**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**January 28, 2025**

**PRESENT:**

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| Sean Lehrter | Trotwood Fire and Rescue |  |
| Matthew Webb | City of Troy | Chair nominations |
| Jeff Bruggeman | Xenia Fire Division | Standing Orders co-chair |
| Kyle Hunsaker | Kettering Health |  |
| Kaleb Broomhall | Brookville Fire Department |  |
| Julie Miller | Mason |  |
| Nick Page | Spring Valley Township Fire Department | Greene County Alternate |
| Justin Buehler | Clearcreek Fire | President |
| Mallory Lewis | Lewisburg Fire/ EMS | Preble Rep |
| Joseph Burdick | Premier Health | Ed Co-Chair |
| joe Lamoureux | Mercury EMS |  |
| Justin Palmer | Kettering Health | EMS Coordinator |
| Daniel Welty | Christiansburg Fire Co | Dept rep, Champaign County rep |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy Health | EMS Coordinator |
| Brett Davenport | Kettering FD |  |
| Elizabeth Sheridan | Premier health |  |
| Kimberlee Lewis | Dayton Children's Hospital | EMS Coordinator |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS |  |
| Andy Follick | CEU |  |
| Jim McGrath | Mercy Kings Mills | EMS Coordinator |
| Karen Ward | Premier health atrium | Member |
| Paula Balcom | Premier | PR Chair |
| Joe Locke | Monroe fire |  |
| Jim Garrett | Kettering Health |  |
| Scott L Melling | Box 21 Emergency Support Services |  |
| Matt Grubbs | City of Monroe | Butler County Rep |
| Greg Beegle | Xenia Twp | Greene Co Rep |
| Joshua Johnson | Sugarcreek Twp. Fire Department |  |
| Jordan Jeffries | Premier Health MVH | Drug Bag Co chair |
| Mark Senseman | Upper Valley Medical Center |  |
| Ryan Konkel | Kettering Health | CQI Chair |
| Kendra Harris | Dayton Fire | Co-chair Research committee |
| Nathan Pulliam | Dayton Fire |  |
| Damian Baggett | Oakwood Public Safety |  |
| Justin Miller | Kettering Health |  |
| Philip Dietz | Christ Hospital | EMS Coordinator |
| Felix Shanahan | Springfield Fire rescue division | Ems officer |
| Kristi Bradford | Kettering Health |  |
| Jordan Schoening | Englewood |  |
| David Gerstner | Dayton MMRS | Communications Co-chair; past president |
| Heidi Jones | Tipp City Fire &EMs | Legislative |
| Sarah Pearson | DCH | Pediatric committee chair |
| Michael Guadagno | Moraine Fire | Education co-chair |
| Joanna Pittenger | Bradford Fire & Rescue | Co-Chair PR |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |

**Call to Order:** The January 28, 2025, general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order as a hybrid meeting at 2:00 p.m. by President Justin Buehler. Self-Introductions were made.

**Secretary’s Report:** The November 26, 2024, meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for review.  There were no changes requested.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  There was no report this month.

**President’s Report:**

President Jutin Buehler begins his term as the new president of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council. President Buehler expressed deep gratitude for the steady leadership provided by Chief Chad Hollinger during his tenure as council President. He acknowledged the immense contributions Chief Hollinger has made to the council, emphasizing that the council owes him enormous thanks for his leadership and dedication.

As President-elect, President Buehler shared his experiences of observing and participating in the council over the past two years. He highlighted the incredible dedication and hard work of the members and recognized the significant value the council provides. President Buehler expressed his excitement and optimism for the future, stating that he hopes to contribute in a way that brings professionalism and further growth to the organization.

The purpose of the Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council (GMVEMSC) was discussed, with President Buehler outlining the council’s primary role of coordinating efforts between Fire/EMS/Private ambulance services, hospital emergency departments, staff, and consumers. The goal is to ensure that the best possible pre-hospital medical care is provided to individuals experiencing sudden illness or injury, ensuring quality care delivered by well-trained and dedicated professionals.

Looking ahead to 2025, President Buehler outlined several goals for the council, including identifying and understanding the needs of members through the application process, securing adequate funding through dues, grants, and sponsorships, working towards organizational alignment through committee reorganization, and streamlining communication efforts with an email campaign to better promote the council’s initiatives to the region.

For 2026, the goals will build upon the foundation set in 2025, with the addition of hiring an Executive Director to support council operations, conducting a strategic planning session to guide future efforts, and updating the GMVEMSC website to enhance its functionality and accessibility.

President Buehler concluded by reaffirming his enthusiasm for leading the council into a bright future.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**New Membership:**

Steve Stein has submitted an application to join as an at large member. This was approved.

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**

Change of Voting Reps: Request from Brookville Fire for Primary: Kaleb Broomhall –Secondary: Jordan Schoening. This was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**A.**    **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** There was no report this month.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:** President Elect Joe Locke will become the new chair. President Justin Buehler will continue to be involved as needed.

**Nominating:** Matthew Webb noted they have no updates at this time other than working to roll out the new application process.

**Public Relations:** Paula Balcom reported they have no updates at this time.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No updates at this time.

**Protocol App:** Cam Jackson reported there was an app issue they were working on to get resolved. It should be fixed this week.

**Social Media Committee:** No updates at this time.

**Communications Committee**: The last quarterly was held last week. They are working through a new way to track EMS participation. It was noted that more radio traffic was heard during the quarterly triage day, with multiple reports from hospitals thanking EMS for their participation

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** Heidi Jones mentioned the passing of House Bill 303, which will make it easier to add education and training topics without having to redo the Ohio Revised Code

**Grants Committee:**  The team met with a new grant writer who work with public safety grants. It is noted the committee has identified a grant that they will be applying for in 2025. They are working to identify future opportunities.

**B.**    **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: Jordan Jeffries mentioning that the drug lists were getting finalized and a hard drug bag reset would be necessary due to the addition of new drugs.

**CQI:**  Ryan Konkel noted they are working on the date for the next meeting.

**Standing Orders:**

The protocols are delayed a bit this year due to the possible addition of the two new drugs. There is a hard deadline of January 31 to get this pushed out. There was some discussion on taser removal information being included. There were 2 just in time standing orders sent out including one on drug waste disposal.

**Infection Control:** There were no updates at this time.

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick provides an update on the skill evaluator and protocol tests. The skill evaluator test will be separated from the protocol test, with a focus on administrative aspects. They are moving ahead with the latest draft of questions for next year, ensuring any previous questions are still reliable. Discussion was held on the existence of YouTube linked account for training. Chris explains that YouTube content is published on the website.

**Research:** The group me on January 21, 2025. It is noted that Dr. Pook has resigned from the position of chair and the group is actively searching for a replacement. At the meeting, Boundtree presented to the group and further discussion was held on community paramedicine funding opportunities.

**Pediatric:** Sarah Pearson noted they sent protocol recommendations to the Regional Physician Advisory Board for consideration. The meetings have gone well, and the next one will be in March. Sarah discussed the age requirement for mental health patients, stating that those 18 and above should be treated as adult patients. She also mentioned that the mental health building is set to open this summer. Sarah announced two upcoming training events: a 2-day pediatric disaster response and emergency preparedness course, and the Ohio EMS conference

**C.**    **Ad Hoc Committees**

**Electronic Health Record Integration (EHRI):** there are no updates.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** The group focused on the a new "ace alert" system for combative pediatric patients.

**Organizational Reports:**

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

**Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance:** There was nothing to report today.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS):** There was nothing to report today.

**RPAB, Region 3:** a group sent out two just in time standing orders. They are also working on a community initiative on prehospital use of whole blood products.

**SORTS:** The group is still working on the hand-off process as well as discussing the regional approach to selecting the new trauma base systems.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler noted the SORTS Committee is in the process of evaluating options for a new trauma data management system. While ESO has introduced a new database product, our hospitals are delaying any final decisions until they observe its performance elsewhere in the state as well as across the nation. In the meantime, SORTS is organizing a second vendor fair in the spring, inviting five different vendors—to ensure we identify a streamlined solution that supports efficient, region-wide data collection and performance improvement.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported the Cyan kits are on order. There are updates to the state CHEMPACKS as well as upcoming regional training for our region in late February and early March.

**Old Business:**   There was no old business.

**New Business:**

**BoundTree**

President Buehler introduced Kelsey and Rob from BoundTree, explaining that the council is seeking sponsorships or associate memberships from industry partners who have a vested interest in EMS service provision and support for the council. BoundTree represents one of these potential partners. This matter will be further discussed at the February Executive Committee meeting. BoundTree provides drug bags to the region and shared updated pricing information. They also fulfill the Cyan Kits and noted that delivery is expected in May.

**Establishment of a Special Committee**

President Buehler referenced the Code of Regulations, Section 6.21 on Special Committees, which states: "Ad hoc or other special committees/subcommittees shall be appointed by the President; however, no ad hoc committee/subcommittee shall be permitted to function on behalf of the Council until its purpose and responsibilities are established, or until listed as a Standing Committee by amendment to the Council Code of Regulations." He proposed the creation of a Special Committee to evaluate and consolidate GMVEMSC committees. The purpose of this committee would be to assess the number of committees and their functions, with the responsibility of presenting recommendations for consolidation to achieve better organizational alignment.

**Funding for Email Service Subscription**

President Buehler proposed the establishment of a $1,500 annual budget to purchase an email subscription service in support of the 2025 initiative to streamline council communications. The proposal was approved.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

Pediatric Disaster and Emergency Preparedness sponsored by SORTS and FEMA will be held on April 2-3, 2025 at the DCH Inspiration Center. This event is free. Register for the Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness at TEEX.ORG

Ohio EMSC Conference will be held on March 7, 2025, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.in Columbus. Register here: <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/for-medical-professionals/education-and-training/professional-education/conference-schedule/2025/03/ohio-ems>

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be on March 25, 2025, at 2:00 pm.