

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
November 15, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chad Follick, Vandalia Fire/GMCFCA
David Gerstner, GMVEMSC President/DFD
Richard Morrett, Wilson Health
Mark Senseman, GMVEMSC Pres. Elect/Premier
Patrick Aldrich, Englewood Fire
Dan Welty, Christiansburg Fire
David Andes, DFD
Barbie Scribner, First Care Ambulance
Nicole Mowell, Springfield Regional Med Center
Brian Leciejewski, Springfield Fire
Brendan Deere, Miami Valley Hospital
Brad Kennedy, Grants/JSP Fire
William Devir, Washington TWP Fire
Laura Clark, Good Samaritan Hospital
Brian Phillips, Greenville TWP Rescue

Eric Burns, Tri-Village Rescue, Darke County Rep
Dan Carey, JSP Fire District
Brian Lykins, Clearcreek Fire District
Leslie Dalton, Treasurer, Enon
Thomas Kaeff, AMR
Trent Elliott, WSU
Chris Marker, Monroe Fire, Nominating Committee
Brian Miller, MedTrans
Jeremy Lane, Legislative & Advocacy/Atrium
Eric Cook, Wayne Healthcare
Tony Alexander, KHN
Heather Koss, Children's Medical Center/Pediatric
Donna Clark, Franklin Fire
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

Call to Order: The November 15, 2016 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President David Gerstner. All attendees were introduced.

Secretary's Report: The draft minutes from the September 27, 2016 Council meeting were accepted as presented by Sandy Lehrter.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Dalton provided an update regarding Council's current financial standing.

President's Report: David Gerstner discussed a new ad hoc committee, Response to Violence Against EMS, which is being chaired by Aimee Maychack and co-chaired by Andy Harp. David provided an overview of the history of the committee.

Dave Andes provided an update regarding the MARCS radio system. He reported that the system is live in Montgomery County and noted that there are 10 towers and 30 channels that interface with the statewide MARCS system. It was reported that 29 channels are working currently and all of the Montgomery County hospitals have been tested. The group is working with hospitals outside of Montgomery County that communicate with squads in the county to help work out issues. It was noted that not all hospitals' staff have been trained but that is in process.

David Gerstner reported that he met with the State OHTrac committee and noted that the system is now operational for hospitals and partially for EMS. The app for the system is free and they are working on putting together an EMS educational program. David reported that the eventual goal is to be able to scan the code on a patient's triage tag so they will be automatically entered into the tracking system.

David noted that the GDAHA Domestic Preparedness Coalition Communications group is meeting almost monthly now and they are planning a series of exercises to take place in 2017. Information will be added to the GMVEMSC website when it becomes available. The exercises will eventually cover all aspects of patient tracking. David reported that they will begin having quarterly triage training days during which EMS will be asked to put a triage ribbon and tag on all patients, any patient that isn't brought in by squad will be tagged by the hospital. The days of the week will be alternated in order to provide the training to staff that work different shifts. These triage days will begin in February.

David reported that ODH has partnered with the Ohio National Guard for the largest mass casualty exercise in Ohio for 2017. The exercise will involve 30 transports at a minimum and may go up to 100. They have requested EMS involvement. It is being planned to take place on May 5th and 6th with it possibly carrying over to the 7th. Information will be sent out on the listserv when it becomes available.

David provided an update regarding Council's involvement in the planning group that is addressing the opiate problem in our region. He noted that the GMVEMSC Research Committee is working on developing a regional template for agencies to use within their communities.

There were two complaints received regarding persons that may not be eligible to access the drug bags. These items were pursued and resolved.

Executive Committee Report: David Gerstner discussed a concern that was raised regarding implementation guide requirements not being met in a 2nd and 3rd testing attempt. The Education Committee is looking into the situation.

The narcan training for law enforcement that is available on the Council website is being updated and will include narration.

Membership:

The following Voting Rep changes were approved:

Wilson Health – EMS Coordinator – Rich Morrett
Wayne HealthCare – EMS Coordinator Eric Cook
Minster Life Squad – Rep. Sara Beckman
Moraine Fire – Rep. William Ziegert

The following new membership was approved:
AMR – Rep. Tom Kaeff, Alt. James Laidlaw

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/ Legal: No report.

Nominating: Chris Marker provided an overview of county representatives noting the following:

- Dan Welty will remain as Champaign County Rep and Brad Kennedy will remain the Alternate
- The EMS Councils for Greene and Darke Counties will decide on their representatives and will notify GMVEMSC
- Chris Marker will remain as Butler County Rep and Sheri Salyer will remain as Alternate
- Brian Leciejewski will remain as Clark County Rep and Leslie Dalton will remain as Alternate
- Leslie Dalton has agreed to remain in the Treasurer position

Chris Marker reported that there is a need to fill the open President Elect position. A motion was made to nominate David Gerstner for the position. A vote was taken by a show of hands and David Gerstner was elected to the position for the two year term beginning in 2017.

Public Relations: David Gerstner reported that the committee is working on updating the nominating process for Council awards. He noted that the state desperately needs nominations for their annual awards as well.

Website Advisory Committee: David reported that the new website format is working well. The committee is currently working on finding a new listserv format.

Social Media Committee: Brian Phillips reported that Facebook is currently the only social media format that Council is using. He noted that we would like to use other types as well but additional help with the committee is needed to be able to do that. It was suggested that a slide with information regarding Council's Facebook page should be added to the protocol update PowerPoint presentation for 2017.

Communications Committee: David Andes invited all Council members to attend the Miami Valley Fire Alliance Communications meetings that are held monthly. The next meeting will be on January 5th at 9:00 a.m. in Building 20 at Sinclair.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee: Jeremy Lane discussed OH HB 113, the trauma bill that is no longer moving forward, the MOLST bill, Federal House Resolution 4365, OH 407, OH 451 and OH 529. He noted that the next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on December 14th.

Grants Committee: Brad Kennedy reported that he met with the GDAHA CFO regarding gathering background information for grant applications. .

B. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange:

Brendan Deere reported that he will be meeting the hospital pharmacists in February and a tentative drug bag update is being planned for some time in May.

A discussion was held regarding the BoP wet ink signature requirements. Brendan noted that he will be asking all departments to keep a log of the drug bags they use starting in January. The log will track the bag numbers and the hospitals where they receive them. It was reported that the group is working toward being able to use bar code scanners or another form of tracking such as RFID. Bill Devir will work with Brendan and Chris Vecchi to find the best option.

Crews were reminded to watch expiration dates on bags and to turn them in in a timely manner when it is close to expiration.

Brendan noted that agencies needing more than five additional drug bags at a time should be aware that the request could take up to 2 weeks to fill.

CQI: The next meeting will be held on December 6th.

Standing Orders: The Education Committee and the Standing Orders Committee will be holding a combined meeting on November 17th. Tony Alexander reported that the Skills Evaluator session dates and registration instructions will be sent out later this week.

Infection Control: David Gerstner reported that the new exposure policy is now in place and will be included in the 2017 protocols. A narrated Powerpoint with the information will be added to the Council website when it is ready.

C. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: Tony Alexander reported that protocol testing will be open in January with the first testing cycle being completed by the end of March. All testing should be completed by the end of May. He noted that the passing score requirement has not changed; it will remain as a 74 and an 84 for Skills Evaluators. There are 12 sites set up for Skills Evaluator sessions currently; additional sites will be added in January. Attendees at the Skills Evaluator sessions will be required to bring their own laptop with the testing program already loaded and they will be required to take the test the day of the session. All CBT proctors will be given new codes this year. Brendan Deere reported that an audit of departments in the database will be implemented in 2017 in order to help reassure the BoP that the drug bag program requirements are being maintained.

Research: David Gerstner reported that the committee is currently focused on community paramedicine and opiate issues. The next meeting will be held at noon on November 22nd.

Pediatric: Health Koss reported that the pediatric care coordinator position is not mandatory at this point. She discussed the measures that EMSC is looking at and noted that they are going to focus on the EMS/Pediatric relationship in 2017. Heather reported that more data is needed on this topic and a survey may be sent to fire departments and EMS agencies to help obtain it.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration: David reported that the group has narrowed down the options to two vendors and noted that there are some challenges in the vendor proposals.

Response to Violence Against EMS: A discussion was held regarding the possibility of redacting your personal information from public records and what the process is to do that.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: David reported that they are requesting nominations for annual awards.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: The new website will be operational in late January. New CPAT proctors are needed, trainings will be held in January

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS): No report.

RPAB, Division 3: No report.

SORTS: David reported that Karen Ward will replace Bryon Betsinger, who has retired, as the Council representative on the SORTS Committee.

GDAHA: Tony Alexander reported the signage regarding carcinogens on bunker gear is being created and noted that it will be sent to the GDAHA Board of Trustees for approval as a hospital policy when complete.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):

- The Annual Steering Committee meeting was held this morning.
- RTF instructor training is being planning for December 5th, 7th and 9th. Members do not have to be a cache agency to be able to attend.

Old Business:

Veterinary Standing Orders – It was noted that agencies can follow the law if they have a vet oversee it but they are not permitted to use the narcan from the GMVEMSC drug bags for this purpose.

New Business:

Information was given regarding standing orders being revised in 2017 for narcan dosing.

Educational/Organization Announcements:

- Mary Porter has announced her retirement.
- Dayton Children's has passed their trauma review
- The new Dayton Children's ED in Springboro will open in January.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.