

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
January 26, 2021

PRESENT:

Chris Marker, Monroe FD/President
David Gerstner, DFD/MMRS/Past-President
Chad Hollinger, Sidney FD /President-Elect/Code
of Regulations
Mark Johnston, Christ Hospital
Bill Rose, DFD/MMRS/Intern
Felix Shanahan, Springfield FD
Joe Burdick, Premier Health
Mark Senseman, UVMC
Jennifer Mason, KHN/Legislative & Advocacy
Justin Buehler, Clearcreek TWP
James Augustine, MD
Zach Marvin, Union FD
Elizabeth Beam, MVH South/App Committee
Wade Dexter, Troy FD
Chad Garver, Vandalia FD
Pat Ricketts, Fairborn FD
Mike Guadagno, Washington TWP/Education
Chris Freeze, MVH, Education
Kyle Denlinger
Mark Minnery
Nick Thornton, Mercy Health Springfield

Gary Stanley, Troy FD
Tony Alexander, KHN
Ryan Konkel, KHN/CQI
Rich Morrett, Wilson Health/Drug Bag
Tom Wentzel, Mason FD
Josh Johnson, Sugarcreek TWP
Beth Pristas, Ambulance Billing Network
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's/Pediatric
Jeremy Lane, Atrium/Legislative & Advocacy
Justin Palmer, Kettering Health Network
Lauren Duffy, UC Health West Chester
Anne Berdanier, Box 21
Scott Hill, Wayne Healthcare
Brendan Deere, Premier Health/Drug Bag
Leslie Gardone, Clark Co. Alt./Treasurer
John Russell, Huber Heights FD/Standing Orders
Jim Rinaldi, Miami Valley Hospital
Laura Clark, MVH-N /Infection Control/Research
Scott Melling, Ohio Medical Transport
Joe Lamoureux, Superior Ambulance
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

Call to Order: The January 26, 2021 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Chris Marker via Zoom online and by phone. Self-introductions were made.

Secretary's Report: The draft minutes from the November 24, 2020 Council meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Gardone provided an update.

President's Report: Chris Marker thanked David Gerstner for his years of service as Council President. David expressed gratitude for the Council committee chairs and their assistance through the years.

It was noted that Dr. Judy Royer had recently passed away

Chris discussed a recent issue related to drug bag violation. It was noted that the issue has been reported to the proper authorities and addressed.

Executive Committee Report: David Gerstner noted that the most recent Executive Committee meeting was held in December and conducted as a town hall for the purpose of answering questions related to the COVID vaccine.

Membership/Change of Voting Reps: The following requests were received and approved after a vote:

- New Associate membership request from Ambulance Billing Network. Beth Pristas provided an overview of the company noting that they process ambulance billing for private companies and 911 services. It was noted that GMVEMSC Associate membership does not include voting rights.
- Ohio Medical Transport – Voting Representative: Scott Melling, Alternate Representative: Craig Smith
- Box 21 – Voting Representative: Anne Berdanier, Alternate Representative: Amanda Becker
- Dayton Airport Fire Department – Voting Representative: Mike Etter

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/Legal: No report.

Nominating: Chad Hollinger provided an update regarding leadership of the committee. Dallas Davis will chair the committee, Felix Shanahan, and Justin Buehler will be members as well. There will be representation for the northern, middle, and southern portions of the Council membership area. He also noted that there is potentially someone interested in chairing the Grants Committee. David Gerstner will contact them with information regarding the committee responsibilities.

Public Relations: No report.

Website Advisory Committee: No report.

Protocol App: Zach Marvin provided an overview of the issues with the app in December and noted that they have been resolved.

Social Media Committee: David noted that the committee is expanding efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

Communications Committee: David reported that the group is working on planning a quarterly triage day for some time in February.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee: Jeremy discussed a federal bill regarding surprise ambulance billing noting it is unclear how the state will interpret it. He also discussed Ohio HB 308 which is related to PTSD.

Grants Committee: No report..

A. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange: Brendan Deere reported that HB 404 extended drug licenses until July1, 2021. He discussed recent low dose aspirin shortages, and the requirements for adding drugs to your license that aren't currently used by your department.

CQI: Ryan Konkel reported that the committee hasn't met yet this year. He noted that the committee is working on creating a guide that will be posted on the Council website and any input and assistance with the development is appreciated.

Standing Orders: John Russell reported the 2021 protocols are an ever-changing document and noted that any needed corrections could be sent to him. It was noted that the document is intended to be used in the digital form due to the multiple links and it isn't formatted for printing.

Infection Control: No report.

B. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: Chris Freeze discussed the skills evaluator training video that is now available on the Council website, reminded the group of changes to test score requirements, allotted time frame, and the use of materials. He also noted that the skills evaluator testing period closes on March 14th and they must score a 90 or higher to maintain evaluator status. Mike Guadagno reported that an updated Implementation Guide will be released soon.

Research: Laura Clark reported that the next meeting will be held on February 16th.

Pediatric: Heather Koss reported that an EMSC survey was sent out via the listserv two weeks ago and encouraged participation by all departments.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration: No update.

Response to Violence against EMS: No update.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: No report.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: David Gerstner reported that Jeff Payne has recently retired, and the Alliance does not currently have a Director. He discussed CPAT, a recent assessment center for a lieutenant position, and benchmark surveys.

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

RPAB, Division 3: David reported that they recently discussed the JITSO for COVID vaccines.

SORTS: No report.

GDAHA: Sandy Lehrter provided an update regarding the relocation of the GDAHA offices.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): David reported that the group is working with counties to help set up COVID vaccination PODS. He noted that EMS should be assisting in the vaccination process in all communities when possible.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Chris Marker discussed recent concerns regarding the GMVEMSC CLIA Waiver coverage. It was noted that Jeremy Lane recently spoke with Michelle Davis at ODH and received clarification noting that Council is not in violation. Member agencies were asked to contact Sandy Lehrter regarding current coverage or being added to the Council CLIA certificate. Sandy will send a communication out on the listserv regarding the requirements and process for being added.

Educational/Organization Announcements: no report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.