

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
September 22, 2020

PRESENT:

Dan Welty, Christiansburg
Mark Senseman, UVMC
Mike Guadagno, Washington TWP/Education
Jeff Bruggeman, Xenia FD
Tom Kaeff, AMR
Bob Barnes, DFD
Josh Johnson, Sugarcreek TWP
Chad Follick, Vandalia FD/Infection Control
Chris Marker, Monroe FD/President-Elect
David Roth, Kettering FD
Nick Thornton, Mercy Springfield
Dan Stitzel, Riverside FD
Rich Morrett, Wilson Health/Drug Bag
Mike Schibler, Dayton Children's South
Jeremy Lane, Atrium Medical Center/Legislative
Brendan Deere, Premier/Drug Bag
Joe Burdick, MVH Jamestown
Ashli Burns, Springfield FD

Van Spitler, Wayne Healthcare
Barb Hammersley, Box 21
Anne Berdanier, Box 21
Leslie Gardone, Clark Co. Alt./Treasurer
Chris Freeze, Miami Valley Hospital/Education
Sean Lehrter, Trotwood FD
Dan Alldred, Germantown Fire & EMS
Dana Kellenbarger, Jefferson TWP (Fayette Co.)
Katie Kracus, Jefferson TWP (Fayette Co.)
John Russell, Huber Heights FD/Standing Orders
Chad Hollinger, Nominations/Sidney FD
Laura Clark, Infection Control/Research/MVH-N
Scott Melling, Buckeye
Joe Lamoureux, Community EMS
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/President
Bill Rose, DFD/MMRS Intern
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

Call to Order: The September 22, 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 July 28, 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 reviewed recent requests for assistance from Council members, a survey regarding suicide that was sent out on the listserv, and Philips EKG monitor issues that were recently resolved. He noted that there is an ongoing discussion regarding COVID isolation centers.

Executive Committee Report: David noted that an issue related to the protocol testing process was recently identified during a review of the QuestBase system. Council received a quick response from the Chief and Medical Director of the department, and it has been resolved.

Membership/Change of Voting Reps: No report.

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/Legal: Chris Marker noted that proposed changes to the Code of Regulations was sent out for review via the listserv two weeks ago noting that most were grammatical in nature. He provided an overview of the changes. After discussion a vote was held, and the changes were approved as presented.

Nominating: Chad Hollinger noted that nominations are needed for the role of President-Elect, Treasurer, Butler County, and Clark County Representatives for the election at the November meeting. The floor was opened, and Chad Hollinger received a nomination for President-Elect, Leslie Gardone received a nomination for Treasurer. A discussion was held regarding current representatives for Butler, Champaign, and Clark Counties and it was noted that Chad will reach out to them after this meeting to inquire about their interest in remaining in their roles. Representative information for Greene and Darke Counties will be obtained from their EMS Boards. It was also noted that the Grants Committee needs a new Chair, and the Nominating Committee needs a representative from the southern part of the region.

Public Relations: David reported that nominations are still needed for awards.

Website Advisory Committee: David reported that the Website Advisory committee has been split into two committees, the protocol app will have a separate committee as a result of that. He discussed some recent issues related to the website functionality that have been resolved.

Social Media Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Jeff Bruggeman reviewed recent changes to the Greene County radio template and Chad Hollinger noted that Shelby County is currently reviewing their options for radio systems.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee: Jeremy Lane discussed HB 711, and time critical diagnosis.

Grants Committee: David reported that Randy Anderson has stepped down as Chair and the position is open.

A. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange: Brendan Deere discussed epi kits and asked to be informed if anyone receives a drug bag that doesn't contain one.

CQI: David reported that the committee met recently, and they are currently working on revising old QI materials.

Standing Orders: John Russell provided an update regarding the 2021 standing orders protocols and changes related to LVAD and trach care.

Infection Control: No report.

B. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: Chris Freeze reported that the protocol tests have all closed and will only be re-opened for a test when all necessary paperwork is complete and turned in. He discussed potential 2021 testing changes that were developed by an ad hoc committee and will be proposed to the Executive Committee at an upcoming meeting.

It was noted that additional questions are needed for the protocol test bank. David Gerstner asked that all committee chairs and co-chairs write at least 6 questions to submit to Chris.

Mike Guadagno reported that regular maintenance will be done on the standing orders database and all unverified accounts will be deleted. The changes will not affect testing history in the database.

Research: Laura Clark reported that the group has changed their meeting rotation to every other month and will add meetings if needed.

Pediatric: No report.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration: No report.

Response to Violence against EMS: David discussed a survey that is being developed and will be used to document the types of violence that occur.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: Chad Follick reported that they are in the process of reviewing their by-laws.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: David discussed fit testing, the return of the USAR team, and the current status of assessment centers.

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS): Jeremy Lane discussed scope of practice related to the administration of vaccines. He noted that EMFTS recent position paper declares that it has been legal all along for paramedics and intermediates to administer vaccines. It is within your scope of practice as long as your medical director has approved your use of the medication that is being given in the vaccine. It was also noted that medications administered nasally can be done by EMRs and EMTs, and auto injectors can be done by all levels of certification.

RPAB, Division 3: Chris Freeze reported that the group discussed pain protocol at the most recent meeting.

SORTS: No report.

GDAHA: No report.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): David discussed provided an overview of two recent pediatric tabletop training exercises. A discussion was held regarding a vaccination for COVID-19 and what the distribution may look like related to who will receive it and when. A discussion was held regarding concerns related to nursing facility COVID patients, transportation by private EMS, and interpretation of the CMS and ODH guidelines by some nursing facilities.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Educational/Organization Announcements:

- Premier Health has scheduled a virtual EMS Instructor update to take place in December
- A retirement reception will be held for Chief Jones in Sidney on October 16th
- The annual MMRS Steering Committee meeting will be held virtually on November 10th. More information will be shared when it is available.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.