

**Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
May 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Chair Brauner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Attendance: Attendance sheet on file

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. ATTENDANCE	Present: M.Barber, B. Brauner, MB.Hughes, S.Hulsman, M.Hyde, A.Lapp, V.Malpica, D.McCartan, K.Peterson, M.Shaw, R.Shaw, C.Staffehl, W.Streicher, S.Stetzel, C.Tatarka, R.Tatarka, D.Turner, C.Zemrac, J.Zgoda	
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by C.Staffehl	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No Public Comment	
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	1. Motion 25-20 made to accept March 5, 2025 minutes.	1. Motion 25-20: D.McCartan Second: C.Tatarka Approved
5. CORRESPONDENCE	1. NYS DOH - Enforcement notification: Michael Gonzalez #373272 for violation of 10 NYCRR 800.3(ap). Surrendered effective 3/25/25 2. NYS DOH - Course approval: EMT Original/Refresher at Twin City (Zgoda/Hulsman), EMT Original/Refresher at Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company (Smith), EMT Original/Refresher at Twin City (Hulsman/Zgoda), EMT Original at AMR (Smistek) 3. Erie County EMS - Notice of Erie County to submit its Operating Authority application for conversion from Municipal to full operating authority. 4. NYS DOH - Enforcement notifications: Mark Dalton #307321 for violation 800.3(am) and 800.3(al). Suspended for one year effective 4/23/25. The suspension is stayed pending no further violations of PHL Article 30 or 10 NYCRR Part 800 for a period of three years. Assessed a civil penalty of \$1000. 5. NYS DOH - Course approval: EMT Original at ECC (Brown/Harning)	On File
6. TREASURER'S REPORT	1. Motion 25-21 was made to approve the treasure's report. Report on file. 2. We did receive another invoice from UBMD EMS for the 4 th quarter. We will discuss this in new business.	2. Motion 25-21 A.Lapp Second: S.Hulsman Approved
7. MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	1. WREMAC met on March 19 th . Lot of discussion about UBMD as the program agency and that they have discontinued their relationship with NYS as a program agency due to a lack of a contract. 2. Collaborative protocol update is coming July 1 st . 3. Discussion from the WNY EMS Stoke Committee focusing on education 4. Review an antibiotic policy and training PowerPoint and hopefully that will be adopted with the July protocol changes.	

	5. Next meeting 6/18	
8. NEW YORK STATE EMS COUNCIL – G. Gill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget items we discussed at our last meeting. None of those were adopted into the budget for 25-26. No increase in funding. 2. Finance committee discussed their initiatives and the stagnate reimbursement that flows to state contractors who still received the same reimbursement as 30 years ago. Discussed a survey that looked at how paramedic students are paying for the course and it found that most of the paramedic students are self-funded. 3. Updates on education courses that are being approved. Working on the skills exams and the field training officer concept, practical skills exam pilot where they move to a portfolio. 4. Looked at bills that are in process such as thruway relief for emergency vehicles, amending the public health law and general municipal law to add EMS as an essential service, tax credit bill for volunteer fire fighters and ambulance workers, income tax credit bill, extending the community based paramedicine was extended for 5 years, real property tax credit for volunteers, a 5 year extension on volunteer ambulance billing. 	
9. ERIE COUNTY G. Gill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education side: 3 EMT classes, 1 CFR course and 6 EMT courses in the Fall. 2. Guest speaker series held with possibly a live broadcast or a copy. 3. 6//25 an EMS graduation ceremony for the EMS courses from the Spring semester 4. Looking at mutual aid in Erie County and they are looking for information from the agencies with ambulances in Erie County. 5. Erie County does have a rehab trailer if needed throughout the county. 6. We have received the application for the municipal CON to a regular CON and systems committee will be reviewing that. 	
10. WYOMING COUNTY B. Streicher	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS program is running well; responded to over 1150 calls. 2. Talking to legislatures to try to increase their funding to run 24/7 3. Also holding various classes. 	
11. NEW YORK STATE STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 notifications and 1 response 2. Invoice was sent for \$2,500 	
12. WYOMING COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT TEAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Had one large event and they are still promoting their program 2. An invoice will be sent to the council. 	
COMMITTEE REPORTS:		

A. Budget Committee: M.Barber	1. Last meeting submitted a tentative proposed budget. Motion 25-22 made to return the LMS that had not come into existence back to the education budget. Motion 25-23 was made to maintain our exiting budget amount for professional services for a program agency removing UBMD attribution of that pending our future decision for a program agency.	3. Motion 25-22 M.Shaw Second: A.Lapp Approved 4. Motion 25-23 W.Streicher Second: D.McCartan Approved
B. Membership: C.Mastrella	1. Application received from Thomas Keem from Wyoming County. Motion 25-24 made to accept Thomas Keem as a full member from Wyoming County.	5. Motion 25-24 C.Staffehl Second: A.Lapp Approved
C. Systems Committee: B.Brauner	1. Will be convening a meeting very soon and will be looking at Erie County's application for their CON.	
D. Training / Education: C.Zemrac	1. Applications have been received	
E. By-Laws: C.Staffehl	1. Nothing to report	
F. Public Relations / Awards: W.Streicher	1. Deadlines for submission is this Friday, and we have only received 6 submissions. Looking at making a adjustment to our deadline. Motion 25-25 was made to extend our deadline to June 15 th .	6. Motion 25-25 D.Turner Second: R.Tatarka Approved
G. NYSDOH – E.Mager/L.Rewinski	1. No report	
H. Executive Board: B.Brauner	1. Had a meeting in March to discuss the program agency.	
XIV) Program Agency	1. No report	
XV) OLD BUSINESS	1. OSHA – been some positive interaction with Washington DC.	

XVI) NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. Question regarding emails going to both personal and council emails. This is a work in progress and working on fixing the situation.</p> <p>2. Mental health transports regarding to they need to go by ambulance or by police. The draft did not say they needed to go by ambulance.</p> <p>3. EMS week is coming up. Wyoming County is doing a baseball game between the hospital staff and town EMS. Snacks and meals will be provided during the week.</p> <p>4. UBMD is still receiving our mail.</p> <p>5. UBMD discontinued their service as a program agency. Looking at what we can do as a council. Program agencies were issued award letters prior to the state council meeting. There was no increase in funding despite recommendations. Recruitment and retention and paramedic scholarships are still in place. Looking at the program agencies deliverable. We have 2 options: contacting an existing program agency or parent our own program agency. Discussion on do councils in NYS use either one of these, the cost of other program agencies, what we own and does UBMD own, our website, appropriate communications.</p>	
XVII) ADJOURNMENT	Motion 25-26 made to adjourn at 7:15pm.	12. Motion 25-26 S.Stetzel Second: M.B.Hughes Approved

The next meeting of the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
Wednesday July 9, 2025 at the South Wales Fire Hall
Minutes respectfully submitted, Christopher Zemrac, WEREMS Council Secretary