

## REMAC - Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

### ATTENDANCE

#	NAME	CATEGORY	MEMBERSHIP	TERM	2019-08	2019-10	2019-12	2020-02	2020-04	2020-06
<b>VOTING</b>										
1	Jeremy Cushman, MD	MLREMS Medical Director	Voting / Ex Officio	N/A	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
2	Maia Dorsett, MD	at Large (seat 3)	Voting	3/31/2024	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
3	Aaron Farney, MD	Hospital - Nicholas Noyes Hospital	Voting	3/31/2023	CXL	E	P	CXL	CXL	P
4	Antonios Katsetos, DO	at Large (seat 1)	Voting	3/31/2023	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
5	Timothy Lum, MD	Hospital - Highland Hospital	Voting	3/31/2023	CXL	E	P	CXL	CXL	P
6	Vacant	at Large (seat 2)	Voting		VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
7	Eran Muto, DO	Hospital - Rochester General Hospital	Voting	3/31/2023	CXL	P	A	CXL	CXL	P
8	Erik Rueckmann, MD	Hospital - Strong Memorial Hospital	Voting / Chair	3/31/2023	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
9	Bruce Thompson, MD	Hospital - Unity Hospital	Voting	3/31/2021	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
10	Constance Verneti, MD	at Large (seat 4)	Voting	3/31/2024	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	A
<b>NON-VOTING</b>										
11	William Arnold	At Large (Seat 2)	Non-Voting	3/31/2022	CXL	P	E	CXL	CXL	P
12	Michael Bove	At Large NYS Certified (Seat 4)	Non-Voting	3/31/2021	CXL	P	A	CXL	CXL	P
13	Robert Breese	EMS Course Sponsor	Non-Voting / Vice Chair	3/31/2021	CXL	P	A	CXL	CXL	P
14	Lee Coller	At Large NYS Certified (Seat 1)	Non-Voting	3/31/2022	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	CXL	P
15	William Comella	At Large NYS Certified (Seat 3)	Non-Voting	3/31/2022	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	CXL	P
16	Timothy Czapranski	EMS Coordinator - Monroe County	Non-Voting / Ex Officio	N/A	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
17	Karen Dewar	EMS Coordinator - Livingston County	Non-Voting / Ex Officio	N/A	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
18	Tim Frost	At Large (Seat 1)	Non-Voting	3/31/2021	CXL	P	A	CXL	CXL	A
19	Timothy Kelly	ALS Representative	Non-Voting	3/31/2020	CXL	A-Jordan	A-Jordan	CXL	CXL	P
20	James Neary	At Large NYS Certified (Seat 2)	Non-Voting	3/31/2021	CXL	P	E	CXL	CXL	A
21	Benjamin Sensenbach	Regional Patient Safety / QA Coordinator	Non-Voting / Ex Officio	N/A	CXL	P	P	CXL	CXL	P
22	Eric Thomas	BLS Representative	Non-Voting	3/31/2021	CXL	A	E	CXL	CXL	A
23	Vacant	Hospital Representative	Non-Voting		CXL	A-SHAW	P - Shaw	CXL	VACANT	VACANT

**LEGEND:** Present = P Excused Absents = E Unexcused Absents = A

**Moment of silence to honor Dr. Eric Davis**

- Details on his celebration of life are to be determined and will be distributed.

**Roll Call Attendance – Tim Kelly****Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- Additions to the agenda – none.
- Minutes Review & Approval
  - A motion to accept the cancelled February 2020 REMAC minutes as stated on the MLREMS website as “MLREMS REMAC Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2020 was cancelled”, to accept the cancelled April 2020 REMAC minutes as stated on the MLREMS website as “MLREMS REMAC Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2020 was cancelled”, to accept the February 2019 minutes as presented, to replace the previously accepted and published April 2019 minutes in favor of the newly presented minutes, to accept the June 2019 minutes as presented, to accept the cancelled August 2019 REMAC minutes as stated on the MLREMS website as “MLREMS REMAC Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2019 was cancelled”, to accept the October 2019 minutes as presented, to accept the December 2019 minutes as presented by Dr. Erik Rueckmann, seconded by Dr. Katsetos. Discussion: Tim Kelly did a lot of work to get these minutes organized and ready to vote on, so thank you for all of your work. Roll Call Vote. Motion Passes.

**State Actions – Ben Sensenbach**

- Wayne Edgar – certification has been suspended for one year and five and a half months effective 11/27/19. Eleven and a half months of the suspension shall be deemed to be served concurrently with the respondent’s period in restricted status. The remaining six months are stayed and provided no violations for three years from 11/27/19. Assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000, \$4,500 is stayed for violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(2):
  - Has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in section 800.3 of this part.
- Michael Alicea – certification revoked effective 1/10/20 for violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(8):
  - ...has responded to a call, provided patient care, or driven an ambulance or other emergency medical response vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any other drug or substance which has affected the certificate holder’s coordination or intellectual functions...

**Old Business – Maia Dorsett**

- RSI Policy Update
  - This revision went out for a period of comments which were distributed to the group. Any thoughts or concerns regarding the updated policy? Discussion: RSI is a regional credential and therefore the QI process is regionally handled. If an RSI provider is working at Ambulance A (non RSI

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agency), are they prohibited from providing RSI at Ambulance B while working at Ambulance A [i.e. if a call comes in and Ambulance A with RSI provider is close to Ambulance B (no RSI provider but is an RSI agency), can Ambulance A help and respond to RSI request?].

- Yes. This is how it was done previously due to accountability and liability issues with a provider from another agency using a different agency's meds.
- There were several comments on whether outside of region RSI requests count. As written, flight requests can count if accompanied with a letter of attestation from that flight agency medical director. Currently we are less comfortable with ground requests outside of the region as we are unfamiliar with their QI process and don't have access to their data.
  - If we have regions that are interested in participating and they are willing to give us access to their policies and QI process, we can review and revisit.
- Motion to accept the current RSI Policy as written. Seconded by Bob Breese. Roll call vote. Motion passes.

### **New Business – Ben Sensenbach**

- Blood Glucose for BLS Providers at Gates Ambulance
  - No issues with their application, their CLEA certificate is all set from the state. Motion from Maia Dorsett to approve Blood Glucose for BLS Providers at Gates Ambulance. Seconded by Tony Katsetos. Roll call vote. Motion passes.

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

- 2019-nCoV
  - Thank you to all REMAC Members, EMS Community and ED Directors as we went through the countless COVID policy, protocol and practice changes.
  - It is the intent to maintain all interim guidance for patient care. In terms of dispatch codes, we will continue to use the 36 card. We will continue to monitor and make changes as needed.
  - The Program Agency contract is in the process of renewal, the current contract was to end at the end of this month but has been extended by one year due to COVID.

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

- The State Bridge has been updated. If your agencies need assistance pulling data, please let us know and we can help facilitate.
- Normal QI flows are resuming, we may be reaching out to physicians on this committee to review some cases as needed.

**Patient Safety Subcommittee – Aaron Farney, MD**

- Quality Improvement Course took a brief break during COVID. Currently it is now back on track. Originally students were to start QI projects at their agency, which COVID made difficult, so we are now looking at regional data for their quality improvement activity as a group.

**Medical Operations Subcommittee – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- Dr. Verneti stepped down as Chair. If you are interested in the position, please email Erik Rueckmann.

**Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy**

- Next Council meeting is in July. The last meeting was focused mainly on the annual Council Awards. Congratulations to all of our winners. This new format was a rousing success. We are also inviting this year's winners to next year's ceremony as well during the STEP conference.
- We made changes on our insurance policy to streamline and make sure we are covered for what we need, but not paying for things that we don't.
- We are also working with the Program Agency on the future of the contracts as things develop within the State.

**State Council Meetings –Mark Philippy / Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- There is supposed to be a meeting next week, however no information has been released yet.
  - If there is a meeting next week – Maia Dorsett, Aaron Farney and Ben Sensenbach, we would like to meet regarding the QI Tag.
- Thank you to the physicians with your continued efforts and help informing the State.

**Regional Trauma Advisory Committee –Bob Breese**

- Last meeting was cancelled due to COVID.

**Individual Hospital Reports****Rochester Regional****RGH – Eran Muto, DO**

- No Report

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

- No Report

## **UR Medicine**

### **SMH/Strong West – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- No Report

### **Highland – Timothy Lum, MD**

- No Report

### **Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD**

- Drive thru COVID testing is happening outside of the ED.

## **Other Items**

- Ben Sensenbach: Thank you to Dr. Rueckmann for the EMS video. It was very well received.
- Erik Rueckmann, MD: This was a very challenging moment in all of our lives and put a great strain on our system, thank you to everyone.
- Tony Katsetos, DO: The best information, especially in the beginning, we received from the region, so thank you for all of your hard work.

**Motion to adjourn by Maia Dorsett. Seconded by Bob Breese.**

**Next Meeting is August 17, 2020 at the PSTF Room 117B, 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY at 1700**

**Video Link:**

[https://youtu.be/mXz\\_lajSyCQ](https://youtu.be/mXz_lajSyCQ)