



Monroe-Livingston REMAC Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023 at 5pm
Public Safety Training Facility Room 103

Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach

Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Additions to the agenda
- Minutes Review & Approval

State Actions – Ben Sensenbach

- Michael Sudol
 - Certification has been revoked as of 12/21/22.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(ap), 800.3(ap)(2), 800.3(ap)(3), 800.15(b) and 800.16(4).
 - "...Patient abuse means any inappropriate and/or offensive physical, sexual or verbal contact or interaction with a patient, irrespective of whether the certificate holder is specifically acting in his/her capacity as an EMT when (s)he engages in the abuse, including but not limited to the following..."
 - "...Psychological abuse means verbal or non-verbal conduct by a certificate holder, directed to a patient, which insults, denigrates, humiliates, shocks, mocks, threatens, harasses, or alarms the patient. Psychological abuse shall not include verbal or non-verbal conduct which has medical or therapeutic purpose or justification..."
 - "...Sexual abuse means conduct by a certificate holder, which subjects a patient to any offense defined in article one hundred thirty, two hundred forty-five of the penal law; or any conduct or communication by a certificate holder that allows, permits, uses or encourages a patient to engage in any act described in two hundred sixty-three of the penal law. Offensive sexual contact or conduct may include, but shall not be limited to, engaging in, or facilitating sexual contact, exposure, performances, photography or any other form of sexual image collection and/or dissemination, irrespective of the patient's receptiveness to the conduct..."
 - "...maintain, at all times, the confidentiality of any and all patient information to which the certificate holder has access concerning patients alive or deceased, including, but not limited to, patient names, conditions, treatments, descriptions, communications, images or other identifying features, irrespective of whether the patient's name is included, which may be transmitted by electronic or other media, except:..."
 - "...has abused a patient, as patient abuse is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Terry Parker Jr.
 - Certification surrendered as of 1/10/23.

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- For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(ak)
 - "...Criminal offense means, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the agency, convictions in any jurisdiction for felonies involving murder, manslaughter, assault, sexual abuse, theft, robbery, fraud, embezzlement, drug abuse, or sale of drugs..."
- Joseph Kuhn
 - Certification has been suspended for one year effective 1/23/23. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for three years.
 - Successfully complete a Paramedic reeducation course at the direction of the agency Medical Director.
 - Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.
 - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15(a)(2) and 800.3(am).
 - "...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..."
 - "...Negligence means a failure to perform, on one or more EMS calls, as an ordinary, reasonable, similarly situated certificate holder certified at the same level would, based upon the standard of care in the region, as delineated in controlling protocols, curricula, and policies, and as demonstrated by an ordinary, reasonable certificate holder's general standards of practice..."

New Business -

- iGEL Pilot
- ET3 Telehealth Nurse Navigation: AMR
- De-escalation training

Program Agency Report – Ben Sensenbach

- NYS EMS Contract continues.
- ePCR changes – working with the data informatics unit to make the transition to NEMSIS 3.5. It will be changing for all ePCR vendors. Transition for most of you will be seamless.
- HCS – Mr. Wiedman has been helping us to work with the IT folks so that the clinical coordinators are able to look up certifications and print cards.
- MLREMS Council Awards – REMSCo just finished voting on the awards in preparation for EMS Week.

Regional Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- iGEL Pilot – underway – four agencies in the region are currently signed on. Thank you to Dr. Dorsett for helping curate a separate BLS capnography training. Training is available whether you are involved in the iGEL pilot or not. RSI process is currently underway and we found within



our testing that there were quite a few that got the capnography questions wrong, so this would be a good review for them as well.

- CARES Updates – all of our hospitals are doing that follow-up. All of this data isn't final, but has been very interesting to see where we can improve. Once numbers are final, we will be sharing these with the region as a whole, as well as participating agencies will be able to see their individual agency data.
- Handtevy Update – our Handtevy app links to the state protocol so they can encourage further use of the app. The medication concentration has been added to the app. Will be using the State Bridge to pull data as well as some survey data. Training on the app will be provided via train the trainer with a hands on component.
- Leave Behind Naloxone – federal grant Monroe County is participating in. One of the arms of this grant is for EMS and Fire agencies to leave behind naloxone kit with information. No requirement or action by the REMAC. Hopefully soon naloxone will be available over the counter. More to come as things develop.

Council (MLREMS) – Mark Philippy / Jeremy Cushman, MD

- Not met since January.
- Governor's budget – encourage you to review section F – there are substantive changes to article 30 being proposed.

State Council Meetings –Mark Philippy / Jeremy Cushman, MD

- In Muru – you can only see your level of protocols. You can download the PDF from the State site.
- Dr. Cushman & Mark addressed the Public Health Policy Council regarding the throughput issues, boarding issues, etc. There were many people participating in the conversation, although most of them put the solutions in the arena of EMS (mobile integrated healthcare, etc). More to come as this continues.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee –Bob Breese

- No Report

Individual Hospital Reports

Rochester Regional

RGH – Connie Verneti, MD

- 74 beds that have come online as of mid-January. Hospital is trying to recruit additional nursing



staff.

Unity/St. Mary's – Tony Katsetos, DO

- All trying to find additional areas for patients.

UR Medicine

SMH/Strong West – Erik Rueckmann, MD

- Things will be changing as the new emergency structure develops.

Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO

- With the new tower opening, there may be some additional space.

Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD

- No Report.

Old Business

- No Report.

Motion to move to Executive Session by Mr. Breese, seconded by Dr. Katsetos.

Patient Safety Subcommittee – Aaron Farney, MD

- The REMAC supports and confirms the contents of the confidential patient safety case 22-1202 motion by Dr. Farney, seconded by Bob Breese. Roll Call Vote. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting is April 17, 2023 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.

Link: <https://youtu.be/LjuYTfSKuqE>