**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**September 27, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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| David Gerstner | Dayton MMRS | Immediate Past President |
| Michael Guadagno | Washington Twp Fire Department | Education Co-chair |
| Elizabeth Sheridan | Premier MVH |  |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney Department of Fire and Emergency Services | President-Elect/Code of Regulations Chair |
| Mary E Porter | GDAHA |  |
| Andy Harp | Miami Valley Fire District | WPV/Alliance |
| Jordan Jeffries | Premier MVH |  |
| Lt. Sean Lehrter | Trotwood Fire and Rescue |  |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy-Health | EMS Coordinator |
| Chad McInturff | Trotwood Fire |  |
| Daria Rike (Formerly Tikhonova) | Premier Health | N/A |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |
| Rich Morrett | Premier AMC | Drug Bag Co Chair |
| Brian Wright | Middletown Fire | Co-Legislation |
| Kristi Bradford | Kettering Health |  |
| Traci Kuzminski | Moraine Fire Dept |  |
| Justin Buehler | Clearcreek Fire District | Nominations Co Chair |
| Pat Kincer | West Alex EMS | Preble County Representative |
| Wade Dexter | Troy Fire | Miami Co Rep |
| Paula Balcom | Premier MV North | Co Chair PR |
| Jeff Bruggeman | Xenia FIre Division | Protocol Committee Member |
| Justin Miller | Kettering Health EMS Coordinator | None |
| Jennifer Mason | Kettering Health | Legislative Committee chair |
| Chris Marker | Union City Ohio Fire Department | President |
| Kyle Denlinger | Kettering Fire Department | Battalion Chief |
| Chad Follick | Montgomery County Fire Chiefs | Co Chair Infection Control |
| Kendra Harris | Dayton Fire | Research Committee |
| Sarah Pearson | Dayton Childrens South | Ems outreach educator/south coordinator |
| Van Spitler | Wayne HealthCare |  |
| Joe Burdick | Premier Health | Co Chair Infectious Disease |
| Leslie Gardone | German Twp | Lieutenant |
| Felix Shanahan | Springfield Fire Rescue Division | EMS Officer |
| Melissa Shaw |  |  |

**Call to Order:** The September 27, 2022, general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. by President Chris Marker. Self-Introductions were made.

**Secretary’s Report:** No Report

**Treasurer’s Report:** No Report

**President’s Report:** No Report

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:** President Christ Marker reported that we have a request for a change of voting reps for the city of Eaton. Randy Anderson will be the voting rep and is replacing Malorie Lewis, who has changed positions. There is another one for Lewisburg Fire and EMS, which is where Malorie Lewis went as a primary voting rep, and Brian Sawyers would be the proxy. Council was all in favor, and no members were opposed, so the motion was carried.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No Report

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** No Report

**Nominating:** No Report. President Chris Marker reminded everyone that we are coming up on time for elections and nominations for positions.

**Public Relations:** No Report. President Chris Marker mentioned more clearly defining the awards for the nominations for the Tom Long and Norma Dietrich awards sometime soon. The first ten people to be nominated, as well as their nominator, will receive an EMS challenge coin. You can nominate for these awards at any time, and they will be announced on the first of May.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No Report

**Protocol App:** No Report

**Social Media Committee:** No Report

**Communications Committee**: No Report

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** No Report

**Grants Committee:** President Chris Marker expressed a plea for a chair of this committee.

1. **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: Paul Balcom gave a reminder that next year (2023) will be a drug license renewal year. Brendan will be sending a letter within the next month about any updates and the list of medications.

**CQI:**  No Report. Ryan Konkel mentioned that he is working through having an off month, so he is having a meeting in November because they have back-to-back trauma verifications for ACS coming up, which overlaps with their regular October meeting date. Ryan will send a message through the Listserv.

**Standing Orders:** Jeff Bruggeman reported that they are in the process of the 2023 changes, so if you have any recommendations, reach out to them. They will talk at the next meeting about corrections and changes to the protocol.

**Infection Control:** Chad Follick reported that he did not have updates but requested thatMary Porter update about the meeting she had this morning if there are any. Mary Porter reported that they looked at their previous plan for influenza and visitor restrictions and decided that it is still too soon to tell how severe the season will be this year. They also discussed the new CDC rules that went out on Friday in terms of masking. They thought, almost unanimously, that if they were to reduce masking in the healthcare setting for patient-facing areas, it might be difficult to reinstitute it. As a committee, they have continued to look at creating interim guidance for universal masking, return to work, and testing. They were on pause until the CDC came out with their new requirement, but now that those have come out, the team will resume meeting.

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Michael Guadagno reported that they are updating the testing procedure for post-cycle testing. He reviewed some of the changes, which include getting rid of the post-cycle testing, as far as requesting a post-cycle test, and getting it opened for the individual agencies. Rather, they are looking to transition at the beginning of the year to each agency signing an attestation form that they have read and understand the implementation guide and that their agency will follow all procedures for testing. Once that is done, the proctor codes will be released to that agency’s proctors. When the test opens, the test will stay open and be up to the agency to manage testing for the first and second tests. An update to the implementation guidelines includes a mandatory 7 days between the first and second test. If there happens to be a third test, then the third cycle test form would need to be submitted to the Education chair/co-chair just like they are doing now and will need to maintain a 30-day wait between the second and third test.

**Research:** Kendra Harris thanked Chris Vecchi and President Marker. She was able to get minutes posted on the EMS Council website for Community Paramedicine. To locate it, you go to the council community tab and click on Community Paramedicine. If there is a specific topic you would like researched, let them know because they would appreciate feedback and direction.

**Pediatric:** No Report

1. **Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS RUN Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** No Report

**Response to Violence against EMS:** Andy Harp reported that we continue to work on the active shooter video with the Mumbai committee, and that should be posted soon.

**Organizational Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** Chad Follick reported that if you have a nomination for Fire Fighter or EMS person of the year nominations for the Fire Chiefs, those need to be turned in by the November meeting (November 16th). You can turn them in by email to Chad by then so that they can get the awards ready for the banquet.

**Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance:** Andy Harp reported that they did an assessment center for the district last month and one for Moraine both for the lieutenant positions last Friday. They are trying to make it more attractive to members by buying hose testers, hose rollers and offering blue card training.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** David Gerstner reported that he sent the following out to the listserv. He reported that we have a fair number of Monkey Pox cases in the State of Ohio (around 300). There are about 5 in the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council Region. He knows that two of our counties have cases and potentially one other. In some parts of the state, EMS was assisting with the vaccinations for Monkey Pox. However, no health department in our region has asked for that, but he wanted to point out that the EMS board has taken a stance that those vaccinations are outside of the scope of practice for any EMS provider in Ohio, including paramedics. This is because it is an intradermal shot instead of a subcutaneous shot.

**RPAB, Division 3:** No Report

**SORTS:** David Gerstner reported that they are working on the State report outs for statistics and planning to do some feedback for EMS. Ryan Konkel reported that a lot of the facilities are going through their trauma reverifications. Kettering has two more and Premier has gone through a few. Other than that, they did not have more updates.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler reported that GDAHA is also looking at grant writing opportunities so they could combine efforts with that search.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported that the health departments now have new boosters. A number of EMS agencies around the region have been continuing to assist with COVID vaccinations, particularly for home-bound populations. We are in the process of updating the vaccine just in time standing orders to cover the new boosters and all the pediatric details. He is hoping to have those out in about a week. However, could be delayed if FDA makes any changes. He also mentioned that the Australian flu season was bad this year and can typically be an indicator for our flu season so wants to continue to encourage flu vaccines. We are seeing COVID numbers continuing to decrease. Our transmission levels are still in the red for most of Ohio, but our community levels are dropping from medium to low. They are working on scheduling two full-scale exercises for Greene and Montgomery County as well as a tabletop exercise for Miami County with their full-scale being next year. Dayton MMRS will hold its Annual Steering Committee Meeting. It will be live and in-person at the Bieser auditorium, with free breakfast, lunch, and free Continuing Education. They have speakers including the FBI, the Depart of Homeland Security’s intel analyst. They will have two speakers on the Uvalde Texas incident. One from a program called Alert, a program in Texas that the FBI refers to as the gold standard of active shooter training for law enforcement, their associate director will be there to talk about their After-Action report. Then, Heidi Abram, who did her Emergency Medicine residency and was Resident Medical Advisor with Fairborn Fire who moved to Texas after she graduated as an Emergency Medicine Physician. She is in Texas and responded to Uvalde and she is going to talk about the medical, pediatric, and emergency management aspects of the Uvalde Incident.

**Old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** No Report

**Educational/Organization Announcements:** Chad Hollinger reported that he attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs Board of Directors retreat and he wanted to share that the Chief’s Association is going to be working with various partner agencies as part of the strategic plan to address the issue of recruitment and retention of volunteer and part-time and career-level individuals. President Marker reported that Christ Hospital is having their annual conference Friday, October 7th from 8:00am-2:30pm at the Christ Hospital.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm. The next meeting will be on November 29th at 2:00 pm.