

**Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council**  
**3/5/25**  
**Meeting Minutes**

*Chair Staffehl called the meeting to order at 6:00pm*

*Attendance: Attendance sheet on file*

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		ACTION
<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>	Present: M Barber, B Brauner, E Conley, J Elge, G Gill, J Graham, M Hughes, M Hyde, A Lapp, C Mastrella, T Maxian, D McCartan, K Peterson, C Staffehl, W Streicher, C Tatarka, D Turner, J Zagoda, R McCartin, L Rewinski.		
<b>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	Led by K Peterson		
<b>3. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No Public Comment		
<b>4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	1. <b>Motion 25-13</b> made to accept the January 8, 2025 minutes.		<b>1. Motion 25-13:</b> D.McCartan Second: J.Zagoda Approved
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	No Correspondence		
<b>6. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	1. <b>Motion 25-14</b> was made to approve the treasure's report. Report on file.		<b>2. Motion 25-14</b> W.Streicher Second: C.Tatarka Approved
<b>7. MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> <b>G. Gill</b>	- Proposal for contact Hospital through 3 <sup>rd</sup> party. 898 MERS. Erie County has had since 2019. -By-laws drafted and pending. -Transfer Protocols – using 2011 for now.		
<b>8. NEW YORK STATE EMS COUNCIL –</b> <b>G. Gill</b>	-Info from Nassau County – collecting hospital turnaround times. Erie County is looking to start collecting this data. -Expend most of the education money. -Tuition for classes – cannot add on fees for EMT classes but can for AEMT.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Moving forward with AI.</li> <li>-Physicians concerned where they sit in the hierarchy. They are a committee. Conversations regarding hospital bed delays. Report wait times delays. Form is on the Bureau of EMS web page.</li> <li>-Discussion on the Governors proposed budget.</li> <li>-Performance standards work is being done.</li> <li>-EPCR changes to the gender field.</li> <li>-Trying to revive the NYS Coordinators Association.</li> </ul>		
<b>9. ERIE COUNTY G. Gill</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Facing grant funding challenges.</li> <li>-Advisory Board meeting – looking at existing mutual aid plan.</li> <li>-Education – 8 EMT classes, 1 advanced, 1 paramedic running.</li> <li>-Paramedic cost is \$5,000 per student and is all inclusive. Another class planned for Jan 2026.</li> </ul>		
<b>10. WYOMING COUNTY B. Streicher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-EMS service is working well. Still trying to get 2 ambulances 24/7. They have had 600 dispatches to date.</li> <li>-Volunteers – 11% dropped call rate out of 1,600 dispatches.</li> <li>-Education program is expanding.</li> <li>-Wyoming County received \$500,000 grant to support EMS.</li> </ul>		
<b>11. NEW YORK STATE STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM</b>	-3 debriefings.		
<b>12. WYOMING COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT TEAM</b>	-Met recently. Looking at more training for members.		
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>			
<b>A. Budget Committee: M.Barber</b>	-Proposed budget submitted based on current budget. Committee will meet.		
<b>B. Membership: C.Mastrella</b>	Erie County has 13 members and 4 alternates. Wyoming County has 12 members & 1 opening. 4 applications pending from Erie County		
<b>C. Systems Committee: B.Brauner</b>	Committee assignments were sent out. Committee meetings are open and will need to be advertised. A new chair is needed for the systems committee.		
<b>D. Training / Education:</b>	Committee to look at putting together a one-day education class. Subject TBD.		
<b>E. By-Laws: B.Brauner</b>	Need to elect a new chair.		
<b>F. Public Relations / Awards: W.Streicher</b>	Announcement to go out soon. 5/16 is the deadline for submissions. Banquet is 8/27/25. Wyoming County to host.		
<b>G. NYSDOH – L. Rewinski</b>	Every agency will be inspected on a two-year schedule. Be sure to have complete		

	and up to date SOG's. Ed Mager has accepted a promotion. Lisa will be doing spot inspections and answering emails.		
<b>H. Executive Board: C.Staffehl</b>	-State contract with DOH approved. -Letter received from attorney representing Twin City and AMR about Erie County contract with Catholic Health and K. Mahoney drafted and sent a response acknowledging receipt and advising action is not currently within Council scope		
<b>XIV) Program Agency</b>	-Taking a look at the hospital wait times for the region. -Regional Training Plans being worked on. -Watching for State changes based on federal changes for sex/gender field. Will advise on rollout. -Transition to 3.5.1 standards -State contract has not been received yet. <b>Motion 25-15</b> to send a letter to Commissioner at DOH asking for the release of funds to the program agency.		<b>3. Motion 25-15</b> D.Turner Second D.McCartan Approved
<b>XV) OLD BUSINESS</b>	None		
<b>XVI) NEW BUSINESS</b>	-Proposed Council Budget emailed. Any input let a committee member know. -NYS DOH Contract was accepted and executed on 2/10/25. Claims can be submitted for first and second quarters. Approved by Executive Board. Committee assignments emailed. -Executive Budget Part R Part B – extends Community Paramedicine from 5/2025 to 5/2027 Part O – Amendment to allow paramedics to carry Buprenorphine Part R – Ensure Access to EMS. Emergency Medical Community Access Program (EMCAP). County wide system to be scored. County EMS Plans, Change in CON language, designate EMS as essential service, Demonstration projects-getting them into protocols, broadens EMS, shift from certification to licensure. - <b>Motion 25-16</b> made for new laptop for the secretary not to exceed \$1,000. - <b>Motion 25-17</b> made - May meeting changed to 5/14/25. -Joint training with Big-Lakes to offer DOH leadership training course in September. Twin City offered to host. <b>Motion 25-18</b> -EMS Cost Recovery sunsets in 2026. Hoping to extend. Initiative: Increase Income Tax Credit to \$800		<b>4. Motion 25-16</b> D.McCartan Second J.Elge Approved.  <b>5. Motion 25-17</b> J.Zagoda Second M.Hyde Approved  <b>6. Motion 25-18</b> J.Zagoda Second D.McCartan Approved
<b>XVII) ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Motion 25-19</b> made to adjourn at 7:30.		<b>7. Motion 25-19</b> D.Turner C.Mastrella

**The next meeting of the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council  
Wednesday May 14, 2025 at the South Wales Fire Hall  
Minutes respectfully submitted, Christopher Zemrac, WEREMS Council Secretary**