

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
March 26, 2019

**PRESENT:**

Chad Follick, MCFC/Infection Control/Vandalia FD  
Laura Clark, MVHN/Infection Control  
Scott Melling, Buckeye Ambulance  
Greg Beegle, Xenia Fire/Xenia TWP  
Justin Palmer, KHN  
Andy Harp, MVFD/Violence Against EMS  
Michael Whitby, Tipp City EMS  
Sean Lehrter, Trotwood Fire  
Scott Rupp, Springfield Fire  
Daniel Welty, Christiansburg Fire  
Rich Morrett, Wilson Health  
Joanna Pittenger, Tipp City EMS/PR  
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's

Andy Follick, Clayton Fire  
John Hildebrand, KHN  
Mark Senseman, UVMC  
Katie Kracus, Jefferson TWP  
John Russell, Huber Heights/Education  
Jeremy Lane, Atrium/Legislative  
Chris Freeze, MVHS  
Elizabeth Beam, MVH  
Donna Clark, Franklin  
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/President  
Eric Cook, Wayne Healthcare  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

**Call to Order:** The March 26, 2019 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President David Gerstner. All attendees were introduced.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft minutes from the January 22, 2019 Council meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**President's Report:** David Gerstner discussed potential updates needed for the new Standing Orders database noting that the work could cost more than \$10,000. More information will be shared when a decision has been made.

David reported that Bryan Adams and Alex Brahm have left the Dayton region and their leadership positions on Council committees. He announced that Michelle Pitstick-Clements is now Chair of the PR Committee and Chris Freeze is now Co-chair of the Education Committee.

David noted that he and Mark Senseman have been working on updating the ED Reroute Policy with Sarah Hackenbracht, President & CEO of GDAHA. The draft will go through the hospital legal departments and a final version will be presented to the GDAHA Board when ready.

**Executive Committee Report:** David reported that the Executive Committee hasn't met since the October 2018 meeting. At that meeting the Regional Healthcare Coordinator, Lisa Rindler, presented information regarding OHTrac. David noted that she will present the information to one of the future full Council meetings as well.

**Membership:** A membership request by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department SWAT team and the following voting representative changes were approved: UD Emergency Medical Services: Rep – Joseph Cairo, Alternate – Samantha Achauer. A vote regarding the membership request from Sunrise Treatment Center was tabled until more information about their organization is available. A representative was not present at the meeting. David Wisenberger was approved as an EMS Coordinator representative from Dayton Children's to serve during the time that Mike Schibler is on leave.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No report.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** David noted that Chris Marker will be working on updating the GMVEMSC membership application as part of his role of President Elect and Chair of the Code of Regulations/Legal Committee. He noted that the committee will look into possibly creating levels of membership and the costs associated with each level.

**Nominating:** David reported that Preble County contacted him and noted that they will be naming a new voting representative due to recent changes.

**Public Relations:** It was noted that the committee will need to begin planning for EMS week and David reported that nominations are needed for the Norma Dittrick and Tom Long awards.

**Website Advisory Committee:** Elizabeth Evans gave a reminder that the app has not been updated with the 2019 protocols and people should not be using it to study for testing. She provided information regarding updates that are needed in the app including the red phone number for Atrium Medical Center and a number correction for Springfield Regional.

**Social Media Committee:** David noted that all messages sent out on the listserv are also sent to the Facebook page and the Council website homepage. The committee is in need of additional members, if anyone is interested in participating, they should contact David or Elizabeth.

**Communications Committee:** David reported that the committee has been meeting jointly with the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Communications Committee. He provided an update regarding the LifePak modem issue noting that there is money available. A survey will be sent out to member agencies and the results will be used to determine what their needs are related to this.

David noted that the Montgomery County template for MARCS radios is being reviewed and changes are expected related to counties being added.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jeremy Lane provided information related to HB 27 noting that Council members should oppose this bill related to the civil liability immunity removal of municipalities. He encouraged attendees to send letters of opposition to their state representatives and noted that a template would be sent out on the listserv. Jeremy discussed HB 62, noting that a piece was thrown in at the last minute to eliminate the EMA in counties with a specific population and replace it with the Sheriff for those responsibilities. He discussed the history of it and how passage of it would impact Butler County. Jeremy encouraged attendees to write letters in opposition and noted that template would be sent out on the listserv for this one as well.

David discussed the history of POLST and MOLST. He noted that there is opposition to the most recent version. He reported that once the JCARR review process is completed more information will be sent out on the listserv.

**Grants Committee:** David distributed copies of the supporting materials that were given out at the recent grant workshops that were sponsored by Council.

**B. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** Rich Morrett reported that the drug bag update will take place on May 9<sup>th</sup> and more information will be sent out on the listserv when it is available. He reported that many departments have been having trouble obtaining drug license renewal information and noted that the Board of Pharmacy system is backlogged. They expect to begin sending confirmations out again in April.

**CQI:** No report.

**Standing Orders:** Jack Mix asked for feedback regarding suggestions related to changes or improvements to the standing orders. He noted that field termination clarification has been a concern and discussed potential improvements to the training manuals. It was noted that the committee is considering the possibility of changing the protocol release and testing dates for 2020.

**Infection Control:** David reported that the CDC has released information stating that the number of cases of Hepatitis A is expanding dramatically. Dayton and Montgomery County Public Health has recommended that law enforcement and EMS workers should consider getting the vaccine for Hepatitis A. David noted that he is reaching out to Dr. Marriott to inquire about whether a joint recommendation with the RPAB should be made.

**C. Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** John Russell reported that protocol testing has begun and noted that there have only been a couple issues related to the electronic delivery of certificates of completion. Chris Freeze reminded the group that May 31<sup>st</sup> is the testing deadline for all departments.

**Research:** David discussed community paramedicine, mobile integrated healthcare, and the potential for reimbursement. He discussed the history of community paramedicine in relation to CMS noting that they are beginning to promote it again after dropping it in the past.

**Pediatric:** Heather Koss discussed the pediatric care coordinator position.

**D. Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** David reported that the group will reconvene at a later time to discuss funding. They continue to monitor the ESO that Premier is currently running a trial on.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** Andy Harp reported that the committee has been meeting jointly with the Hospital Safety Mumbai Committee. They are currently working on creating a survey related to safety that will be sent to hospital workers, EMS, and dispatchers.

**Organization Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** No report.

**Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance:** Andy reported that the Alliance is currently in a state of transition due to recent changes and noted that they have hired a management group out of Columbus to run the organization temporarily.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** No report.

**RPAB, Division 3:** Jack reported that the group discussed the CARES program.

**SORTS:** No report.

**GDAHA:** Sandy Lehrter reported that Sarah Hackenbracht has been named as the new President & CEO of GDAHA.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David discussed ongoing safety planning for an upcoming rally that will be held in downtown Dayton.

He reported that the regional radiological plan has been updated over the last year. It was noted however that it will be changed again due to Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County who hosted a CDC drill in the region.

David reported that Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County is looking into funding for an app called OD Map. The funding, if it becomes available, would only be for Montgomery County agencies.

David discussed concerns related to a recent outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He noted that there had been three suspected cases in the area in the last couple weeks, but they were confirmed not to be Ebola. It was reported that language barriers were an issue in all three cases.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** No report.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- Heather Koss shared information regarding an upcoming pediatric disaster response and preparedness class that will be held in June. A flyer containing details was distributed and will be sent out on the listerv.
- Laura Clark provided information regarding upcoming advanced stroke classes that will be held in April at Monroe FD, and MVH.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.