



**Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes
April 20, 2026 at 5pm
Public Safety Training Facility**

Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach

Voting Present:

Dr. Farney, Dr. Verneti, Dr. Katsetos, Dr. Rueckmann, Dr. Cushman, Dr. Lemay, Dr. Dorsett, Dr. Klymochko

Non-Voting Present:

Scott Johnson, Samuel Tinelli, Robert Breese, Adam Oplinger, Ben Sensenbach, William Comella, Kevin Gustina, Corey Youells, Bill Arnold, Catheryn Smith

Absent: Dr. Schueckler

Excused: Karen Dewar, Dan Riordan, Robert Breese

Note: Dan Riordan replaces Tim Czpranski as the Monroe County EMS Coordinator

Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Additions to the agenda
 - Pediatric Needle Thoracostomy to be addressed under old business
- Minutes Review & Approval
 - February 2026
 - REMAC Minutes: <https://www.mlrems.org/regional-ems-council/#remac>
 - Motion: Motion to approve the draft minutes as presented
 - Motion to approve by: Cushman
 - Seconded by: Verneti
 - All in favor, motion passes.

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- None since last meeting

New Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Suspected Isolated Geriatric Hip Fracture Care Bundle
 - Based on QI initiative

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- Was posted for draft comment period
 - Designed to guide care providing more consistency, address disparities an analgesia and allow agencies to adjust policies as needed
 - Motion: Motion to approve the draft minutes as presented
 - Motion to approve by: Cushman
 - Seconded by: Dorsett
 - All in favor, motion passes.
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- Determining the Appropriate Level of EMS Clinician for Patient Transport Policy
 - Provided background as this replaces two existing policies – Paramedic Release to EMT and Cancellation of ALS by EMTs
 - Was posted for public comment period
 - Discussion: If acute coronary syndrome is possible based on chief complaint, a 12-Lead should be completed as part of Paramedic assessment
 - Motion: Motion to approve the draft minutes as presented
 - Motion to approve by: Cushman
 - Seconded by: Lemay
 - All in favor, motion passes.
 - Existing policies will be rescinded.

Old Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Pediatric Needle Thoracostomy
 - New NYS Part 800 Equipment List “Pediatric chest decompression needle - minimum size 14ga x 1.5 inch”
 - Discussion of existing data
 - 1.5 catheters are not available.
 - Word “Minium” was typo from Maximum in pediatric guidelines.
 - Motion: To recommend to SEMAC to issue guidance and request the regulation be changed to “maximum”
 - Motion to approve by: Lemay
 - Seconded by: Cushman
 - All in favor, motion passes.

Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Monroe County Survivor Event May 21st 10am at MCC Downtown Campus
- DPM News will be ceased and replaced with Podcast
- Update on new DEA rules and meeting that was held with EMS agency leadership
- Awaiting CARES Report



- Dan Rirdan appointed as Monroe County EMS Administrator

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

- Meg Rose and Rebecca Shire appointed to committee

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

- Pediatric Advisory Council Update
 - Monroe County Chief's Association is funding Handtevy for the next three years
- Airway Collaborative Update

Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli

- Discussion regarding MLREMS and Program Agency Funding
- Please attend EMS awards presentation
- No action items

State Council Meetings – Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD

- Next Meetings May 12th - 13th 2026

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Adam Oplinger

- No Report

Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- No Report
- Covered under other agenda items

Individual Hospital Reports

Rochester Regional

RGH – Connie Vernetti, MD

- Report

Unity/St. Mary's – Tony Katsetos, DO

- Monitoring increasing ED boarding and the impact to EMS agencies

UR Medicine

SMH/Strong West – Aaron Farney, MD



- No Report

Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO

- No Report

Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report

Adjournment

- Motion: Motion to adjourn.
- Motion to approve by: Lemay
- Seconded by: Frost
- All in favor, motion passes.

Next Meeting is June 15, 2026 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.