**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**May 23, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

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| Nick Thornton | Mercy-Health | EMS Coordinator |
| Jennifer Mason | Kettering Health | Legislative Chair |
| Andrew Turner | City of Middletown |   |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS |   |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney FD | President |
| Paula Balcom | Premier Health | PR Committee Chair |
| David Astorga | Mercury EMS Transport | Owner |
| Tom Smith, EMS Chief | West Alexandria EMS |   |
| Thomas Lee Kaeff | American Medical Response |   |
| Gregory Patterson | Dayton Fire Department |   |
| Chris Marker | Union City Ohio Firs Department | Immediate Past President |
| Matthew Webb | City of Troy Fire Department | Nominations Committee |
| Nathan Pulliam | Dayton Fire |   |
| Carol Tipton | Mercury EMS |   |
| Kozlowski Dominika | Dayton Fire Department |   |
| Nick Sanders | Miami Valley Fire District |   |
| Felix Shanahan | Springfield Fire Rescue Division | Clark County Rep & Nominations |
| Chad Follick | Vandalia and Montgomery County Fire Chiefs | MCFC rep & Co-chair Infection Control Committee |
| Sarah Pearson | Dch south | Ems coordinator |
| Chad Garver | City of Vandalia |   |
| John Edward Hildebrand | Kettering Health | Infection Control Co-chair |
| Dallas Davis | Sidney Department of Fire and Emergency Services |   |
| James Garrett | Kettering Health | EMS coordinator |
| Nathaniel Robertson | Kettering | EMS Coordinator |
| Michael Guadagno | Washington Township Fire Department | Education Co-Chair/Department Rep |
| David Klopfenstein | Anna Rescue | Shelby County Representative |
| Jeff Bailey | Wayne Healthcare |   |
| Peter Burcham | Kettering Fire |   |
| Eric Moore | Union City Indiana Fire Department |   |
| Pat Kincer | West Alexandria EMS | Preble County Representative |
| Cameron Jackson | Xenia Fire | App Chair |
| Leslie Gardone | German Twp / Mad River Twp | Treasurer/Cl. County Alt Rep |
| Kendra Harris | Dayton Fire | Research |
| Elizabeth Sheridan | Miami Valley Hospital |   |
| Joe Burdick | Premier Health | Education Co Chair |
| Joshua Johnson | Sugarcreek Twp. Fire. Dept |   |
| Jarod Meyer | Dayton |   |
| Scott L Melling | Box 21 |   |
| Brian Beaver | Kettering Fire Dept. |   |
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| David N. Gerstner | Dayton FD/Dayton MMRS | Past president/Alt. Montgomery Co. Rep/Communications Co-Chair |
| Tony Alexander | Kettering Health |   |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |

**Call to Order:** The May 23, 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 Chad Hollinger. 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:** Deferred income is $67,000 with A/Rs at $10,000

**President’s Report:**

President Hollinger introduced this year EMS awardees. The Tom Long Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Captain Pat Kincer, West Alexandia EMS.

The Norma Dittrick Extra Measure of Service Award was presented to Kendra Harris and Nathan Pulliam.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**

A membership application was received from Mercury EMS, Centerville, Ohio.  After an introduction of the organization and time for questions, the application was approved. They will be participating in the Drug Bag program.

A membership application was received from Union City Indiana Fire.  After an introduction of the organization and time for questions, including conversation on the impacts of this being an Indiana squad, the application was approved. At this time, they will not be requesting Drug Bags; however, working is being completed to see if this could be possible in the future.

A membership application was received from Stat Medical, Springfield Ohio.  After an introduction of the organization and time for questions, the application was approved. The will be requesting a BLS bag.

There was one nomination for a change of voting representatives for Wayne Health to Jeffrey Bailey. The committee accepted the motion for the request.

**Committee Reports:**

**A.**    **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** Deferred income is $67,000 with A/Rs at $10,000

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

**Nominating:** Matthew Webb, Troy Fire, has agreed to serve as chair of this committee. He introduced himself to the group.

**Public Relations:** Paula Balcom reported she been working on the Tom Long and Norma Detrick awards as well as sharing information on EMS Week activities. They are working on ordering a Past President Plaque that will be displayed at GDAHA.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No Report

**Protocol App:** The app is updated with the 2023 protocol. They are continuing to look at options for changing or updating the App. More information to come later this year.

**Social Media Committee:** No Report

**Communications Committee**: David Gerstner reported the Montgomery County Communication Committee has been updating the Montgomery County template along. Clark County has also made some changes to Clark County template.

Quarterly Triage Day was held on April 28 – 29. It involved the regional hospital notification system four times and activating an OHTrac incident. There were some communication challenges that are being addressed. It was encouraged to do everything you can to get personnel to participate in these drills.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jennifer Mason provided an update on House Bill 52. This legislation revises regulations pertaining to House Bill 509.  It has been signed by the Governor. Additionally, information was provided on HB 99 that amends a section on reducing benefits after the fact if it was determined to not be an emergency. This bill is in the early stages. President Hollinger announced that the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association continues to monitor legislative issues affecting the first responder community.

**Grants Committee:** Brian Taylor, Riverside Fire, has agreed to fill this chair position.

**B.**    **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: No Report

**CQI:**  No Report.

**Standing Orders:** President Hollinger took time to thank both Jeff Bruggeman and John Russel for their work during difficult personal times. It was noted that the Standing Order updates will be completed by Friday. The quick sheet form has a few things to be fixed.

**Infection Control:** No Report

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick reported they found a few minor issues with testing that they worked to resolve. They are seeing a high pass rate for testing on the first two tests, even with a few questions not working correctly. They are working through each testing issue they encounter. President Hollinger thanked them for their hard work and thanked the EMS community for their patience and understanding with the process. It was noted that there are a few instances of people following the old implementation guide. There is an attestation process to call attention to the changes, but only about 44 agencies have signed the attestation. They are evaluating options for improving this process next year.

**Research:** Kendra Harris reported that the May meeting was canceled. There was information shared on the legislative changes on personally furnishing naloxone. Changes in state law are affecting the current optional protocols. These changes will simplify the process, including the documentation requirements. Information was shared on the new protocols in development for transfer to One Fifteen as well as to the new Montgomery County Crisis Receiving Center. There are separate protocols for EMS and law enforcement transports. More information will be coming on this to the research committee for feedback.

**Pediatric:** It was noted they are working with CQI to discuss I/O needle choices. Sarah Pearson updated the group on the weight requirements.

**C.**    **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, Region 3:** During the April meeting it was announced that Dr. Marriott will still serve as leader of the group, in addition to his new duties at Premier. The group discussed the legislative changes on personally furnishing naloxone in addition to the new protocols in development for transports to One Fifteen as well as to the new Crisis Receiving Center.

**SORTS:** David Gerstner reported that they presented additional data elements related to EMS transfers of trauma patients. They are working to present in a heat map; however, almost all transfers to non-trauma facilities looked to be geography based. They are working on a standardized handoff for Trauma across the region including the refinement of an intake format with hopes to decrease miscommunication during these transfers.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler provided an update on the Juvare system.  Sometime before the end of June, the EMTrac system will be rolled out.  This will be replacing Surgenet’s OHTrac system.  In the interim, both systems may be used. Diversions and special situations are still being collected on Surgenet. Once the roll out is complete, this will be all on Juvare.  Look for more information in June on registering for the new system and some “how to” online educational training.

* **Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported that they continue to provide mass casualty and active shooter exercises. The Soin/Greene Full-Scale Exercise is complete, and MMRS is working on the AAR; many lessons learned including communications issues. The Montgomery County/Washington Township Joint Premier/Kettering TTX will be June 16, and MMRS is planning two FSE/FEs. Dates will be announced. The Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS in Columbus) has announced their rollout plan for implementation of SALT Triage in the entire COTS 36-county service area (Ohio Regions 4, 7, and 8).

**Old Business:**  The research committee is looking at the videos available on the website.

**New Business**: None

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**  Nick Thornton announced the EMS Symposium in downtown Springfield on Friday, June 9th.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm. The next meeting will be on July 25th at 2:00 pm.