

## REMAC - Meeting Minutes April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### ATTENDANCE

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

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

### Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Additions to the agenda - none
- Minutes Review & Approval
  - None for approval, Council secretary to have ready for next meeting in June.

### State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- Andrei Volik
  - Certification surrendered effective 2/17/2021.
  - For violations of 10NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(7)
    - “...has procured, or has attempted to procure, his/her certification or recertification through any form of fraud or deceit, including, but not limited to, the intentional false representation or misrepresentation, either expressly or by omission, on his/her application for emergency medical services certification or recertification, of information pertaining to prior convictions, offenses, regulatory violations and actions against other professional licenses and certification held by the certificate holder or having received certification without having completed all the specified requirements...”
- Justin Obireck
  - Certification suspended for 1 year effective 3/13/21. The suspension is stayed.
  - Placed on probation for 3 years effective 3/13/21.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - 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...”
- Benjamin Tessmer
  - Certification suspended for 1 year effective 3/23/21. The suspension is stayed.
  - Placed on probation for 3 years effective 3/23/21.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(3) and 800.16(a)(13)
    - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing as established by...(3) scope of Practice as defined in Section 800.3...”
    - “...has held him/herself out as being certified at a higher level than actually certified, or has exceeded his/her authorized scope of practice, as that term is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
- Gerard Boettcher
  - Certification surrendered effective 3/31/21.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 (a)(1), 800.15 (a)(2), 800.16 (a)(2), 800.16 (a)(3) and 800.16 (a)(11).
    - “...comply with prehospital practice standards applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: (1) State-approved training curricula and State-approved training standards, in accordance with section 800.20 of this Part; (2) State approved protocols developed by State and/or Regional Medical Advisory Committees pursuant to sections 3002-a and 3004-a of the Public Health law...”

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- "... (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... (3) has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part... (11) has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section-800.3 of this Part..."

### Old Business – Ben Sensenbach

- None

### New Business - Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Monroe County Mental Health Teams Capability Reference
- Transferring Care to a Mental Health Team
- EMS Evaluation for Mental Health Team Transfer of Care
  - One is policy guidance and the other is the algorithm for voting. The capability reference is a living document that was updated as recently as today. We are working on finding a location for this document so that it can be continuously updated in real time. All of these documents have been shared with all of the mobile response teams and they are good with it. There is no difference between these documents and the Paramedic release to EMT – BOTH parties must agree.
  - Motion by Aaron Farney to approve the policy as written. Seconded by Tony Katsetos. No further discussion. If you abstain or vote no – use the raise hand icon. No one did this. Motion passes.

### New Business – Mike Bove

- Monroe and UCM Telemedicine Policy & Procedure
  - United Consierge Medicine is out of the Albany area. Ten agencies in the State are using this virtual ER. Working with Dr. Schueckler on this. Nineteen participants at Monroe with good assessment skills have been identified and received additional training to utilize this. This is only for patients that refuse treatment/transport. Exclusions include but are not limited to – pediatric patients, pregnancy related complaints, etc. If the patient doesn't want to participate, or if the medic wants to transport, this process is terminated.
- Physicians can order e-scripts and testing through this. There is stringent QA on both sides of this.
- Credentialed physicians – we will need to work to get all of these folks credentialed in our region.
- How are you documenting disposition? Standard refusal chart documentation.
- Does the telemedicine visit get shared? Yes – to the patient PCP or the RHIO. There is also a follow-up with the patient within 72 hours from the company.
- Is it always a physician on the phone? No, this could be a mid-level provider, but we would not be able to take orders from them in the field. This section needs to be clarified, you need to be talking with a physician.
- Cost to patient? Are the patients aware of the cost associated with this visit regardless if they have insurance? Monroe to add language about billing.
- Are we being asked to approve this program, to ascent to it or authorize it? There is no requirement for approval of the REMAC. This is being brought to this body for your review and opinions. Our own Medical Control is always the default.
- Algorithm needs to be updated to reflect that this is only used if the patient refuses care from EMS.
- The intent of this is to add another tool in the tool box for Paramedics.
- Does this need to be an ALS provider? Many patient refusals tend to be BLS. Monroe's feeling is to start this pilot out with just a few Paramedic providers before opening it up.

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- Changes need to be made and distributed to the REMAC. At the next REMAC Council, Dr. Schueckler should be in attendance to help field questions.

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

- Working with EMS doing vaccinations which is also in the realm of the Bureau, more to come as things move forward.
- Working with Mental Health services.

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

- Supporting Council & REMAC on their various projects
- Continue to work with the Bureau for funding

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

- Hospital OB Capability
  - Trying to prospectively sort this out as a reference. How preterm can a hospital accept, etc.
- Offload Checklist
  - Goal is 0 adverse events
  - Working on this document to be posted on the back door of the ambulance.

### **Patient Safety Subcommittee – Maia Dorsett, MD**

- EMS Handoff
  - Goal – written transfer of essential information from EMS to the ED. Looking at data on the hospital side as well. The pilot will begin at Perinton and Brighton to gain feedback. More to come as things move forward.
- Medication Crosscheck
  - Education has been released in a DIY format. Encourage providers to take the training.
- EMS Quality Academy
  - New format: There will be two full content days, then follow-up monthly zoom meetings. There will be two regional quality initiatives that the group works on – this year they will be airway management and the geriatric fall patient.
- Regional Case Review is at 1830 tonight.

### **Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy**

- Meeting next month – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Trying to change the website design, improve accessibility for mobile devices and save money. Looking at different options, more to come as we continue to discuss.
- Engage local regions in potential for consolidation of Program agencies and merging regions. Not sure what this would mean for REMAC.

### **State Council Meetings – Mark Pilippy / Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- State Council meeting is scheduled for the end of May
- There have been some Protocol app issues and some other protocol items that haven't had much movement at the State level due to COVID.

**Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Ben Sensenbach**

- MLREMS PIER committee and the Trauma Service are working on a joint training for National Stop the Bleed Day (May 20<sup>th</sup>) This will include a didactic online portion as well as an in person skills portion at some local agencies.
- Geriatric Falls – EMS to assist in evaluation of safe environments.

**Individual Hospital Reports**

**Rochester Regional**

**RGH – Connie Vernetti, MD**

- Connie Vernetti is taking over as the EMS liaison at RGH for Dr. Muto

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

- No report

**UR Medicine**

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

- No report

**Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO**

- No report

**Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD**

- No report



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### Additional Items – Mike Bove

- Monroe has received their approval from the State for Community Paramedicine

**Motion to adjourn by Mike Bove, Seconded by Mark Philippy**

**Next Meeting is June 21, 2021 at 1700 at the PSTF: 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester NY 14624, Room 117**

**Link for full meeting video:**

<https://youtu.be/QcITxYIOM-I>