

**Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
November 5, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Chair Brauner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance: Attendance sheet on file

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. ATTENDANCE	Present: M.Barber, B. Brauner, J. Elge, Z. Ellis, L. Friedhaber, J. Graham, A.Lapp, T. Maxian, D.McCartan, M.Shaw, R.Shaw, C.Staffehl, C.Tatarka, R.Tatarka, J.Zgoda	
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by M. Barber.	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No Public Comment.	
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion 25-36 made to approve the July 9, 2025, minutes as submitted and the August 27, 2025, minutes with the amendment to correct the spelling of Crystal and Robert Tatarka's last name.	1. Motion 25-36: T. Maxian Second: J. Zgoda Approved
5. CORRESPONDENCE	1. NYS DOH - Course approval: EMT Original (Mofardin – AMR). 2. NYS DOH - Course approval: EMT Original (Hogg – Orleans Niagara BOCES).	On File
6. TREASURER'S REPORT	Only two expenditures since our last meeting totaling \$885.00 - one for general council matters to Mahoney Law Firm and the other for awards for the annual awards dinner/training/meeting. Payment was also made to cover the dinner and refreshments from donations out of the non-grant funded account. Received \$1500 from Twin City Ambulance for support for the dinner, leaving a balance of \$2,699.34 in that account. Motion 25-37 made to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Report on file.	2. Motion 25-37: D. McCartan Second: R. Tatarka Approved
7. MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Report given by B. Brauner. Last WREMAC meeting was held on September 17. Report given by Mr. Brauner. 1. Bylaws were returned to the bylaws committee for the review. 2. 2025 protocols were approved. 3. There were a couple of medical director changes. Public access defibrillators verifications. 4. Discussion on physician response, on-scene healthcare professionals and BLS-12 lead policy. Next meeting is November 19 at 1:15 or 1:30.	
8. NEW YORK STATE EMS COUNCIL – G. Gill	Last meetings were in September. Mike Shaw was asked to give an update: 1. EMT-CC Level – may no sunset in 2027. Dr. Heslin, 1 st Deputy Commissioner, was in attendance and said that the Commissioner was not happy with the timeline for the sunset date and asked for it to go back to committee for a second look. 2. Equipment regulations were voted on and approved. 3. Ambulance Build Standards were reported to be in final review for the first public comment	

	<p>period.</p> <p>4. Supraglottic airway for BLS providers is moving through review for policy. Discussion regarding this skill for BLSFR agencies which are currently excluded from BLS Supraglottic Airways.</p> <p>5. Report from Education regarding the National Registry experiencing some IT issues causing trouble verifying National Registry testing and other educational records. The recommendation right now is to take the NYS test and deal with the National Registry later.</p> <p>6. Discussion on RSI statewide.</p> <p>Mr. Brauner gave some additional notes for agencies who are billing: the Medicare extenders did not get through in any bill prior to the shutdown. The extenders of 2, 3 and 22.6 percent, representing urban, rural and super rural, are not currently being paid from October 1 through the present. Medicare is still paying. NYS is submitting EMS initiatives, as part of its package for the Rural Health Transformation Funds. Pending legislation for the Tax Cap Exemption and Comprehensive Plan Assessments are sitting on the governor's desk. Maybe there will be a chapter amendment to the Comprehensive EMS Plan bill and maybe a veto to the tax-cap bill. The State plan amendment to allow for payment of treatment in place and transport to alternative destination from Medicaid is still pending.</p> <p>There is a work group taking a deep dive on public need and the CON process.</p> <p>Next meetings are December 9 and 10.</p>	
<p>9. ERIE COUNTY G. Gill</p>	<p>Report given by A. Atkinson, Erie County EMS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanked the Council for the rapid response to the County's Operating Authority. 2. They have a DOC Operations Planning meeting tomorrow. Hot topic from Ambulance Advisory Board is both bus crashes and the mutual aid plan. The State is very active in discussing a regional NCI plan starting with communications. 3. Paramedic graduation from the Erie County class is November 20. 4. There is a speaker series in December. 5. Two paramedic classes next year - one daytime and one nighttime. 6. As of last week - 3800 runs with transportation about 72 percent. 7. Hiring EMTs and paramedics. A third paramedic ambulance is being started. Two more are on order for a total of seven. Also adding two more flight guards to the LS first response. 8. COVID clinics are in process all over. 	
<p>10. WYOMING COUNTY B. Streicher</p>	<p>No report due to Mr. Streicher's excused absence.</p>	
<p>11. NEW YORK STATE STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM</p>	<p>No numbers to report.</p>	
<p>12. WYOMING COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT TEAM</p>	<p>No report due to Mr. Streicher's excused absence.</p>	
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</p>		

A. Budget Committee: M.Barber	No report.	
B. Membership: C.Mastrella	No report.	
C. Systems Committee: B.Brauner	No report.	
D. Training / Education: C.Zemrac	<p>The committee will be getting together with Mr. Shaw and our Program Agency to deal with the Paramedic Scholarship Grant. The \$20,000 will flow through the Program Agency to identify selection criteria, application criteria and how we get access to that to send, as a region, at least two people to paramedic school at no cost.</p> <p>Motion 25-38 was made for the committee to partner with UBMD to construct, distribute and process the Paramedic Education Program. C.Zemrac to assemble the committee with Mr. Shaw to move forward.</p>	3. Motion 25-38: Z. Ellis Second: J. Elge Approved
E. By-Laws: C.Staffehl	No report.	
F. Public Relations / Awards: W.Streicher	Committee was commended for putting together a great event. The Youth Provider recipient selected by our Council is being recognized at the State Vital Signs conference.	
G. Recruitment/Retention: TBD	<p>Volunteers for the committee are Jessica Graham, Mary Beth Hughes, Sean Halsman, Michael Hyde, Crystal Tatarka and Jeff Zgoda. Members present were asked to convene for a few minutes to start the process of selecting a chair.</p> <p>Committee will work in partnership with UBMD and M. Shaw on the analysis and needs assessment process for that annual funding of \$15,000.</p> <p>Motion 25-39 made for the committee to re-engage with Mr. Shaw to do the same analysis, design, and application back to the Council for the Recruitment and Retention Grant.</p>	4. Motion 25-39: J. Elge Second: J. Zgoda Approved
H. NYSDOH – L.Rewinski	There is still time for anyone who is interested in attending the Vital Signs Conference on November 11 – 15.	
I. Executive Board: B.Brauner	No report.	
XIV) Program Agency	<p>Mr. Shaw reviewed his report which was previously distributed. Staff is currently himself as the Director with Karen Broderick as the Administrative Assistant. Contact information is on their website and Council members may contact either of them. Portal updates will start as soon as their state contract is signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Working on reimbursements from 202-2025 grant period quarters 1 – 3. - Western Elite Bridge: Updates completed; worked with State Data Team and Image Trend; updated over 100 agencies; UBMD EMS will retain administration. - Quality Assurance Work: monitoring import failures from agencies into the State and Western Bridge; assisted agencies in identifying and resolving problems; continuing to evaluate PCR Data; possible EMS Portal updates; usage of portal for reporting annual skills. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WREMAC Preceptor Course: Chair has reviewed preceptor course materials; will begin offering Skills Preceptor Courses after the new year.; Updated DOH 4362 form should be used for WREMAC approval. -Informational Notices disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook. - Training Notices disseminated to EMS community via e-mail, Website and Facebook. -Vital Signs Conference: November 11-15; register online. - Attended SEMSCO/SEMAC September meetings. - Recruitment/Retention Funding – \$15,000 per year. - Paramedic Training Fund - \$20,000 per year. 	
XV) OLD BUSINESS	<p>1. Annual Elections – Will be pushed to January and revisited due to having no nominating committee. Members are directed to contact S. Hulsman or S. Stetzel with any nominations.</p> <p>Motion 25-40 was made to postpone the election of officers to January to get the nominations report.</p>	<p>5. Motion 25-40: L. Friedhaber Second: J. Zgoda Approved</p>

<p>XVI) NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>1.Update MOU with UBMD – previous MOU pre-dated the laps in the PA relationship. Chair suggests executing an identical MOU, only updating the dates for the active relationship, but keeping the terms otherwise the same. The issue was opened for discussion. Motion 25-41 made to update the MOU with UBMD to reflect current dates and not change any of the other conditions or terms.</p> <p>2. Council Website Update - A website update was proposed and discussed. The estimate for the upgrade for a very manageable user platform is approximately \$1500. Chair assigns the issue to the Awards/PR Committee. Motion 25-42 made to update our website to allow for more flexibility and easier Council management with a price not to exceed \$2,000.</p> <p>3 - Educational Pilot Programs – Question posed as to whether the funding can be expanded to EMS. It was reported by D. McCartin that it has to be a certain number of hours. A verification membership form can be signed to pay for new agency members to go through a class or for them to be reimbursed after a period of time for a designated amount.</p> <p>4. Revive – A. Atkinson reported that two companies working through UVMD and Dr. Hasan, are teaching CPR and identifying individuals to carry personalized AEDs a little bigger than a cell phone. They are all qualified CPR instructors with clinical background as well. Every dispatch location in the County can access and activate it. There are about ten currently in Erie County now and the County is going to supplement in the next year and add an additional thirty. It is attached to the RapidSOS platform which integrates with PulsePoint, an app whereby anyone with CPS certification can be pinged if they are in the area of a call and are able to respond.</p> <p>With the arrival of C. Staffehl and J. Elge, the Chair noted for the record that a quorum was established at 6:45 p.m. and backed the meeting up to entertain any motions appropriate at the beginning.</p>	<p>6. Motion 25-41: D. McCartan Second: Z. Ellis Approved</p> <p>7. Motion 25-42: Z. Ellis Second: R. Tatarka Approved</p>
<p>XVII) ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Motion 25-43 made to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.</p>	<p>8. Motion 25-43: J. Zgoda Second: R. Tatarka Approved</p>

The next meeting of the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the South Wales Fire Hall
Minutes respectfully submitted, Christopher Zemrac, WEREMS Council Secretary