



**Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes  
February 24, 2025 at 5pm  
Public Safety Training Facility Room 107**

**Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Dr. Rueckmann  
Dr. Dorsett  
Dr. LaBarge  
Dr. Cushman  
Dr. Farney  
Dr. Schueckler  
Dr. Verneti  
Dr. Katsetos**

**Non-Voting Members Present**

**Ben Sensenbach  
Scott Johnson  
William Comella  
William Arnold  
Tim Czpranski  
Karen Dewar  
Kevin Gustina**

**Excused:**

**Dr. Lemay  
Sam Tinelli  
Bob Breese  
Adam Oplinger  
Maverick Greek Rouse  
Corey Youells**

**Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- No Additions to the agenda
- Minutes Review & Approval

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- December 2024. Motion by Dr. Verneti. Seconded by Dr. Cushman. Motion passes unanimously.

### State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- Arianna Mortensen
  - Certification has been revoked effective 1/17/2025. Revocation is stayed pending successful completion of Paramedic Refresher within twenty-four months.
  - Three year probationary period.
  - \$2,000 civil penalty. Civil penalty is stayed.
  - For violations of NYCRR Part 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(2), 800.3(am) and 800.3(al).
    - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: State-approved training curricula and State-approved training standards in accordance with section 800.20 of this Part...”
    - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: State-approved protocols developed by State and/or Regional Medical Advisory Committees pursuant to sections 3002-a and 3004-a of the Public Health Law...”
    - “...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...”
- Empress Ambulance Service, LLC
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$20,000.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.21(a), (b), (n), 800.22(h), 800.23(a)(f), 800.24(b)(4) and (b)(6).
    - ...have a valid Department of Health certificate of inspection and Department of Motor Vehicles certificate of inspection on each vehicle at all times while it is in service...”
    - “...withdraw from service any ambulance or emergency ambulance service vehicle which is not in compliance with requirements of this Part, or not in compliance with requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any vehicle with holes (from rust, poor gaskets, etc.) into the patient compartment must also be withdrawn from service...”
    - “...maintain the interior of the vehicles and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition...”
    - “...have all ambulance built after July 1, 1990, equipped with a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system which maintains the patient compartment at approximately 75



- degrees Fahrenheit regardless of outside temperature...”
- “...All equipment shall be clean, sanitary and operable...”
- “...If controlled substances, drugs or needles are carried, there shall be a securely locked cabinet in which these items are stored when not in use...”
- “...Airway, ventilation, oxygen and suction equipment consisting of...an in-ambulance oxygen system with a minimum 1200 liter capacity (two medical ‘E’ size) with yoke(s), or CDC fitting, pressure gauges, regulators, and flow meters capable of delivering oxygen to two patients at two different flow rates of up to 15 liters per minute simultaneously...”
- “...Airway, ventilation, oxygen and suction equipment consisting of...portable suction equipment capable, according to the manufacturers specifications, of producing a vacuum of over 300 millimeters of mercury when the suction tube is clamped. This will meet the 800.24(b)(7) requirement if equipped to operate off the ambulance electrical system....”
- Lyndale Brunson
  - Certification subject to the completion of three years probation effective as of 1/6/2025.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(an) and 800.15(b).
    - “...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...”
    - “...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, except...”

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

- Regional Capnography Policy
  - Born out of our regional participation in the NEMSQA airway collaborative
  - Establishes a minimum standard
  - Creates necessary definitions and expectations



- Motion to Approve the Regional Capnography Policy by Dr. Dorsett. Seconded by Dr. Farney. Public comment was related to questions on the existing SEMAC policy and agencies that were concerned about participation with BLS iGel placement. Existing protocol language read into the record. Motion Passes unanimously.

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

- No old business items

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

- We appreciate your patience as we navigate through workflow changes
- Mindy and Liam are doing well!
- Awaiting distribution of the approved Collaborative Protocol changes
  - Change log and brief video will assist with updates

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

- Complete a case referred regarding tracheostomy issue
  - Individual and systems changes identified

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

- Pediatric Advisory Council Update
  - 100% correct dosing last month
  - Developing additional education
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Pediatric Education Night was a success
  - Discussions beginning regarding standardizing pediatric equipment
  - Developing PECC section on MLREMS.org
- Airway Collaborative Update
  - Improvements noted in 1<sup>st</sup> Pass ETT success
  - Goal to obtain 75% 1st Pass ETT Success by EOY
  - Preparing ETT checklist
  - RSI process will be changing for education to be more competency based

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- Reverification visit next week



- Noticeable uptake in the number of pediatric trauma patients arriving without prearrival notification
- New trauma registry program going live
- Planning for EMS Week 2025
- STAC met in January 2025
  - Discussion regarding difficulty obtaining EMS PCR's
  - Assisting in the development of the EMS blood regulations
  - Want protocol for Tourniquet take down

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

- Regional EMS Council is working through contracting process
- Program Agencies are working without contracts

#### **Individual Hospital Reports**

##### **Rochester Regional**

###### **RGH – Connie Vernetti, MD**

- Boarding and bed availability are a challenge and result in long triage times
- OB training provided to EMS

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

- No Report

##### **UR Medicine**

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

- No Report

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

- Funding approved for a communications nurse position

###### **Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD**

- During ED overcrowding periods, consider Noyes as an option.

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



**Next Meeting is April 21, 2025 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.**