Monroe-Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2026 at 5pm
Public Safety Training Facility

Meeting Video Recording: https://youtu.be/TwOFR5rjciE

Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach

Voting Members Present:

Aaron Farney
Constance Vernetti
Antonios Katsetos
Erik Rueckmann
Jeremy Cushman
Tyler Lemay
Maia Dorsett

Voting Members Excused:

Bohdan Klymochko

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ben Sensenbach
Scott Johnson
Karen Dewar
William Comella
Kevin Gustina
Bill Arnold
Cathryn Smith
Sam Tinelli

Non-Voting Members Excused:

None

Non- Voting Members Absent:

Corey Youells
Robert Breese

Guests:

Brian Wiedman, NYS Division of EMS
Rachael Weaver, Monroe Ambulance
James Cassin
Lily Vernetti

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Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- No additions to the agenda
- Minutes Review & Approval
  - June 2026
    - REMAC Minutes: https://www.mlrems.org/regional-ems-council/#remac
    - Motion to approve: Katsetos
    - Seconded by: Lemay
    - Motion passes without opposition

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

Name	EMT Number	Reason for Sanction	Comment	Post Date
Krusen, Michael	**361620**	**For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(3)**	**Surrendered effective September 25, 2026.**	**10/9/2026**
Hall, Michael J	**507486**	**For violations on 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(8)**	**Suspended for three (3) months effective 9/28/2026. Placed on probation for four (4) years upon the end of the suspension period. Continue with current substance abuse treatment program until successfully discharged from the program or the end of the probationary period of four (4) years is concluded.**	**9/28/2026**
Johnson, Baron	**407556**	**For violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.15(a)(2) and 800.16(a)(4).**	**Certification revoked. The revocation is stayed contingent upon completion of a one (1) year suspension and no further violations of PHL Article 30 or 10 NYCRR for a period of three (3) years. Assessed a civil penalty of $2,000**	**08/21/2026**
Castillo, Bradley	**455101**	**For violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.15(a)(2) and**	**Certification revoked. The revocation is stayed contingent upon completion of a one (1) year suspension and no further**	**08/21/2026**

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		800.16(a)(4).	violations of PHL Article 30 or 10 NYCRR for a period of three (3) years. Assessed a civil penalty of $2,000.	
Hernandez, James	526469	For violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.15(a)(1), 800.15(a)(3), 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2) and 800.16(a)(3)	Surrendered effective 7/30/2026	8/5/2026
Vinch, Jared	468293	For Violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2), 800.16(a)(3), 800.16(a)(9) and 800.16(a)(11)	Revoked as of 6/24/2026	6/26/2026
Withers, Jason	267662	For Violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2), 800.16(a)(3) and 800.16(a)(11)	Revoked as of 6/17/2026	6/26/2026
Sanchez Matos, Riquiel	475485	For Violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.16(a)(1), 800.16(a)(2), 800.16(a)(3) and 800.16(a)(11)	Revoked as of 6/17/2026	6/26/2026
Koch, Mitchell	384981	For Violations of NYCRR 10 Part 800.15 and 800.16.	Surrendered Certification effective 6/24/2026.	06/24/2026

New Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Regional CME Matrix for Original and Refresher Standardized Course Offerings 2026 presented for approval
- Reviewed background
  - Goal to be a voluntary tool for agency CICs
  - Courses listed reviewed by Training and Education Committee
- Motion to approve: Cushman
- Seconded by: Farney
- Motion passes without opposition

Old Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Accessing a Potential Patient Policy presented for approval
- Reviewed background
  - Patient Safety cases throughout the EMS region have highlighted the need for this policy
  - No substantive changes as the result of the public comment period
  - 800.16 (p) have and enforce written policies concerning:
    - (12) responsibilities of patient care providers when:
    - (i) a patient cannot be located;
    - (ii) entry cannot be gained to the scene of an incident
- Motion to approve: Cushman
- Seconded by: Dorsett
- Motion passes without opposition

Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- CHS Blood Program
  - After receiving REMAC endorsement, letter was sent to the NYS Division of EMS outlining plan to go live with EMS blood program. No response was received.
  - Program has gone live with one successful administration and several appropriate deferrals

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

- Reviewed the Accessing Potential Patient Policy with sub-committee and provided feedback to Regional Medical Director
- In process of reviewing Patient Safety Policy

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

- Pediatric Advisory Council Update

- Discussed Handtevy listing issues being corrected
- Discussed safe sleep issues in Monroe County showing an alarming increase in infant deaths

- Airway Collaborative Update
  - 5 applicants for DAAM credentialling
  - Will be reviewed “blinded” at the 11/2/2026 meeting
- Cardiac Arrest Choreography Update
  - Discussed background
  - 1st PDSA cycle completed
  - Tested equipment placement and choreography

Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli

- Reported on improvements in the contract process

State Council Meetings – Maia Dorsett, MD, PhD

- Reported on County EMS plans, Protocol Revisions, Protocol Corrections and how they were communicated to EMS providers, MOLST and MAID, and NREMT testing
- Still awaiting state approval of SCT Clinical Guidelines submitted in March

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Adam Oplinger

- No Report

Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- Reported on contract and voucher status
- Discussed request from NYS EMS to review meeting operating practices and open meetings law
- Discussed reactivation of the ePCR TAG

Individual Hospital Reports

Rochester Regional

RGH – Connie Vernetti, MD

- Reported “Everything is Wonderful”

Unity/St. Mary’s – Tony Katsetos, DO

- Report

UR Medicine

SMH/Strong West – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Construction Status

Highland –

- Seat Vacant

Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD

- Report

Motion to adjourn.

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Next Meeting is December 21, 2026 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.