



**Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes (Approved)  
April 21, 2025 at 5pm  
Public Safety Training Facility Room 107**

**Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Dr. Erick Rueckmann  
Dr. Jeremy Cushman  
Dr. Aaron Farney  
Dr. Antonios Katsetos  
Dr. Klymochko  
Dr. Constance Verneti  
Dr. Tyler Lemay  
Dr. Kara LaBarge**

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

**Ben Sensenbach  
Adam Oplinger  
Scott Johnson  
Samuel Tinelli  
Karen Dewar  
Tim Czapranski  
Kevin Gustina  
William Comella  
Corey Youells  
William Arnold**

**Excused:**

**Dr. Schueckler  
Robert Breese  
Maverick Greek-Rouse  
Timothy Frost**

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**Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- Additions to the agenda
- Welcome to Dr. Klymochko of UR Medicine Urgent Care
- Minutes Review & Approval
  - February 2025 - Motion to approve the February 2025 Minutes as distributed by Dr. Cushman. Seconded by Dr. Katsetos. No discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

**State Actions – Ben Sensenbach**

Jefferies II, Marc	399153	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.16(a)(7).	Suspended for 1 year effective 4/1/25. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations of PHL 30 or 10 NYCRR Part 800 during a 3 year probational period. Assessed a \$500 civil penalty.
Abdullah, Ahsan	390820	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(ap).	Surrendered effective 3/28/25.
Gonzalez, Michael	373272	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(ap).	Surrendered effective 3/25/25.
Piccorelli, Fiorenza	410111	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(ap).	Surrendered effective March 6, 2025.
Jocko Jr, Ronald	328110	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(al), 800.3(am) and 800.15(a).	Suspended for 1 year effective 2/27/2025 and until such time as the respondent completes a Paramedic full refresher without challenge and passes the New York State Advanced Emergency Medical Technician recertification test, whichever is later. Three-year probationary period. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.
Morgan, Ryan	438642	For Violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(al), 800.3(am), 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(2), 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2) and 800.16(a)(3).	Suspended for one (1) year effective 2/21/2025. Suspension is stayed pending no violations of PHL 30, 10 NYCRR Part 800 for three (3) years. \$1000 Civil Penalty

**New Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Discussion item - Draft DAAM Program Policy
  - Introduction by Dr. Cushman



- Background from Dr. Dorsett
- Reason for movement from RSI to Drug Assisted Airway Management
- Discussed the improvements obtained thus far via PDSA with engagement of credentialed RSI providers in the region driving change
- Request that physicians and paramedics review and offer additional feedback during the extended public comment period.
- Move to Rescind - Use of Transport Ventilators
  - Dr. Cushman presented background information
  - The policy is now obsolete as it is now covered by the specialty care transport policy for both equipment and education
  - Motion to Rescind the Use of Transport Ventilators by Dr. Cushman. Seconded by Dr. Lemay. No further discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Old Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- No old business to discuss

#### **Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Program Agencies continue to function without a contract and therefore no reimbursement
- Concern of closure of the MLREMS Program Agency
- UBMD has already ceased Program Agency services
- Program Agencies support specialty course sponsorship, PAD support, quality improvement and numerous other statutory deliverables
- Sam Tinelli described the letter authored by MLREMS that was sent to the Commissioner of Health – letter distributed to REMAC membership electronically during the conversation
- Dr. Verneti requests additional background to that she can assist in championing support
- Dr. Cushman provides the historical background, discussed historical contractual deliverables
- Ben Sensenbach discussed quantifiable deliverables that hold interest to the lay person, governmental agencies and the media
- Dr. Dorsett discussed the statistical measurable clinical implications of recent QI initiatives
- Projects like Check and Inject were noted

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

- Continue to process referrals
- Patient safety has had overlap with the DAAM development
- Case related to trach care management resulted in integration of trach management in this year's cadaver lab
- There will be a policy coming for public comment regarding ventilator management

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



- Pediatric Advisory Council Update
  - We continue to have sustained improvement
  - After several PDSA cycles, we are still seeing an underdosing of Midazolam in pediatric seizures and are working to identify system changes
  - Education released on free version of Prodigy for ALS and BLS respiratory emergencies
  - More educational modules to follow
  - Continue discussions regarding pediatric equipment
  - Continue discussions for building a pediatric resource page on MLREMS.org and pushing the PECC program
- Airway Collaborative Update
  - Noted improvement in 1<sup>st</sup> pass ETT success
  - Updating credentialing requirements
  - Goal to restart credentialing in the Fall of 2025 following the development of new educational modules
  - Trying to improve the reeducation / ongoing educational process to maintain competency
- Stroke
  - Working with Dr. Jorge Risco to build posterior stroke educational videos
  - This will come as a tool kit with outlines and objectives
  - Approx. 2 hours of content

#### **Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli**

- No additional information

#### **State Council Meetings – Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD**

- Working with Division of EMS Data and Informatics
- TXa dosing increased to 2 grams
- State EMS Medical Director position has not been posted
- Numerous other job opportunities available
- Changes coming regarding funding for BLS courses that will allow course sponsors to charge more the State reimbursement rate

#### **Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Adam Oplinger**

- Recently completed verification visit with one change requested
- Awaiting determination for reverification
- Rural Trauma Course continues
- If you need a mobile skills lab, reach out to Sarah Gorman
- Added a 5<sup>th</sup> pediatric trauma surgeon



### **Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach**

- Pulsara Update
- Responder Strong on June 4<sup>th</sup> - Train the Trainer to improve mental health support for first responders - FREE
- EMS Awards – May 19, 2025 16:00 at the PSTF

### **Individual Hospital Reports**

#### **Rochester Regional**

##### **RGH – Connie Verneti, MD**

- Dealing with ED overcrowding and attempting to support EMS

##### **Unity/St. Mary's – Tony Katsetos, DO**

- No Report

#### **UR Medicine**

##### **SMH/Strong West – Aaron Farney, MD**

- No Report

##### **Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO**

- No Report

##### **Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD**

- No Report

**Motion to adjourn by Dr. Dorsett and seconded by Dr. Verneti. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Next Meeting is June 16, 2025 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.**