



**Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes
February 23, 2026 at 5pm
Public Safety Training Facility**

Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach

Guests: Brian Wiedman, NYS Division of EMS and Rachel Weaver, Monroe Ambulance

Voting Members Present: Aaron Farney, Constance Vernetti, Antonios Katsetos, Erik Rueckmann, Tyler Lemay, Maia Dorsett, Bohdan Klymochko

Voting Members Absent: None

Voting Members Excused: Jonh Schueckler, Jeremy Cushman

Non-Voting Members Present: Benjamin Sensenbach, William Comella, Karen Dewar, Steve Tschiderer (acting Monroe County EMS Office)

Non-voting Members Absent: Corey Youells

Non-voting Members Excused: Scott Johnson, Robert Breese, Adam Oplinger, Kevin Gustina, Bill Arnold

Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Additions to the agenda - Updated to reflect Dr. Cushman’s absence since initially emailed
- Minutes Review & Approval
 - December 2025
 - REMAC Minutes: <https://www.mlrems.org/regional-ems-council/#remac>

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

Name	EMT Number	Reason for Sanction	Comment	Post Date
Gomes, John	522594	For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(am)	Surrendered certification effective 2/17/2026.	2/20/2026
Stirling, Scott	223877	For violations of a previously issued stipulation and order.	Suspended for one (1) year effective 2/12/26.	02/13/2026



Name	EMT Number	Reason for Sanction	Comment	Post Date
Austin, Raheem	479837	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.3(am) and (ap)(1).	Certification revoked effective 01/16/2026. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.	01/16/2026
Sano, Roswell	463218	For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.15 (b)(1).	Suspended for one (1) year effective 01/08/2026. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2000.	01/08/2026

New Business – Maia Dorsett, MD

- Adult TOCHA Clinical Guideline
 - ACLS is not the right algorithm for patients in traumatic cardiac arrest
 - Discussion of draft document with delayed action
 - Based on position papers NAEMSP and ACS
 - It has been reviewed by our Trauma Center

- Invasive Airway Placement in Patients with a Pulse
 - Public Comment period provided
 - Evidence based concerns for hypoxia
 - Stress supraglottic airway placement
 - Supports DAAM program
 - Policy was distributed to all Paramedics enrolled in the MLREMS Handtevy system and no comments were received
 - Motion to approve by Dr. Farney and seconded by Dr. Katsetos. All in favor. Motion passes.

- Destination Facility Guidance for Patients with Cardiogenic Shock and Related Conditions
 - Need to steer patients in cardiogenic shock to centers capable of ECMO, require a cardiac ICU and other therapies
 - Goal to prevent secondary transfer
 - Understands the difficulty in SCT cardiac transport due to staffing and complex logistical needs
 - Collaborative effort across both UR Medicine and RRHS with review by both emergency and cardiology teams
 - Concern expressed regarding EMS suspicion of pulmonary embolism and aortic emergency
 - Disseminate with education and share with Medical Control Physicians



- Hospital Capability Matrix to be updated
- Motion to approve by Dr. Lemay and seconded by Dr. Farney. All in favor. Motion passes.

- Part 800 – Pediatric Needle Thoracostomy
 - Concern expressed with the new NYS Part 800 requirements for a pediatric decompression needle
 - This concern could not be addressed by EMSC as their meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather as well as SEMAC/SEMSCO
 - Requested clarification via Dr. Dorsett

Old Business – Ben Sensenbach

- Advisory 26-02 Pediatric Pain Assessment and Management Education
- Advisory 26-01 iGel for Basic Life Support Clinicians
- Demonstrated new website capabilities

Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Absent – No Report

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

- A case regarding an LVAD is being reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting

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

- Pediatric Advisory Council Update
 - Met today to continue work on Pediatric Pain Management
- Airway Collaborative Update
 - 100% first pass success

Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli

- Absent

State Council Meetings – Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD

- Cancelled due to inclement weather

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Ben Sensenbach

- Adam Oplinger excused
- Wednesday, March 25th from 1130-1300 in a hybrid format
- STAC cancelled due to inclement weather



Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- Website has been launched

Individual Hospital Reports

Rochester Regional

RGH – Connie Verneti, MD

- Flu restrictions lifted

Unity/St. Mary's – Tony Katsetos, DO

- Dr. Wolfe retiring

UR Medicine

SMH/Strong West – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report

Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO

- Absent
- No Report

Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Verneti, seconded by Dr. Dorsett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is April 20, 2025 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.