

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
July 23, 2019

**PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Beam, MVH  
Katie Kracus, Jefferson TWP (Fayette)  
Dana Kellenberger, Jefferson TWP (Fayette)  
Scott Melling, Buckeye Ambulance  
Matthew Clark, Premier Health  
Jim Rinaldi, PHP  
Mallory Lewis, Eaton FD  
Jeremy Lane, Atrium/Legislative  
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/President  
Eric Cook, Wayne Healthcare  
Michael Guadagno, Washington TWP/Education  
Andrew Braun, DFD  
Joanna Pittinger, Tipp City/PR

Michelle Clements-Pitstick, Hustead/PR  
Brian Garver, Clayton FD  
Andy Follick, Clayton Fire  
Leslie Gardone, Treasurer/ALT. Clark Co. Rep  
John Hildebrand, KHN  
Jeff Bruggeman, Xenia Fire  
Brian Leciejewski, Springfield FD  
Tom Kaeff, AMR  
Tom Wentzel, Mason Fire  
Sarah Hackenbracht, GDAHA  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

**Call to Order:** The July 23, 2019 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President David Gerstner. All attendees were introduced. Because of the Council Awards Ceremony (postponed when the May meeting was canceled due to the tornado strikes across the region) was included in this meeting, it was held at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft minutes from the March 26, 2019 Council meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leslie Gardone provided an overview of AR and deferred income.

**President's Report:** David Gerstner thanked all involved in the response to the Memorial Day tornado and the HSK rally. He noted that the region sets a standard that beats the rest of the country.

David reported that we are currently in need of a new chair for the Research Committee and a co-chair for the Pediatric Committee. The positions will be filled sometime during the next week and anyone interested should let Sandy know.

**Executive Committee Report:** David discussed recent changes to committee leadership positions noting that John Russell is now Chair of the Standing Orders Committee, Chris Freeze is Chair of the Education Committee and Mike Guadagno is the Co-Chair; Michelle Pitstick-Clements is PR Committee Chair and Joann Pittinger is Co-Chair; Ryan Konkel is now Chair of CQI Committee.

David reported that a Council member with a history of infractions has been notified via certified letter that they are in violation of Council policies once again.

The ED Reroute plan is currently being updated with changes focusing on determining the most effective way to communicate reroute information to dispatch and squads.

David discussed the Greater Dayton Area Fire Departments' Mutual Aid Agreement (GDAFDMAA) noting that all agencies are eligible to join, and information is available on the GMVEMSC website.

The Code of Regulations Committee is currently working on defining sponsorship levels of council membership and what each level would entail.

**EMS Council Celebrates EMS Week/Awards Presentation:** Michelle Pitstick-Clements provided an overview of the Norma Dittrick Award and nominations. She announced that a Miami Valley Fire District crew nominated

Andy Harp has been given the award. The Crew members are Brandon Abney, Craig Ennis, Kyle Vincent, and Russ Sweet. Michelle provided an overview of the Tom Long lifetime achievement award and nominations received. She announced that Jack Mix, who was nominated by Dr. Marriott, has been given the award. Andy Braun accepted it on behalf of Jack who wasn't in attendance. David noted that he was thankful that Council received so many nominations for the awards.

Michelle expressed gratitude for the area meteorologists for their service during the Memorial Day tornado, spreading the message regarding safety concerns. Awards of Excellence were given to the following: Chief Meteorologist McCall Vrydaghs, WHIO TV; Meteorologist Dontae Jones, WHIO TV; Chief Meteorologist Jamie Simpson, ABC 22/ FOX 45; Chief Meteorologist Brian Davis, WDTN; Meteorologist Carly Smith, WDTN; and Meteorologist Jamie Jarosik, WDTN. Michelle acknowledged those not able to attend the meeting and presented awards to Carly Smith and Dontae Jones; Dontae and Carly thanked first responders for their work.

### **Membership:**

The following new EMS Coordinators were approved:

Joe Burdick, Premier Health  
Nick Thornton, Springfield Regional

New membership was approved for Sunrise Treatment Center

The following voting representative changes were approved:

Sean Lehrter, Trotwood - Alt. Voting Rep  
Patrick Ricketts, Fairborn - Voting Rep  
Chad Jaenke, UD Rescue - Alt. Rep  
Jeff Bruggeman, Xenia Fire - Voting Rep

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** Leslie reported that she will meet with committee members to discuss budget next month.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** The Committee is working on updating the GMVEMSC membership application

**Nominating:** The Committee is working on voting representatives in three counties that are due for election in November, a report will be given at next meeting.

**Public Relations:** Michelle discussed recognition for AHA mission lifeline accomplishments locally and noted that the information will be sent out and shared at the next meeting.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Social Media Committee:** Council continues to have an active Facebook page. Anyone interested is welcome to get involved with the committee. It was noted that the Committee needs a new chair.

**Communications Committee:** Brian Garver discussed modem upgrades and upcoming radio template changes and recommendations.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jeremy Lane noted that Butler County departments are encouraged to express their concerns with their county commissioners related to potential EMA changes.

He reported that a revised copy of the OH DNR will be out soon but from the EMS standpoint the changes will be minimal.

Jeremy discussed current drug shortages noting that although the list is smaller than it has been the national shortage is improving but not quickly.

Dr. Augustine thanked GDAHA and the hospitals for their involvement in the drug bag program. He noted the problems related to shortages lies with the drug manufacturers and their lack of production.

**Grants Committee:** No report.

## **B. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** David reported that the drug bag update on May 9<sup>th</sup> went well. It was noted that hospital concerns have been expressed recently related to drug bag usage documentation not being turned in or filled out incorrectly. There are also concerns related to drug bags not being thoroughly checked or logs not being completed. David asked Jeremy to create a bulletin to be sent out on the listserv, website, and Facebook reminding participants about the program requirements.

Board of Pharmacy inspectors have been around more but there haven't been any issues reported; focus has shifted to hospitals and free-standing Eds

Dr. Augustine thanked the hospitals and EMS Coordinators for their work and benefits extended to this region

**CQI:** David reported that Ryan Konkel is working with the SORTS committee to share information based on their data findings to acknowledge agencies when they do particularly well with trauma cases.

**Standing Orders:** David noted that the new DNR most likely won't require a JITSO.

**Infection Control:** David reported that Hepatitis A is still an issue in the region and noted that EMS providers are encouraged to get the vaccine.

David reported that the area has now had at least 6 patients who met standards that raised Ebola concerns. He noted that there is a concern regarding additional EMS education needed related to PPE and exposure to Ebola. An educational bulletin will be sent out. It was reported that the World Health Organization (WHO) formally declared Ebola a public health epidemic of international concerns.

## **C. Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** Mike Guadagno reported that the committee recently met with Paperless Health to discuss database upgrades related to login issues for administrators. He discussed some of the changes that have been requested. Changes will take 4 to 6 weeks and cost around \$15,000. The group was reminded that departments should be maintaining their protocol skills information internally and database tracking will be available in 2020.

David noted that Paperless Health proposed doing a gradual upgrade process to spread out the cost but the committee decided that every change well benefits members and it's best to do it all at once.

**Research:** The committee is focusing on community paramedicine and opioid issues. It was noted that the Chair position is currently open.

**Pediatric:** A new Co-Chair will be selected in the near future.

#### **D. Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** No report.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** working jointly with the MMRS Mumbai hospital safety committee; survey regarding workplace safety and violence will be sent out as soon as it is complete

#### **Organization Reports:**

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

**Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance:** Brian Garver noted that the group is considering holding a no-cost officer training for Alliance members. He discussed upcoming leadership changes for 2020 and CPAT being temporarily located at the Dayton Expo Center for a couple months starting in September.

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

**RPAB, Division 3:** Discussed trauma changes and DNR.

**SORTS:** No report.

**GDAHA:** Sarah Hackenbracht noted that the GDAHA Executive Committee is thankful for the GMVEMSC recognizing area meteorologists and including the hospitals in extending that recognition.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David discussed the recent quarterly triage day noting that departments are encouraged to use SurgeNet, the MCI page, and OHTRAC. He reported that every hospital has someone on shift who is trained to use OHTRAC and SurgeNet 24 hours a day. Participation of both EMS and hospitals at the same time for triage days to be successful.

David discussed several upcoming exercises and drills in August and September noting information will be sent out.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** David asked if there is a need for translation services in the field and no need was expressed.

#### **Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- Butler County EMS Conference in October
- 9/27 – KHN symposium
- 10/24 and 10/25 seminar at Soin

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.