



**Monroe-Livingston REMAC Minutes**  
**August 19, 2024 at 5pm**  
**Public Safety Training Facility Room 103**

**Roll Call Attendance – Ben Sensenbach**

**Agenda Review – Erik Rueckmann, MD**

- Additions to the agenda - None
- Minutes Review & Approval
  - April 2024 Move to approve: Bob Breese. Seconded by Tim Czapranski. All in favor, no abstentions. Motion passes.

**State Actions – Ben Sensenbach**

- Brian Torres
  - Certification suspended for one year effective 8/2/24.
  - For violations of probation from a previous stipulation and order.
- James Schofield
  - Certification surrendered effective 7/15/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3(a) and violation of a previous Stipulation and Order.
    - "...Incompetence means a lack of, or loss of, skill or knowledge to practice the profession, and/or practicing with negligence, as negligence is defined in this part, on one or more occasions while treating a patient..."
- Kyoko Saito
  - Certification surrendered effective 5/13/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(2) and (3)
    - "...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
    - "...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Benjamin Miller
  - Certification revoked effective 7/3/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1), (2), (3), (9) and (11)
    - "...has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 800.15 of this Part..."
    - "...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
    - "...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
    - "...has falsified a patient record and/or misrepresented and/or concealed pertinent information during a patient care investigation, including, but not limited to making

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deliberate omissions of material fact...”

- “...has abandoned a patient, as patient abandonment is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
- Gary Ratajczak
  - Certification has been surrendered effective 7/2/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.3 (am).
    - “...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...”
- Laura Mastrantuono
  - Certification has been surrendered effective 6/5/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(9) and 800.15 (a)(1), and (a)(3)
    - “...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
    - “...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
    - “...has abused a patient, as patient abuse is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part...”
    - “...has falsified a patient record and/or misrepresented and/or concealed pertinent information during a patient care investigation, including, but not limited to making deliberate omissions of material fact...”
    - “...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by: National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (2021), as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which have been incorporated by reference in this section, a copy of which can be found online at EMS.gov - EMS Education Standards 2021. This publication is also available for public inspection and copying at the Regulatory Affairs Unit, New York State Department of Health, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237...”
    - “...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...”
- Brent Paylor
  - Certification has been revoked and annulled effective 5/21/24.
  - Not allowed to seek any re-certification, license, registration or certificate from the Department in the future.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(5).
    - “...has been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, as that term is defined in section



800.3(ak) of this Part..."

- Nicholas Sheppard
  - Certification has been revoked effective 5/16/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(5).
    - "...has been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, as that term is defined in section 800.3(ak) of this Part..."
- Cody Minnig
  - Certification suspended for three years effective 5/15/24. The suspension is stayed pending a three year period of successful probation without further violations.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000. Of that \$2,000 is stayed pending successful probation.
  - Must complete ACLS and PALS at the direction of his medical director.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR 800.16(a)(2) and 800.16(a)(3).
    - "...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
    - "...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Brent Allspach
  - Certification suspended for one year effective 5/6/2024. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations for a period of three years.
  - Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000. Of that \$1,000 shall be stayed pending no further violations during the period of probation.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16(a)(1)
    - "...has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 800.15 of this Part..."
- Nicholas Messina
  - Certification has been surrendered effective 4/15/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(7) and (13).
    - "...has procured, or has attempted to procure, his/her certification or re-certification 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 re-certification, 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..."
    - "...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..."
- Arnaldo Deliz Jr.
  - Revoked effective 3/18/24. Assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(1)-(3)



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- "...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- "...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Ryan Gittens
  - Suspended for one year effective 3/18/24. Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(1)-(3)
    - "...has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 800.15 of this Part..."
    - "...has been negligent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as negligence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
    - "...has been incompetent in the performance of his/her EMS duties and practice, as incompetence is defined in Section 800.3 of this Part..."
- Jeffrey Ashdown
  - Surrendered effective 3/7/24.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.15 (a)(2)
    - "...comply with prehospital practice standards, applicable for the geographic region of the State in which the individual is practicing, as established by...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..."
- Amanda Van Heemstede Obelt
  - Suspended for one year effective 3/11/24. The suspension is stayed. Placed on three years probation effective 3/11/24. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000. \$500 is suspended pending probation.
  - For violations of 10 NYCRR Part 800.16 (a)(10)
    - "...has misappropriated any money or any property from any source during the course of any EMS duty and/or practice, irrespective of whether such misappropriation is prosecuted as a crime..."

#### **New Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- NYS EMS Certifications are now four years as of July 15, 2024
- ROSC Care Bundle
  - Good feedback from public comment period – discussed targeted temperature management, head of bed elevation and head positioning – some comments not included as this is a general post cardiac arrest care bundle
  - Goal is to identify key quality measures regarding specific clinical conditions
  - Move to approve: Bob Breese. Seconded by Tim Czapranski. All in favor, no abstentions. Motion passes.



### **Old Business – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Dr. Lemay has been working diligently on the Specialty Care Transport Protocols which are now the Advanced Practice Paramedic and SCT Clinical Practice Guidelines for action at the next REMMAC.
- Please watch for the draft for public comment
- These have transitioned from protocols to guidelines due to the nature of these types of patients

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

- NEMSIS 3.5 Transition
  - Almost complete with 4 sending 3.4 NEMSIS data. Working with those services
- ePCR Update
  - Hospital Hub – limitations due to requirement for staff at receiving facility to download and data lose due to vendor limitations. IE: All free text in emsCHARTS other than HPI does not come across into Hospital Hub. Concerns with data transmission issues.
  - Data issues with AMR ePCRS and AMR is working to try and provide the information.
- Program Agency Contract Status
  - Ensured by Bureau of EMS Program Agency and REMSCo Contracts will be forthcoming.
- 4 year EMS Recertification
  - Effective July 15, 2024
  - All NYS EMS Certifications are four year instead of three year.

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

- Pulsara implementation moves forward with Rochester Regional and UR Medicine
- Everyone should be on the new protocols but we have noted that the transition with Midazolam dosing has been slow
- There is an uptake in COVID numbers with UR Medicine moving back to masking
- Please review your infection control plans and ensure that you have adequate supplies available and mask with patients that have respiratory symptoms. No changes to dispatch or responses related to COVID

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

- The regional Patient Safety Committee has reviewed several cases this summer with a common theme of complications of sedation in the shock patient. Will be sharing insights, educational proposals and possible protocol recommendations

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

- Pediatric Advisory Council Update



- Met immediately before this meeting
- Reviewed Survey results for 2024 for the Pediatric Preparedness project with much variability identified.
- Discussed areas of future focus including equipment needs, existing education and educational needs, guidelines and best practices
- Discussed dissemination of information that identifies objectives that have already been completed at the state and regional level
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#### **Council (MLREMS) – Sam Tinelli**

- No Report

#### **State Council Meetings – Jeremy Cushman, MD**

- Next Meetings is in Saratoga Springs September 16-18

#### **Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – Adam Oplinger**

- Changing the fall RTAC date due to STAC Changes – 12/11/2024 is new date
- Changing the format of RTAC to improve by in from EMS
- Looking to identify rural EMS issues and community hospital issues that impact traumas

### **Individual Hospital Reports**

#### **Rochester Regional**

##### **RGH – Connie Vernetti, MD**

- Implementing process for violent pediatric psych patients that will follow the same process as violent adults with the goal of identifying the best places for these patients to be placed in the ED
- Issues with EMS stealing supplies - discussion

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

- No Report

#### **UR Medicine**

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

- URMC is appreciative of EMS as the shifting challenges of construction require frequent changes

##### **Highland – Jay Schueckler, DO**

- No Report



**Noyes – Aaron Farney, MD**

- Implemented a new process of STAT transfers with LCEMS and CHS that is going well

**Congratulations to Dr. Maia Dorsett on being selected as the National EMS Physician of Excellence.**

**Motion to adjourn by Maia Dorsett, seconded by Bob Breese. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions, motion passes.**

**Video Link: <https://youtu.be/TVGbbPC3EdU>**

**Next Meeting is October 21, 2024 at 5pm at the PSTF 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY.**

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