

MIDSTATE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

PROUDLY SERVING ONEIDA HERKIMER AND MADISON COUNTIES

Midstate REMAC Minutes 6-23-26

Dr. Black called meeting to order at 1900

Attendance:

Dr. Black	Present
Dr. Bushnell	Absent working
Dr. Hoyt-	Absent -working
Dr. Page	Absent
Dr. Quandah	Absent
Dr. Rubin	Absent-Working
Dan Broedel	Absent-Teaching EMT Class
Greg Wright	Absent
James Monahan	Absent
James Smith	Absent
Jarrold Waufle	Present
Joshua Stagner	Present
Kelly West	Absent
Robert Clark	Present
Robert Paddock	Absent
Paul Taylor	Present

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W. Joseph Taylor Absent

Vinny Faraone Present

Guest:

Andrea Capron -MVHS ED – Virtual

Dr. Gary Zimmer – MVHS -Virtual

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Dr. Kirby Black
- All in favor

Committee Updates

- **Chad Smith/Paul Taylor: REMSCO report:**
 - Chad is not present so no report from him
 - Paul Taylor was voted as the new REMSCO Chair at the last REMSCO Meeting on May 26th, 2026
 - Dan Broedel is Vice Chair
 - Ryan Ward as secretary
 - Jim Monahan as treasurer
 - Dr. Black's medical director payment has been made and working on how to finish catching up on his back payment
 - May 22nd, 2026
 - Spring Fling/CME Day
 - Dan Bastie- Keynote speaker, Opioid overdose lecture
 - Dr. Black – ALS EKG
 - Ryan Ward – BLS hands on EKG lecture
 - Erik Merrell- Agricultural Awareness
 - Physician Panel
 - Award Ceremony and dinner
 - August 2026 – Golf Tournament
 - Friday August 28th, 2026
- **Jarrod Waufle: Clinical Coordinator report**

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- Recent enforcement actions:
 - Brett Cohen
 - EMT # 249864, Violations of 800.16 (a)(2) and 800.16 (a)(4). Suspended for three (3) years effective May 6th, 2026
 - Max Reiter
 - EMT # 390095, Violations of Part 800.16 (a)(10). Certification surrendered as of September 24, 2025
 - Jason Haag
 - EMT # 314225, Violations of part 800.16 (a)(1), 800.16 (a). Assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000. Revoked as of 6/5/26
- QA cases: Few requests. Most handled at the agency level. 1 handed to be investigated more. Waiting for the video from the hospital
- **Josh Stagner Program Agency:**
 - Our Program Agency Contract is approved and executed
 - REMSCO contract is going through the approval process. In part 3 of 5 of the process.
 - Boilermaker, July 12th, 2026. Looking for medical tent and street EMS
 - Last SEMAC/SEMSCO Meeting was held on May 12th and 13th in Saratoga Springs
- **REMAC-Dr. Black/Josh Stagner**
 - Ground blood transport is still in the process. Open comment period will open up this summer to the public
 - Spinal motion restriction was approved at SEMAC and at SPAC. Going to be a slow rollout with the new protocols in September
 - Pediatric Breslow tapes or alternatives can be carried on the provider or on the ambulance. Does not need to be on both
 - Equipment regulations went into effect on 4/22/26
 - Change in wording of pediatric needle chest decompression from maximum to minimum.
 - Vehicle regulations 800.26 will going into place on 10/22/26
 - Drive cam or alternative video recording device requirements
 - Only applies to ESAV's new to the service after 10/22/26
 - DOES NOT include ambulances
 - Is not mandatory for current vehicles already in place prior to 10/22/26
 - Education
 - Per Melissa Lockwood
 - A 17-year-old can sit for EMT exam, but they CAN NOT take online and need to do in person testing
 - Mental Health Symposium
 - Was held on June 8th, 2026, in Saratoga Springs
 - Over 100 in attendance
 - New fellow from Madison County EMS
 - Vitals Signs

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- November 10th through 14th in Niagara Falls NY
- Registration and hotels open
- County Plans
 - Go into effect June 30th, 2026
 - Needs to be completed and turned into the state by December 31st, 2026
 - Still waiting for the state draft on what the plan should include, should be out by June 30th
- Crisis Stabilization Centers
 - One in Utica
 - Unable to accept ambulance transport at this time
 - No destination code
 - What is considered “Stable”
 - NYS EMS working on a draft to define how to make this work
 - Dr. Black would like to have a sit down with them to work on what they will or can accept for patients once this moves forward
- **Old Business**
 - Nothing to report
- **New Business:**
 - SGA Approvals
 - North Bay
 - Deerfield
 - REMAC Advisory Statement 26-01, Taser Probe Field Removals
 - Dr, Black reviewed statement prior and thinks this is a great idea and keep non urgent patients out of the ED
 - YouTube Video link on the statement showing how to remove the probe from patients.
 - Dr. Black Approved REMAC Advisory Statement 26-01
 - Director Stagner to send out to the region on 6/24/26 and post to Midstate website
 - Work on getting letters sent to all agency medical directors to advise them they should be on the REMAC and coming to meetings, even if virtually if they are working
 - Dr. Black, Director Stagner and REMSCO Chair Paul Taylor to work on this before next meeting
 - Dr. Gary Zimmer offered to be on REMAC and approved by Dr. Black
 - Question asked about BLS FR SGA and whether they are able to do it or not. Per Dr. Black not currently. Going to bring to SEMAC in September
- **Roundtable discussion:** No discussion
- Next Meeting scheduled for September 29th, 2026.
- Meeting adjourned at 1943

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