**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**January 24, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

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| Joe Burdick  | Premier Health/Standalone ECCs | Education Co-Chair |
| David Gerstner  | Dayton Fire/Dayton MMRS  | Past President/Alt Rep Montgomery Co./Communications Co-Chair |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy-Health | EMS Coordinator |
| John Russell | Huber Heights | Standing Orders Co-Chair |
| Nicholas.Judge | Dayton Fire  |  |
| Greg Beegle | Xenia Township Fire/Xenia City  | Greene County Rep |
| Felix Shanahan | Springfield Fire Rescue Division | Clark County Rep , Nominations |
| Brian Beaver | Kettering Fire Department |  |
| Sarah Pearson | Dayton Children's | EMS Coordinator |
| Jennifer Mason | Kettering Health Hamilton Middletown | Legislative Chair |
| Ryan Konkel | Kettering Health  | CQI Chair  |
| Richard Morrett | Premier Health-Atrium | EMS Coordinator |
| Elizabeth Sheridan | Miami Valley Hospital | EMS Coordinator |
| Pat Kincer | West Alex EMS | Preble Co. Rep |
| Andrew Turner | City of Middletown Fire Department |  |
| Andy Follick | CEU Fire Collaborative  |  |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS | Voting Rep for Box 21 |
| James Garrett | Kettering Health  |  |
| Daria Rike | MVHS | EMS Coordinator |
| Luke Sorensen  | CTVFD XTFD | Mobile App Co-Chair |
| Nathan Pulliam | Dayton Fire Community Paramedicine |  |
| Kendra Harris | Dayton Fire Department | Co-Chair research committee |
| Jon Nickerson | Bellbrook FD |  |
| Thomas Kaeff | AMR |  |
| Jeff Bruggeman  | Xenia Fire Division  | Standing Orders Committee  |
| Jordan Jeffries | Premier Health MVH | EMS coordinator |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney FD | President Elect |
| Paula A Balcom | Premier Miami Valley North | PR Chairperson |
| John.Hildebrand | Kettering Health | Infection Control co-chair |
| Kristi Bradford | KH Soin Medical Center Greene Memorial  | EMS Coordinator |
| Justin Miller | Kettering Health - Huber / Springfield | EMS Coordinator |
| Debra Walker | Bethesda Butler Hospital |  |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS |  |
| Dan Alldred | Germantown Fire |  |
| Mark Senseman | Upper Valley Medical Center | EMS Coordinator |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |

**Call to Order:** The January 24, 2023, general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order as a hybrid meeting at 2:00 p.m. by President Chris Marker. Self-Introductions were made.

**Secretary’s Report:** The meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review. There were no changes requested.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No Report

**President’s Report:**  President Marker thanked the group for all of their work during his time as Council President. He stated that the council region has a fine group of EMS personnel and leaders with the wide range of activities and projects being tackled across the area. He then introduced new Council President, Chad Hollinger.

President Hollinger thanked Past President Marker for his for his leadership on council, and stated he planned to continue the great work that Past President Marker had started. A plaque was presented to Past President Marker. It was noted there is a leadership transition meeting planned for Thursday, January 26th at GDAHA to continue planning for the council activities. They will also look to start the process for strategic planning to guide next steps for the council.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**  There were four nominations for a change of voting representatives. The committee accepted the motions for each of the request.

* Scott Williams, Pike Township
* Captain Meyer, Dayton Fire
* Captain Andy Turner, Middletown Fire
* Brian Beaver – Kettering Fire

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No Report.

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

**Nominating:** Felix Shanahan reported the nominations and voting were handled at the last meeting.

**Public Relations:** Paula Balcom reported the committee was working on ordering Past President Plaques. She will work with Lisa Rindler to move this forward. David Gerstner has the list, and he will provide it. They discussed the proposal from to council to add an additional award called the Pat Burnett award. The will look at the criteria for this award and make a recommendation to the President to move forward. It will then go to the Executive Council.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No Report

**Protocol App:** Luke Sorensen reported there was an known issue with the app that they are working on.

**Social Media Committee:** No Report

**Communications Committee**: David Gerstner reported Quarterly Triage Day starts tomorrow night (01/25/2023). As a reminder, this always works best when both the hospital and EMS sides are participating. For Quarterly Triage Day, we start off the regional hospital notification system four times and activate an OHTrac incident by calling the Ohio Fire Chiefs Emergency Response System. If any of your personnel would like to have experience activating either of these, contact David Gerstner.

David Gerstner and Lisa Rindler shared information on the regional and state bed availability platform transferring from GDAHA’s Surgenet platform to Juvare EMResources. The kickoff will begin with the bed availability and Ed situational awareness transitioning to the new platform during the month of February. The date for this is still being determined, and it will be shared widely. Once this is completed, the transition will start for the patient tracking piece to transition over. This information will be shared with EMS departments who are actively using the system this spring. As users have questions, they were advised to reach out to Lisa Rindler.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jennifer Mason announced there is a opening for a co-chair of this committee. The group discussed HB 509. House Bill 509 was signed by the Governor on Jan. 5, 2023, and becomes effective on April 6, 2023. This legislation revises regulations pertaining to many professional licenses and certifications including EMS.

For the time being, EMS continuing education may still be offered through CE sites that currently possess a certificate of approval.  However, the EMFTS Board is required to establish rules\* that conform to the following standards: Continuing education shall only be offered through an accredited institution; All EMS accredited institutions must provide continuing education; Certificates of approval to provide continuing education independent of an accredited institution must be phased out; Establish standards for maintaining a certificate to teach continuing education courses.

Some of the noted changes: The Assistant EMS Instructor certification has been eliminated. Current certifications remain valid until they expire, and they will not be renewed on or after April 6, 2023; CE requirements for paramedic recertification have been reduced from 86 hours to 75 hours for every 3-year certification cycle. (This goes into effect on April 6, 2023. All renewals until April 6, 2023 require the current 86 hours.); CE requirements for firefighter certifications have been reduced from 54 hours to 36 hours. (This goes into effect on April 6, 2023. All renewals until April 6, 2023, require the current 54 hours.) Local entities may require more training, but the additional training is not required for certification renewal; The Assistant Fire Instructor certification has been eliminated. Current certifications remain valid until they expire, and they will not be renewed on or after April 6, 2023.

There is work being done across the state to minimize and or change the impact of some the rules. The Ohio Fire Chiefs association is working to determine definitions and clarification of the law. Local representatives are trying to add further definitions and clarifications in an upcoming transportation bill. More information and calls to action will be shared in the future.

**Grants Committee:** Work is being done to fill this chair position.

1. **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: Brendan Deere reminded everyone that 2023 is a Drug License renewal year. A letter regarding this was sent last week and the signed statement is due 4/28. This can be sent to either Brendan Deere or Lisa Rindler at GDAHA. If it is not received by the 4/28 deadline the agency will receive one strike against council compliance.

**CQI:**  Ryan Konkel reported that they met on December 6th. He has reached out again to Troy at CARES to see if a representative could speak to members and answer questions at their February meeting. Council members were reminded to reach out if they had agenda topics for the group.

**Standing Orders:** John Russel reported that they are in the process of the 2023 protocol rollout. On February 15, the standing orders skill evaluator test will open. They have a few more changes to make on the training manual, but plan to have out by the end of the week. This will be shared on the website. They are evaluating the use of a pediatric dosing guide. If appropriate, it will go before the RPAB for approval. The next meeting is on February 14th. They welcome meeting participation and input.

**Infection Control:** John Hildebrand noted that COVID case rates have come down ~55% over the last three weeks. He provided an update on the measle case counts, 85, mostly in central Ohio.

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick shared that the group is working with the testing committee to develop questions, reword questions and/or remove questions, especially for those that had a high fail rate during the last testing. February 14th is the deadline for completion. They are working on a live feed presentation by Dr. Marriott to highlight this year’s changes. Much discussion was held on pushing the message that the first test needs to be taken seriously. This will be shared during the live feed as well as pushed out on social media. There are guideline in the code of regulations on timing between test but this is up to the proctor to supervise. It was noted that most departments are handling this per the standard but there are a few outliers that make it a challenge for the council.

**Research:** Kendra Harris reported that research is continuing to work on Community Paramedicine. They are looking for grants to help. Kendra Harris stated that if you are interested, you are welcome to join them at their next meeting.

**Pediatric:** Heather Koss reported the EMSC Symposium will be held on 4/10/2023 in person at Nationwide Children's. A local symposium will be held virtually on 4/14/2023. David Gerstner asked all EMS agencies to participate in the annual EMS Survey from the EMS for Children (EMSC) Data Center (EDC). This survey will help with an important nationwide quality improvement effort regarding the care of pediatric patients. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

1. **Ad Hoc Committees**

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

**Response to Violence against EMS:** No Report.

**Organizational Reports:**

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

**Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance:** No Report

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** No Report

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

**SORTS:** David Gerstner reported that they are working through some processes to get additional data, putting together additional plans, and how they will handle data specifically related to EMS. A new regional data coordinator started in November and is working to streamline the data process. The group discussed HB 509 and the transition to Juvare. There are two upcoming drills for radiation.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler thanked all of those for attending today’s meeting in the hybrid environment.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported that they continue to work on transports by EMS and police to 115 Center. There are two Radiological TTXs will take place in February. Miami County Dawn TTX held December 13th was the most collaborative exercise ever, jointly sponsored by Premier Health and Kettering Health. A CEMPACK TTX was conducted back in October 2022. They are now working on follow-ups to that TTX. Plans include repeating the TTX, working on an improved Job Aids, and planning to do short virtual drills.

The next Dawn of a New Day TTX will be Friday, February 10 for Wayne HealthCare and Darke County. They are working on plans for three Full-Scale Exercises this year.

**Old Business:** No Report.

**New Business**: No Report.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:** No Report.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm. The next meeting will be on March 28th at 2:00 pm.