improving access to pediatric training, equipment, and safe dosing. Handtevy successes remain sustained and peds drug errors have decreased. Thanks to the Monroe County EMS Chiefs Association for supporting the collaborative purchasing arrangement, and any agencies that would like to participate in Handtevy should reach out to Jon Smith or Frank Manzo. Please contact Dr Dorsett if you would like to be involved in any other pediatric initiatives.
 - The Regional Airway Collaborative is also very busy and testing some change theories to help improve our RSI success as well as achieve national target goals for intubation confirmation and peri-intubation hypoxia/hypotension with first pass success.
 - Updated ALS Protocols were approved at December's SEMAC, awaiting go-live date. Historically in the July timeframe. No major changes but some updates and opportunities that will be communicated by my office as we get ready for go-live.
- SEMAC Representative Maia Dorset: No Report submitted.
- REMAC Representative Aaron Farney:
 - Nothing new to report since last Council meeting.
- Training & Ed Chair Tim Hutchings:
 - Nothing new to report since last Council meeting.
- PIER Chair Geordie Klueber :
 - Nominations for the MLREMS deadline is fast approaching of February 1, 2025;
 - We have received many nominations so far;
 - With Mindy on leave, Amanda Martin will be facilitating in getting the various nominations to the Council members for voting;

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- Livingston County EMS Coordinator Karen Dewar :
 - Nothing new to report since last Council meeting.
- Monroe County EMS Coordinator Tim Czapranski:
 - Reviewing the Governor Budget documents and proposed legislation and how it affects Monroe County;
 - Pulse Point hopefully will be launched in March, 2025.
- E-PCR Committee – Ben Sensenbach & Jim Cassin
 - Best Practice Document was developed and placed on the MLREMS website;
 - The TAG has completed its charter and will provide to the Council at the March meeting an overview of the process.
- Program Agency Ben Sensenbach:

State Actions;

Ramapo Valley Ambulance Corps, Inc

- Revoked effective 10/17/24.
- For violations of PHL 3012(1)(f), 3012(1)(d), 3012(1)(b), 10 NYCRR Part 800.21(j) and 800.21(a).

Corona Community Ambulance Corps, Inc

- Revoked effective 12/2/24.
- For violations of Article 3012(1)(f).

John Keever

- Revoked effective 12/9/24. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(2) and 800.16(a)(3)

Christopher Pieloch

- Suspended for one (1) year effective 11/22/2024. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of one(1) Year probation.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1).

Kadeesha Garcia

- Suspended for 1 year effective 11/26/24. The suspension stayed pending successful completion of three (3) years probation. Assessed a civil penalty of \$12,000. Of that, \$8000 shall be stayed pending no further violations during the period of probation.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR §§ 800.16(a)(1)(2)(3)(9) and (11).

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Steven Stinson

- Suspended for one (1) year. The suspension is stayed pending successful completion of three (3) years' probation. Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000. Of that \$2,000 is stayed pending successful completion of probation.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(1) and (2).

Carol Outar

- Suspended for 1 year effective 11/26/24. The suspension stayed pending successful completion of three (3) years probation. Assessed a civil penalty of \$12,000. Of that, \$10,000 shall be stayed pending no further violations during the period of probation.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR §§ 800.16(a)(1)(2)(3)(9) and (11).

Lyndale J. Brunson

- Subject to the completion of three (3) years probation effective as of 1/6/2025. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
- For violations 10 NYCRR Part 800.03(an) and 800.15(b).

Empress Ambulance Service, LLC

- Assessed a civil penalty of \$20,000.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR § 800.21(a),(b),(n), 800.22(h), 800.23(a),(f), 800.24(b)(4) and (b)(6).

Arianna Mortenson

- Revoked effective 1/17/2025. Revocation is stayed pending successful completion of Paramedic Refresher within twenty-four (24) months. Three (3) Year Probationary Period. \$2000 Civil Penalty. Civil penalty is stayed.
- For violations of NYCRR § 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(2), 800.3(am) and 800.3(al).

James Kozak

- Certification is revoked. The revocation shall be stayed contingent upon completion of one (1) year suspension and no further violations of PHL Article 30 or 10 NYCRR Part 800 for a period of three (3) years. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.
- For violations of 10 NYCRR § 800.3(am), 800.3(ao) and 800.15(a)
- Bureau of EMS – Brian Wiedman - Unable to attend due to other meeting, no updates since last meeting for Council.
- Old Business – None

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- New Business – Website Update provided by Alex Cook – Mindy Cannuli, Ben Sensenbach, Jim Cassin and I met on January 13th for a brainstorming meeting at DPM.
 - Went over what is needed and what can be removed.
 - We will have to work with Ethany to see if we can get a mass dump of all the documents vs one at a time.
 - Expressed concerns about the cost of website development and maintenance Suggesting cost control measures and the need to avoid creating two separate websites for the same purpose

Motion: A. Cook

Second: J. Cassin

That the MLREMS Council shall have a website in conjunction with the Program Agency this official website designated as mlrems.org to be utilized as required by New York State as a source of EMS information and communication.

After discussion in regards to cost sharing with Program Agency and costs of new website. The motion rescinded by A. Cook and J. Cassin

Council to revisit the website consolidation motion once program agency contracts are in place.

- NYS DOH and Other Important Dates –
 - SEMAC and SEMSCO February 26 & 27, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY.
 - Vital Signs Conference November 11-15, 2025 OnCenter Syracuse NY.
- Next Council Meeting – Monday March 17, 2025 16:00 Hours at Livingston County EMS Base 5582 Lake Road Avon, NY.

Adjournment at 5:02 PM Motion: J. Smith Second: T. Frost All Ayes

Link to meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7Ha43eBIUY>

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