**GMVEMS Council**

**General Meeting**

**May 27, 2025**

**PRESENT:**

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| Ben Valiton | Fairborn Fire Department | Violence Against EMS chair |
| Anne Berdanier | Box 21 ESS |  |
| Daniel Rihm | Premier EMS Center of Excellence  | EMS Coordinator |
| Elizabeth Sheridan  | Premier Health |  |
| Joseph Burdick  | Premier Health  | Ed Co-Chair  |
| Sean Lehrter | Trotwood Fire and Rescue |  |
| David Klopfenstein  | Anna Rescue | Shelby County Rep |
| Emily Hoste | ZOLL Medical  |  |
| James Augustine MD | Washington Township FD |  |
| Justin Buehler | Clearcreek Fire | President  |
| Nick Thornton | Mercy Health | EMS Coordinator  |
| Paula Balcom | Premier | PR Chair |
| Kimberlee Lewis  | Dayton Children's Hospital  |  |
| William Mangas | Wilson Health |  |
| Chad Hollinger | Sidney FD | Past President/Shelby Co. Alternate |
| Michael Guadagno | Moraine Fire | Education co-chair |
| Karen Ward  | Premier Health - Atrium |  |
| Greg Beegle | Xenia Township  | Greene County Rep |
| Cameron Jackson | Xenia City/Premier  | Chair of App Committee  |
| Debra Walker | TriHealth | EMS Coordinator  |
| Shane Owens | Trihealth  |  |
| Robert Edmonds | Turtlecreek Township Fire Department |  |
| Mike Evers | CEU Fire Collaborative  |  |
| Lisa Rindler | GDAHA |  |

**Call to Order:** The May 27, 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 March 25, 2025, 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 Justin Buehler shared updates on the Council’s goals for 2025, which include rolling out a new application process, finding more sustainable funding, improving alignment through committee work, and streamlining communication. He mentioned that increasing member dues is also being considered to support expanded services. Justin and Lisa recently met with CFO Marty Larson to review the Council’s financials in preparation for an upcoming meeting with the small finance workgroup.

He noted the Council continues to show strong leadership despite ongoing challenges. Supporting our medical directors remains a top priority, especially with their role in overseeing standing orders, provider testing, and the drug bag program. Strengthening the Council helps ensure that support stays strong across the region.

**Executive Committee Report:** No Report

**New Membership:**

Zoll Medical had representatives introduce their company. They were voted in as associate members. Turtle Creek Township was voted in as an EMS member.

**Membership/Change of Voting Reps:**

There were none this month.

**Committee Reports:**

**A.**    **Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** Leslie Gardone reported that we have a AR of $17,975.

**Code of Regulations/Legal:**There are no recommendations for updates at this time.

**Nominating:** Matthew Webb noted there were no updates at this time.

**Public Relations:** They are reviewing nominations for the Norma Dittrick and Tom Long awards.

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

**Protocol App:** Cam Jackson reported the app is updated with the 2025 protocol; however, working through the updates with Apple and Android. This should be completed by June 1.

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

**Communications Committee**: David Gerstner noted that the Social Media committee has been helpful in getting out messaging regarding current issues. The next quarterly triage days will be in July. More information will be sent soon. He also provided some updates on communication tools used during NATO.

**Legislative & Advocacy Committee:** No updates at this time.

**Grants Committee:**  No updates at this time.

**B.**    **Medical**

**Drug Bag Exchange**: The hard drug bag reset will be occurring on June 12th. Dr. Augustine reported on current drug shortages and noted that things are better now than in the last 4 years. He shared some items on short supply including cyanokits. He noted keeping these items past their expiration date and checking before disposing of any kits. He also shared the government is working to bring back manufacturing of many drugs and supplies. He also stressed the value and importance of the council drug bag program.

**CQI:** There were no updates at this time.

**Standing Orders:**

The new protocols will go into effect on June 1. A final version with any last minor updates before June 1 along with a quick sheet. Once they are released, the group will look ahead to 2026. The group discussed an upcoming meeting to look at a regional whole blood program.

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

**Pre-Hospital Care**

**Education Committee:** Joe Burdick shared that testing is currently limited due to the vendor’s restriction on the number of tests allowed per month. He has reached out to request an increase but hasn’t received a response yet. In the meantime, they’re working to remove some non-essential tests to create more room for protocol testing.

**Research:** There were no updates at this time.

**Pediatric:** Sarah Pearson updated the group on future pediatric committee meeting dates. These will be every other month starting in June/July with a focus on protocol changes. Please reach out to her if you would like to participate.

**C.**    **Ad Hoc Committees**

**Electronic Health Record Integration (EHRI):** GDAHA is holding vendor fairs to look at vendors.

**Response to Violence against EMS:** Ben updated the group on their successful use of the ACE protocol at Dayton Childrens. Additionally, they are looking to survey members and then partner with the GDAHA Workplace Violence committee to share findings.

**Special Committee to Evaluate Committees –** work is being done to evaluate current committees and find synergy between committees by forming workgroups. Meetings are being scheduled for the July time frame to kick off quarterly committee meetings and align workgroups.

**Organizational Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** David Gerstner noted that at their last meeting they had presentations on NATO, the upcoming Brothers Helping Brothers conference this fall and a presentation on the regional HAZMAT team.

**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:** Still emphasizing good hand off processes.

**SORTS:** In addition to hosting vendor fairs, the group is still working on the hand-off process.

**GDAHA:** Lisa Rindler provided an update on the regional impacts of the Kettering Health cyberattack and thanked hospitals and EMS partners for their collaboration and continued support throughout the response.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner reported there were no updates at this time.

**Old Business:**   Council is still working to determine a date to vote on an increase in dues to cover expected council costs.

**New Business:** none.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

Joe Burdick noted that Mark Senseman will be retiring as EMS Coordinator and thanked him for his service.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm. The next meeting will be on July 22, 2025, at 2:00 pm.