**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**November 28, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney FD | | President |
| Justin Palmer | Kettering Health | | EMS Coordinator |
| Matthew Webb | Troy Fire Department | | Nominations |
| Felix Shanahan | Springfield Fire Rescue Division | | Clark county rep. Nominations |
| Joe Burdick | Premier Health | | Ed Co-Chair |
| Chadley Davidson | Wayne HealthCare | |  |
| Sean Lehrter | Trotwood Fire & Rescue | |  |
| Benjamin Valiton | Fairborn Fire Department | | Violence / EMS |
| Thomas Kaeff | AMR | |  |
| Jennifer Mason | Kettering Health | | Legislative Committee |
| Matheus Silva | Phoenix Medical Transport | |  |
| Joanna Pittenger | Bradford Fire & Rescue | | Cochair PR |
| Jarod Meyer | Dayton fire | |  |
| Pat Kincer | WAEMS | | Preble Co Rep |
| Cameron Jackson | Premier Health | | Chair of App Committee |
| Jeffery Alborn |  | Mercy Health - Kings Mills Hospital |
| Kimberlee Lewis | Dayton Children's Hospital | |  |
| David Gerstner | Dayton MMRS | | Past president; co-chair of Communications; alt. rep. for Montgomery County |
| Leslie Gardone | German Twp Fire/Mad River Enon | | Treasurer/ Clark Co Alt Rep |
| Paula Balcom | Premier Health | | PR Committee Chair |
| Scott L Melling | Box 21 Emergency Support Services | |  |
| Andrew Turner | City of Middletown | |  |
| Tom Wentzel | Mason Fire Department | |  |
| Lauren Duffy | UC West Chester Hospital | |  |
| Jessica Hsiao | University of Cincinnati Medical Center | |  |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy Health | |  |
| Ryan Konkel | Kettering Health | | CQI Chair |
| Anthony Alexander | Kettering Health | |  |
| Justin Buehler | Clearcreek Fire | | President Elect |
| Adam Marchal | Elizabeth Township Fire Department | |  |
| Sergio Silva | Phoenix Medical Transport | |  |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 22 ESS | |  |
| Michael Guadagno | Washington Township FD | | Education co-chair |
| Elizabeth Sheridan | Premier MVH Main | |  |
| Peter Burcham | Kettering Fire | |  |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA | |  |

**Call to Order:** The November 28, 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 September 26, 2023, meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review.  There were no changes requested.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Leslie Gardone reported that accounts receivables total $4,100, and there is $38,500 in deferred.

**President’s Report:**

President Hollinger introduced Jennifer Mason with Kettering who had invited representative from University of Cincinnati to inform the group of their Stroke Sticker Program. The Greater Cincinnati area has adopted a stroke sticker program for EMS to help with a smooth transition of stroke patients arriving at the hospital. The sticker is removable and is filled out by EMS and handed off to the receiving ED/cath lab. The staff at the receiving hospital places the sticker on the patient’s gown or the bedsheet to help communicate early in the ED visit while multiple people are interacting with the patient. After the presentation, it was suggested that this be sent to Standing Orders for their review.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**

New members: the following were approved for council membership: Kings Mill Hospital (part of Mercy Health), Elizabeth Township Fire Department (Miami County) and Phoenix Medical Center Transport.

Change of Voting Reps: the following were approved: City of Eaton, Brian Smith; Pleasant Hill Fire, Dave Woodring; Box 21, Scott Melling (alternate)

**Committee Reports:**

**A.**    **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** as reported above.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** Justin Buehler reported he will be pulling the group together for an annual review of the regulations.

**Nominating:** Matthew Webb began the process for this year’s nominations. Counties included this year are Montgomery, Preble, Miami, and Shelby. It is noted that Chad Follick and David Gerstner will continue to serve as Montomery County representatives. The nominations for Preble County included Pat Kincer and Randy Anderson. Only representatives from Preble County were able to vote, and it was determined that Pat Kincer would serve as primary, and Randy Anderson would serve as alternate. The nominations for Miami County included: Vance McCulla, Wade Dexter, and Heidi Jones. Only representatives from Miami County were able to vote. After voting, Wade Dexter will serve as primary, and Vance McCulla will be alternate. Shelby County will continue to be represented by David Klopfenstein and Chad Hollinger.

**Public Relations:** The group is looking for 2024 award nominations for the Tom Long and Norma Detrick awards. They placed an order with Northmont Signs for the “Past President” plaque which will be displayed at GDAHA.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No Report

**Protocol App:** No Report

**Social Media Committee:** No Report

**Communications Committee**: The next quarter triage days are scheduled for December 10th and 11th. Additionally, the 2024 dates will be sent out soon for planning. They will be offering CE credits for the first time starting with the December 10/11th dates. GDAHA has been working with MMRS on a new RHNS job aid. .

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Jennifer Mason reported that House Bill 99 is still in committee and has not moved since the last update. This bill is to amend sections 1753.28 and 3923.65 of the Revised Code to regulate the practice of reducing benefits related to emergency services if a condition is determined, after the fact, to not be an emergency.

**Grants Committee:** There is no report.

**B.**    **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: Jordan Jeffries reported the new drug bags have been ordered.

**CQI:**  Ryan Konkel reported they are wrapping up end of year items. They are looking at pelvic binder placements and will reach out to hospitals on a issue with some being cut.

**Standing Orders:** It was noted they are some updates to make to the EMS Social Services form. Lisa Rindler will share this with a group looking at other GDAHA forms.

**Infection Control:**  David Gerstner provided information from the infection control committee. Covid numbers are decreasing in the area and variants of concern are being monitored. The flu remains relatively low at this time, There continues to be a whooping cough outbreak in Montgomery County. As a follow up to the gap in the protocols for source patient testing on patients transferred directly to funeral homes, this topic will be refereed to GDAHA Infection Control committee. There was a statewide regional drop site drill held this fall. It is noted that all west central counties have plans for prophylaxis distribution for first responders.

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick and Mike Guadagno reported they had no updates at this time. 

**Research:** No report.

**Pediatric:**  Sarah Pearson noted they will be sending out a form to see how many supplies are in the community as they try to help with this for pediatric patients.

**C.**    **Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS RUN Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** As hospitals and EMS agencies are looking at potential vendor changes in the coming years, this group will meet again in the next to stay abreast of the discussions taking place across the region.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** It was noted that Chadley Davidson and Benjamin Valiton will serve as chairs of this committee. There was discussion at the last meeting on the workplace violence survey conducted by GDAHA as well as a similar study out of Canada. The are discussing EMS ambushing/swatting incidents that are on the rise across the country.

**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:** No Report.

**SORTS:** David Gerstner reported that the trauma handoff continues to be discussed. Data was not available at the last meeting due to a TraumaBase issue; however, they plan to have this available at the January meeting.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler reported they will be working with the EMS Coordinators on trainings for EMS in the area. Please reach out to Lisa if there are any issues with signing up EMS agencies.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner shared information on the upcoming Operation Sleigh and invited agencies to participate. He reported there will be a solar eclipse regional tabletop drill in December and a communication meeting in January.   There was radiological training with the MRC held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Lastly, there is an upcoming conference on Human Trafficking awareness in January, and the group is looking for more EMS involvement on the panel.

**Old Business:**

Hand Tevy Grant Proposal - President Hollinger acknowledged the work that Past President Chris Marker provided on the Hand Tevy System. Chris worked with Gatchel Grant Resources, LLC for a grant proposal and they applied for the Gary Sinise Grant Foundation award. This grant would cover the set up and one-year cost for the system for all members of council.

**New Business**: This was presented during the Presidents report.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**  There were none.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm. The next meeting will be on January 23 2024, at 2:00 pm.