

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
January 28, 2020

PRESENT:

Rich Morrett, Wilson Health
Ryan Konkel, KHN
Elizabeth Beam, MVH/Website
Mike Schibler, Dayton Children's
Chris Marker, Monroe Fire/President Elect
Eric Cook, Wayne Health
Chris Freeze, Miami Valley High School/Education
Tom Wentzel, Mason Fire
Sean Lehrter, Trotwood FD
Greg Patterson, Dayton FD
Patrick Ricketts, Fairborn Fire
Scott Melling, Buckeye Ambulance
John Russell, Huber Heights FD/Standing Orders
Jim Rinaldi, Miami Valley Hospital
Josh Johnson, Sugarcreek TWP

Michelle Pitstick, CCCHD/Hustead/PR
Mark Mignery, Hamilton FD
Kermit Huebner, Wright State University
Tom Kaeff, AMR
Josh Lawrence, Fairborn FD
David Roth, Kettering FD
Lauren Duffy, UC West Chester
Leslie Gardone, Treasurer
Dan Welty, Christiansburg
Barbara Hammersley, Box 21
Andy Harp, Miami Valley Fire District
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/President
Andy Follick, Clayton Fire
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

Call to Order: The January 28, 2020 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 November 26, 2019 Council meeting were accepted as presented.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee: Jeremy discussed potential stroke legislation, leadership changes at the state level, possible changes related to EMS instructor requirements and continuing education. He noted that Legislative and Advocacy meetings are now scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie provided a current overview.

President's Report: David and Capt. Patterson discussed recent cases of THC infused Nerds rope candy in the community.

David reported that the updated ED Reroute/Diversion policy has been approved by the Montgomery County Fire Chiefs, GMVEMSC, the GDAHA Board of Trustees, and the RPAB. He noted that the new policy will take effect when the protocols take effect in June. He reported that he is contacting outside hospitals to offer them inclusion in the policy. Slides with info in skills session presentation

David discussed coronavirus noting that there are 3 cases under investigation in this area and two are expected to test positive in Butler County. The CDC in Atlanta is currently the only lab in the in the US that can process the test. It was noted that the majority of deaths related to the coronavirus involved co-morbidity. PPE recommendations are unclear at this time, N95 recommended for close contact and healthcare providers should use same protections as they would with the flu. Data suggests that the virus is transmissible prior to symptom onset. David noted that he is receiving daily updates from Public Health Montgomery County and it is not recommended that dispatch request travel history at this time when taking calls.

Executive Committee Report: No report.

Membership/Change of Voting Reps: David reported that new member request has been received from Riverside Emergency Medical Services, Inc. He noted that they have a station in Logan and in Champaign counties, and they run mutual aid with Quincy EMS. Upon approval and with involvement in the drug bag program, they will only be permitted to use the bags for calls that originate inside the Council membership footprint. A motion was made to approve membership. After a vote the new membership was approved.

A motion was made to approve the EMS Coordinator change for West Chester Hospital. Lauren Duffy was approved as the new EMS Coordinator.

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/Legal: No report.

Nominating: David reported that we have not received the name of the new Shelby County Representative yet.

Public Relations: Michelle reported that she sent out an announcement regarding a request for Star of Life award nominations and also requested nominations for the GMVEMSC Norma Dittrick and Tom Long Awards.

Website Advisory Committee: Elizabeth Beam discussed the preferred format for listserv messages that is necessary for them to come through clearly on the website and Facebook. She reminded those present not to study from the app for protocol testing because it hasn't been updated with the new protocols yet.

Social Media Committee: David reported that Brian Phillips will not be stepping down from the chair position as was previously announced.

Communications Committee:

David provided an update regarding the 4G modem project. He discussed the recent quarterly triage day, noting that participation and involvement was increased compared to previous drills. An EMS OHTrac training was held prior to the drill. He noted that a date has not been set for the next one year.

Grants Committee: David reported that a new chair for the committee will be announced soon.

A. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange: Rich discussed issue related to crews not turning in reports and noted that EMS coordinators will start sending him information regarding reports with missing reports. He noted that a drug bag update will take place sometime in May, but the date hasn't been confirmed yet.

David discussed a recent call he and Brendan participated with COTS and other organizations around the state of Ohio regarding interest in the drug bag program.

CQI: Ryan discussed using SORTS data to send out accolades to departments that do well. He noted that he recently received SORTS data and will send out letters. He noted that will also send out a survey to poll the area for departments not involved in CARES. He reported that CQI spreadsheets and templates are being created for use by members.

Standing Orders: John reported that draft protocols are available online and feedback is welcome. He noted that the draft doesn't contain the new diversion policy yet. A discussion was held regarding the upcoming changes not being significant and it was noted that the committee is in the process of trying to merge all of the protocols into a single document for next year.

Infection Control: David reiterated that healthcare providers should follow the same precautions for potential coronavirus as they do for flu

B. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: Chris Freeze reported that the train the trainer sessions under way, noting that link to schedule a session can be found on the GMVEMSC website. You are not required to schedule a session if you took a session last year and scored an 84 or above. Chris noted that the database is not working 100% but it is in the process of being fixed. Contact Mike Guadagno for database issues and Chris Freeze for testing codes and information. The reported that testing starts March 15th and every department's Medical Director has to have a login to approve proctors. A discussion was held regarding skills evaluator testing/score requirements. The next Standing Orders meeting is scheduled for February 11th and an ad hoc committee is being formed to discuss testing. Let Chris Freeze know if you would like to be part of the committee

Research: David reported that attendance is growing for this committee noting that they are mainly looking at community paramedicine options. He reminded the group that any member of any member agency is welcome to attend.

Pediatric: Mike Schibler reported that EMS for Children will be sending out a survey from the national office and information regarding accessing the survey will be sent out on the GMVEMSC listserv.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration: Elizabeth Beam provided an update regarding Premier Health's ongoing project and noted that the only issues have been related to Image Trend and Emergency Reporting.

Response to Violence against EMS: Andy Harp reported that the workplace violence survey will be released as soon as it is available.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: No report.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: Andy reported that the Alliance is currently looking for an assessment center coordinator, CPAT is still dark, and a new Director will take office in February.

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS): David reported that at the most recent meeting they discussed the board retreat in February, TEMS, and endorsements to EMS certifications.

RPAB, Division 3: Ryan noted that the group discussed finalizing protocol changes.

SORTS: No report.

GDAHA: Sandy Lehrter reported that there is not a definite timeline for office relocation yet.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): David discussed the recent statewide tabletop exercise on pediatric mass casualty. He discussed upcoming Dawn of a New Day exercises in April at Greene Memorial

and Soin Medical Center. He reported that a full-scale statewide Ebola exercise is being planned for March and observers, controllers, and evaluators are needed

Old Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Educational/Organization Announcements:

Premier Trauma Symposium – May 15th

Atrium 12 Lead training – April 20th

Greater Cincinnati EMS Symposium – March 3rd

Children's Trauma Symposium – August

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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