

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
November 17, 2015

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

David Gerstner, GMVEMSC President/DFD  
Mark Senseman, GMVEMSC President Elect  
Scott Melling, Wayne Health Care  
Leslie Dalton, Enon/Treasurer/Alt. Clark County  
Patrick Caylor, Med Pro  
Zach Shafer, West Alexandria Fire & EMS  
Barb Hammersley, Box 21  
Ro Bowman, Eaton Fire  
Ryan Konkol, KHN  
Lindsay Sanders, KHN  
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's  
Troy Bonfield, West Chester Fire  
Sherry Edwards, MVH Trauma Outreach  
Tom Wentzel, Mason Fire  
Julie Miller, Mason Fire  
Chris Vecchi, Clearcreek Fire  
Nicole Mowell, Springfield Regional  
Brian Leciejewski, Springfield Fire  
Toby Matheney, Moraine Fire  
David Andes, DFD  
Bill Roberts, Ohio Medical Transport  
Kate Nolan, KHN/ Social Media  
William Devir, Washington Twp Fire  
Tony Alexander, KHN  
Chris Marker, Monroe Fire

Dan Alldred, Germantown Fire  
Brendan Deere, MVH/Drug Bag Chair  
Brad Kennedy, JSP Fire/Champaign County  
Bryan Eagle, Buckeye Ambulance  
Bryon Betsinger, Beaver creek TWP Fire  
Laura Clark, GSH/Infection Control  
Evan Brumbaugh, UVMC/Premier Health  
John Russell, Huber Heights Fire  
Patrick Aldrich, Englewood Fire  
Andy Harp, Miami Valley Fire District  
Elizabeth Evans, MVH South  
Wade Dexter, Troy Fire  
Alex Kuhn, American Heart Association  
Jim Shiverdecker, Med Trans (via phone)  
Brian Miller, Med Trans (via phone)  
Dixie Kirkland, KHN (via phone)  
Ryan Burke, West Chester Hospital (via phone)  
Tony Stringer, MVCTC (via phone)  
Chad Follick, Vandalia Fire (via phone)  
Brian Phillips, Greenville TWP (via phone)  
Kyle Anderson, Mechanicsburg (via phone)  
Jonathan Westendorf, Franklin Fire (via phone)  
Josh Johnson, Sugarcreek TWP (via phone)  
Daniel Shoup, Tipp City (via phone)  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

**Call to Order:** The November 17, 2015 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President David Gerstner. All attendees were introduced.

A motion was made and approved to accept an amended agenda.

David Gerstner asked that Council recognize the tremendous value Sandy Lehrter brings to Council in all her work with the GMVEMSC. She received a round of vigorous applause from all members present.

**Secretary's Report:** Sandy Lehrter provided the group with the draft minutes of the September 22, 2015 Council meeting. Two corrections were noted: Scott Melling was added to the list of attendees and a duplicate entry of Tony Alexander's name was removed. The corrected minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leslie Dalton provided an update regarding deferred income and accounts receivable.

**President's Report:** David Gerstner reminded those present to use the Council Facebook page and to encourage others to do so as well.

David reported that he is working with multiple groups in the region to address the heroin epidemic. He noted that there are some new stronger analogs of fentanyl that are being mixed with heroin however they are not in our area yet. David has asked the crime lab to let us know as soon as it is found in our area. Currently it has been found in the 3 states around us. He noted that the Council Research Committee is looking into the needle distribution brochures that were previously discussed.

David reported that he received a proposal from the Continuing Education Committee and the Testing Subcommittee regarding the possibility of CBT results being electronically transferred to the Standing Orders database. He noted that he authorized the expense to have LRS do this.

David reported that drug shortages continue to be an issue and Council will send out a report when necessary to alert members.

**Executive Committee Report:** A discussion was held regarding whether it is legal in Ohio for an ambulance to operate with 2 EMTs if only one is checked off on GMVEMSC protocols. David noted that the consensus of the GMVEMSC Executive Committee is that it is legal but not recommended. The Education Committee is reviewing the possibility of changing the Council documentation to match that recommendation.

A discussion was held regarding CBT proctor access code expiration time frames.

David reported that the PR Committee presented a proposal to purchase pens to be given out as retirement gifts. He noted that an expense of up to \$1000 was approved for the purchase.

David reported that the PR Committee has expressed concerns there is a shortage of nominations for recognitions and he asked that all departments consider submitting nominations.

**Membership:** It was noted that the agenda was revised to move the voting representative changes to occur prior to the voting on county representative changes.

A new membership request was made by West Chester Fire Department. The membership was approved. The West Chester voting representative is Troy Bonfield and the alternate is Jason Hartley.

The following voting representative and alternate changes were requested and approved:

- Troy Fire Department: Wade Dexter, Alternate – Donald Pemberton
- West Alexandria Fire Department: Zachary Shafer, Alternate – Sherri Scott
- Clearcreek Fire District: Chris Vecchi
- Piqua Fire: Vance McCulla

The following EMS Coordinator memberships were approved:

- Scott Melling, Wayne Health Care
- Elizabeth Evans, Miami Valley Hospital South
- Laura Clark, Good Samaritan Hospital
- Mark Senseman, Upper Valley Medical Center
- James Laidlaw, Atrium Medical Center

The following EMS Administrator membership was approved:

- Mary Lou Kyne, Miami Valley Hospital

## **Committee Reports:**

### **A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No report.

**Code of Regulations/ Legal:** No report.

**Nominating:** The following County Representative changes were voted on and approved:

- Montgomery County: Chad Follick, Alternate – David Gerstner
- Shelby County: Dallas Davis, Alternate – Cameron Haller
- Miami County: Wade Dexter, Alternate – Vance McCulla
- Warren County: Chris Vecchi, Alternate – Paul Scherer
- Preble County: Rolinda Bowman, Alternate – Patrick Caylor

**Public Relations:** Lindsay Sanders reported a retirement and a recognition form will be added to the GMVEMSC website.

**Website Advisory Committee:** David Gerstner provided an update for Terri Norris in her absence. He reported that Council is currently working with LRS to develop an import process to pull the computerized test scores into the existing Standing Orders Database. It was noted that the move to the blog-based website for GMVEMSC is nearing completion.

**Social Media Committee:** Kate Nolan provided an overview of the Council Facebook page and discussed the growth of the number of followers. She discussed the content of the page and requested that anyone with suggestions should pass the information along to the Social Media Committee.

**Communications Committee:** David Gerstner reported that the Committee had their first meeting and anyone interested in being members should contact Nathan Hester or Brian Garver.

## **B. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** Brendan Deere reported that he has received a response regarding the FDA Supply Chain Security Act and noted that it is no longer a concern and doesn't apply to the GMVEMSC drug bag program.

He reported that there is some concern among the pharmacists regarding the cost of drug bags and they plan to hold a meeting to have a discussion after the first of the year. David Gerstner raised a question regarding the possibility of Council working with GDAHA to look into a cost sharing opportunity by purchasing a large quantity of the most costly drugs. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of cutting some drugs from the drug bags; this would have to be presented to the RPAB for review prior to being approved. The group discussed whether the hospitals are permitted to bill patients for epi-pens or would it be considered double billing.

**Quality Assurance:** No report.

**Standing Orders:** Jack Mix reported that the 2016 protocol training manuals are now available on the Council website. A discussion was held regarding whether Council should sell printed copies of the 2016 QRG books. The discussion was tabled and will be continued at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

**Infection Control:** Chad Follick reported that an infection control physician was present at the most recent Committee meeting to provide input while the draft plan is being crafted. He noted that the Committee is awaiting feedback from the EMS Coordinators committee regarding the role they will play in the plan. The group discussed the two forms that are currently used, potential changes, and a checklist for employees. He noted that they are working on determining who to communicate information to at all the different facilities and a draft plan will most likely be out after the first of the year.

**Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** Brendan Deere reported that the Skills Evaluators training sessions are currently in the process of being scheduled. Information regarding dates and registration instructions will be sent out via the GMVEMSC listserv. He noted that all Skills Evaluators will be required to attend one of the sessions even if they are and EMS Instructor or if they have previously been a Skills Evaluator. In the future, Skills Evaluators will only be required to attend a session every other year. The sessions are intended for those that will be Skills Evaluators and not for CBT proctors. Laura Clark noted that anyone planning to attend a session should make sure to follow the registration process and pay attention to whether a computer will be available for testing because this will not be the case at all locations. It was noted that the testing software is Windows based only, and you cannot use a tablet or an Apple product for the test.

**Research:** David Gerstner reported that the Research Committee is working on a couple topics in some different areas. The committee is planning to roll out some optional protocols in the near future.

**C. Ad Hoc Committees:**

**CLIA:** No report.

**EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration:** David Gerstner reported that the group has met 3 times since the last Council meeting. There are now three potential vendors they are looking at and they are moving forward on the project but don't have a timeline yet.

**Organization 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, Division 3:** David Gerstner noted that the October RPAB was cancelled.

**SORTS:** No report.

**GDAHA:** No report.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner provided an update regarding the MMRS annual meeting. He discussed ongoing projects involving Ebola and special pathogens. David reported that there may be a special MMRS meeting to discuss tactics and procedures used by the terrorists in Paris recently. Any meeting scheduled regarding this topic will be announced through a listserv message.

**Old Business:**

- **Trauma Bill Update:** Mark Senseman provided an update regarding HB261. He noted that it went to the Health Committee to be reviewed for possible changes. Once changes have been made it will go to the Speaker of the House. He reported that the Health Committee is not seeking public comments right now. Mark noted that he has been told by Representative Grossman's office that they don't know when the bill will go to the floor. David Gerstner asked Mark Senseman to contact Representative Grossman's office and request a revised copy of the bill. He asked him to determine if Council should take an official position regarding HB261 and if so then a recommendation would be made to the Executive Committee. Jonathan Westendorf noted that the fire chiefs are in the process of drafting a letter expressing their concerns. David asked Jonathan to find out which chief's group is drafting the letter and whether they would be willing to share it with the Council Executive Officers. David asked that anyone who learns of updated info related to HB261 or has thoughts regarding it to get in touch with either Leslie Dalton or Mark Senseman.

**New Business:**

- David Gerstner discussed MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) and provided information regarding Senate Bill 165. He reported that there are some fire chiefs that have expressed concerns but it is moving forward.
- The 2016 regular Council meeting dates were presented and approved as follows:
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - July 26<sup>th</sup>
  - September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>
- The 2016 Executive Committee meeting dates were presented and approved as follows:
  - February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - October 25<sup>th</sup>
  - December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- Alex Kuhn of AHA provided information regarding the 2016 quality achievement awards for EMS and noted that they are working with the QA Committee. Information will be sent out on the listserv
- Heather Koss announced the annual Pediatric Symposium will take place at Children's on January 9th.
- David noted that there are currently 30 agencies participating in the RTF program and suggested that many other agencies should consider becoming involved.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.