

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
July 28, 2020

**PRESENT:**

Randy Anderson, Eaton FD/Preble Co. Alt./Grants  
Chris Marker, Monroe FD/President-Elect  
Elizabeth Beam, MVH-S/Website  
Anne Berdanier, Box 21  
Larry Sexton, Mont.Co. ADAMHS  
Cameron Haller, Tipp City  
Emily Surricho, Montgomery County  
Deb Walker, Bethesda Butler Hospital  
Leslie Gardone, Clark Co. Alt./Treasurer  
Chris Freeze, Miami Valley Hospital/Education  
Sean Lehrter, Trotwood FD  
Steve Stein, Butler Township FD  
Tony Alexander, KHN  
Anna Ludwick, KHN  
Dan Alldred, Germantown Fire & EMS  
Dana Kellenbarger, Jefferson TWP (Fayette Co.)

John Russell, Huber Heights FD/Standing Orders  
Jim Rinaldi, Miami Valley Hospital  
Michelle Pitstick, CCCHD/Hustead/PR  
Chad Hollinger, Nominations/Sidney FD  
Brad Kennedy, Champaign Co Alt.  
Rich Morrett, Wilson Health/Drug Bag  
Laura Clark, Infection Control/Research/MVH-N  
Scott Melling, Buckeye  
Joe Lamoureux, Community EMS  
Ryan Konkel, KHN/CQI  
Andy Harp, Miami Valley Fire District/Response to  
Violence  
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's/Pediatric  
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/President  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

**Call to Order:** The July 28, 2020 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President David Gerstner via Zoom online and by phone. Attendees were asked to identify themselves if they called in.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft minutes from the May 26, 2020 Council meeting were presented and attendees were asked to email Sandy Lehrter with any changes or corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leslie Gardone provided an overview of the current financials.

**President's Report:** David Gerstner reported that information will be shared in the committee reports.

**Executive Committee Report:** No report.

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:** David reported that a membership request was received from Bethesda Butler Hospital. The request was approved after a vote.

David noted that Superior Ambulance has expressed interest in joining GMVEMSC and they are in the process of merging with Community Ambulance. A vote regarding Superior's membership will take place at the next meeting or the first meeting after we have received their application.

Chad Hollinger discussed upcoming representative changes for Butler, Champaign, Clark, Darke, and Greene counties.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No report.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** No report.

**Nominating:** Chad Hollinger reported that the group will need to vote on a new President-Elect at the November Council meeting.

**Public Relations:** Michelle Clements-Pitstick reported that we have only received two nominations for the Tom Long award and one for the Norma Dittrick award. She noted that interest has been expressed in adding two new award categories. No decisions have been made yet and the committee will discuss it further and will also discuss how to distribute awards while the Council meetings are being held virtually due to COVID-19 precautions. Michelle discussed an issue related to the award submission form online and noted that the problem with the electronic form is being looked into. David asked Chris Marker to work with Joanna Pittinger and Michelle to determine the best way to deliver awards this year.

**Website Advisory Committee:** Elizabeth Beam provided an update regarding the protocol app. David reported that the Website Advisory committee will be split into two committees, the protocol app will have a separate committee as a result of that.

**Social Media Committee:** Vance McCulla provided an update regarding the Council Facebook page and noted that we now have a Twitter page as well.

**Communications Committee:** David reported that the Montgomery County radio template is now finished, and it includes talk groups from surrounding counties. He noted that quarterly triage day trainings are currently postponed.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** No report.

**Grants Committee:** Randy Anderson discussed potential grants related to purchasing drug bags and noted that he is working on a newsletter related to grants.

**A. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** Rich Morrett reported that there has been some confusion regarding the intention of BLS Drug Bag usage. He noted that he will work with Brendan Deere to create and send out some clarification literature on the listserv.

**CQI:** Ryan Konkel reported that the group is planning to meet in August via Zoom.

**Standing Orders:** John Russell noted that the group held a meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He discussed updates to the hospital capabilities chart and noted that the changes to LVAD and trach care in the protocols will be reviewed on August 11<sup>th</sup> and presented to RPAB on August 13<sup>th</sup>. John noted that he is working with Jeff Bruggeman to rework the layout of the protocol manuals into one book. It was noted that the 2020 protocols are now in effect for all responders that have completed the current testing.

**Infection Control:** No report.

**B. Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** Chris Freeze noted that protocol testing should be completed by Friday at midnight. He noted that the testing ad hoc committee held a meeting a few weeks ago and they are working on proposals related to changes in the testing process. The finished proposal will be presented to RPAB, then brought to Council Executive Committee to be voted on.

David reported that Council received a request from one agency to extend testing past August 1<sup>st</sup>., the request was thoroughly reviewed by the Education Committee, himself, and President Elect Chris Marker. The agency was granted an additional 30 days to complete testing.

**Research:** Laura Clark noted that the committee met last week but there is nothing new to report as community paramedicine is mostly on hold currently.

**Pediatric:** Heather Koss reported that the state group is planning to meet in August.

### **C. Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** David reported that the group has not met recently. Laura Clark reported that they are receiving positive feedback at Premier from agencies that are using their ESO system. Ryan Konkel reported similar results for Kettering Health Network.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** Andy Harp reported that the Mumbai Committee met last month and noted that the group has received the blessing from the GDAHA Nurse Executives Committee for the workplace violence survey they have been working on.

### **Organization Reports:**

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

**Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance:** Andy reported that the Alliance has relocated their offices to the Emory building at the Dayton Airport. He also discussed a recently purchased fit testing machine and upcoming trainings that are open to Alliance members.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** David reported that the group is now meeting via Microsoft Teams. They will be discussing potential issues related to EMS administering vaccines. He noted that currently EMS can only administer flu vaccines to people with a fire or EMS card. They are discussing possibly expanding that to permit them to administer outside of fire and EMS.

He noted that several public health agencies have submitted requests to OH EMS asking that they allow EMS responders to assist with COVID testing; the state EMS Board issued an edict that EMS will not be permitted to do so because it is outside of their scope of practice.

**RPAB, Division 3:** No report.

**SORTS:** David reported that the group is now meeting virtually, they recently discussed possible leadership changes.

**GDAHA:** Sandy Lehrter provided an update regarding the relocation of the GDAHA and GMVEMSC office. She noted that the new address is 124 E. Third St., Suite 400, Dayton, 45402. The space is not yet ready however they have already moved out of the Tech Town offices and all staff is currently working remotely from home. An update regarding when we will be in the new location will be sent out on the listserv when it is available.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David discussed updated CDC guidance related to safe return to work processes in relation to COVID-19.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** David introduced Emily Surico from Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, and Larry Sexton from Montgomery County ADAMHS. Emily provided an overview of the ODMapp app.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- Heather Koss noted that upcoming EMS trainings can be found on the Dayton Children's website under the healthcare professionals' section
- Larry Sexton provided information regarding a Warriors Saving Warriors training

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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