**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**May 28, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

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| Nick Thornton | Mercy Health |  |  |  | EMS Coordinator |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney/GMVEMSC |  |  |  | President |
| Heidi Jones | Tipp City Fire & EMS |  |  |  | Legislative Chair |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS |  |  |  |  |
| Matt Grubbs | Monroe |  |  |  | Butler County Rep |
| Michael Guadagno | Moraine FD |  |  |  | Education co-chair |
| Jim McGrath | Mercy - Kings Mills |  |  |  | N/A |
| Joe Burdick | MVHS |  |  |  | Ed CoChair |
| Kendra Harris | Dayton Fire |  |  |  | Research meeting |
| Kimberlee Lewis | Dayton Children’s Hospital |  |  |  |  |
| Kristi Bradford | Kettering Health |  |  |  |  |
| Kyle Miller | Cedarville Twp Fire Dept |  |  |  |  |
| Thomas Kaeff | AMR |  |  |  |  |
| Leslie Gardone | German Township Fire |  |  |  | Treas. Council/ Cl Co Alt Rep |
| Sarah Pearson | Dayton Children’s |  |  |  | Pediatric chair |
| Peter Burcham | Kettering Fire |  |  |  |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Justin Palmer |  | | Kettering Health |  |  |  |  |
| Ryan Konkel | Kettering Health |  |  |  | CQI Chair |
| Jordan Jeffries | Premier |  |  |  | Drug Bag Co-chair |
| Jeff Bruggeman | Xenia Fire |  |  |  | Standing Orders |
| Justin Buehler | Clearcreek |  |  |  | President Elect |
| Chris Marker | Union City Fire |  |  |  | Past President |
| Sarah Pearson | Dayton Children’s |  |  |  | Pediatric Chair |
| Chris Vecchi | Kettering Health |  |  |  | Website Chair |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy Health |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Widener | Ansonia Fire |  |  |  |  |
| David Gerstner | Dayton Fire |  |  |  | Past President; Alt Rep. Montgomery County; Co-Chair Communications |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |  |  |  |

**Call to Order:** The May 28, 2024, 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 March 26, 2024, meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review.  There were no changes requested.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  See Budget & Finance report below.

**President’s Report:**

President Hollinger thanked all the hospitals for their special recognition for EMS week. It was noted that 3 local departments received state recognition including Troy, Eaton, and Monroe. President Hollinger thanked the education committee for all their work during the protocol testing cycle this year.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**

New members: Ansonia Fire Department requested membership to GMVEMSC. After an introduction of Chief Widener, and questions, they were approved for membership.

Change of Voting Reps: none

**Committee Reports:**

**A.**    **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** Leslie Gardone reported the Accounts Receivables is at 13,000 and Deferred is at $30,000. The accounting department is sending out reminder invoices for past due fees.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** There are no updates.

**Nominating:** There are no updates.

**Public Relations:** The group worked hard to get out messaging for EMS week this past week.

**Website Advisory Committee:** Chris Vecchi reported that all updates for the drug bag section have been uploaded.

**Protocol App:** There are no updates.

**Social Media Committee:** No Report

**Communications Committee**: The most recent quarterly triage day was held on May 14 and 15th. The next quarter triage day is planned for July 17 & 18. There have been numerous training courses held across the region on the use of Juvare EMTrack and EMResources. There are new job aids available on the Juvare site for EMS to refer to. It was also reported that Montgomery County is adding an additional zone to their radios template after experiencing issues during two simultaneous events in the county.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Heidi Jones was introduced as the new Legislative & Advocacy Committee chair. She reported that on April 18, 2024, the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS Board) expanded the scope of practice of the certified Ohio advanced emergency medical technician. Tranexamic acid (TXA) has been added to the list of approved medications that are cited in the Ohio Administrative Code. In addition, the EMFTS Board has edited the language in two items in Medical Management within the Core Competencies section of the Ohio EMS scope of practice matrix. The language in item 1 has been edited to “Epinephrine administration IM via auto-injector,” and the language in item 2 has been edited to “Epinephrine administration SQ or IM routes via syringe.” These amendments within the matrix were made solely to add clarity, and there is no associated change in the Ohio EMS scope of practice associated with these two services.

Ms. Jones also reported that the titles of EMS Instructor, Fire Instructor, and Fire Safety Inspector Instructor will all change to one title: Fire and Emergency Services Instructor (FESI). On the effective date all current and valid EMS Instructor, Fire Instructor, and Fire Safety Inspector Instructor certifications will be transitioned (grandfathered) to Fire and Emergency Services Instructor-Level II.

The Division of EMS updated the online Proctor Training course. All current and new Proctors are required to complete the updated course by April 15, 2024, or access to the EMS Course and Examination Administration System will be suspended. After April 15, 2024, only Proctors who have completed Proctor Course WBT922 located on the Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) will be authorized to proctor the examinations.

The group asked Ms. Jones to send the information on the TXA changes to Dr. Marriott and the RPAB.

**Grants Committee:** No Report

**B.**    **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: Jordan Jeffries updated the group on the mandatory drug bag update on May 30th, 2024. Please coordinate the exchange with your EMS Coordinator at your home hospital.

**CQI:**  Ryan Konkel reported the next meeting will be held on June 4th. Look for the meeting information soon.

**Standing Orders:**

Jeff Bruggeman reported the protocols are effective on June 1. They are starting to prepare for next year. They are working on the epi pen updates and TXA changes as reported by Ms. Gardone. They are fixing the details of the Drug Bag Exchange program in the protocols. It was suggested that everyone download the protocols on June 2.

**Infection Control:**  David Gerstner provided an overview of the avian flu that has affected cattle. At this time, it is just being monitored and is of no significant threat to humans.

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick reported that testing is going well. Implementation guide attestation is due now and less than 50% have submitted them. President Hollinger will send out a reminder via the listserv. Mr. Burdick also noted they dealt with an accommodation request and realized this was not laid out in the implementation guide. They will work on remedying this going forward.

**Research:** Kendra Harris there shared the results of the Survey Monkey they completed on meeting frequency and ideas for the scope of the group. They will continue to offer hybrid meetings and areas of scope will include development of protocols, social service issues and community paramedicine start up documentation.

**Pediatric:**  Sarah Pearson reported that the pediatric sizing guide has been updated on the protocols.

**C.**    **Ad Hoc Committees**

**EMS RUN Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** there are no updates.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** there are no updates.

**Organizational Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** There was nothing to report today.

**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 updated the group on the last SORTS meeting. They continue to look at reports and have had a data issue that is being resolved. There is a group working on Formal Regional EMS hand-off in trauma room.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler updated the group on the trauma registry changes being considered. At this time, all hospitals are in a wait in see mode while others in the state move forward with transitioning to new products. The SORTs group hopes to have all members choose the same vendor, if possible.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported they updated the Job Aid for EMS and Emergency Departments to use when activating the Regional Hospital Notification System (RHNS). Every ED should have a copy of this readily available. Every fire and EMS apparatus that could respond to an MCI should have a copy on board. He called out the line on the job aid: “Request activation of Regional Hospital Notification System: use the phrase, “MASS CASUALTY PAGE - HOSPITALS” to help lesson confusion when asking for the RHNS to go out.

There is a new MMRS Intern, Bailey Flohre. Cece is off to Boston University to pursue her master’s degree in criminal justice and Crime Analysis.

Additionally: there has been much work on drafting training materials on “pink slip” processes.  Primary audiences are law enforcement and Eds. Mr. Gerstner mentioned explosion of new materials in multiple formats from terrorist organizations working to “inspire” homegrown violent extremists”.  That includes an Al-Qaeda in video describing bomb-making and encouraging attacks.

MMRS will be participating in planning to update Ohio DNR rules as well as assisting ODPS with modernization of CIMS CHEMPACK Module.

Lastly, MMRS has worked with partners on processes for EMS and law enforcement to transport patients to 115 Center or Montgomery County crisis receiving center; however, the contracting company has pulled out. Currently, there is not another contract in place.

**Old Business:**

Handtevy Grant Proposal - Chris Marker noted they did not receive this grant. They are looking at opportunities to still pursue this grant, however it may be with a more limited scope.

Council Strategic Planning – the next steps for this will be starting this spring.

**New Business**: The group discussed an issue with two mal-functioning Bag-Valve-Masks (BVMs) found over this past holiday weekend. In both cases, the bags would not reinflate after ventilating the patient. They are encouraging each EMS Agency to immediately take all BVMs and test them. The test consists of simply squeezing the bag to make sure that it reinflates. Any bag that does not reinflate should be replaced, if feasible, prior to your next call. Malfunctioning BVMs should be bagged and tagged for investigation, with a note for the EMS coordinator explaining the issue. If possible, return malfunctioning bags (if any) to the facility where it was obtained.

The information so far is: Ambu Spur II 1000919409 was the lot number 1000919409 and 1000665109 on the bag.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**   Nick Thorton announced that Mercy Health will be having their EMS Symposium on Friday, June 7th, 2024 from 08:00 am - 05:00 pm. Information has been sent out via the listserv. David Gersner reminded the group that this year’s MMRS Annual Steering Committee meeting with be held on November 12th. It will be hybrid.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be on July 23, 2024, at 2:00 pm.