



**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 Verneti, 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 a 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**

- Report

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

**Meeting Link: <https://youtu.be/niWuTMoqaA8>**

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