

GMVEMS Council
General Meeting
July 25, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mark Senseman, UVMC/ GMVEMSC President
Ryan Konkell, KHN
Rich Morrett, Wilson Health
James Laidlaw, AMR
David Andes, DFD
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's /Pediatric
John Russell, Huber Heights Fire/Education
Alex Brahm, Premier Health/Education
Joanna Pittinger, Tipp City/ PR
Jennifer Mason, KHN
Brian DeVilbiss, Eldora Speedway
Brendan Deere, MVH/ Drug Bag
Leslie Dalton, Mad River/ Treasurer
Leeann Matthews, Eaton

Scott Jacobs, DFD/PR
Liz Williams, WSU MPH Student
Tony Alexander, KHN
Justin Palmer, KHN
Bryan Adams, DFD /PR
Chris Vecchi, KHN/ Website
Elizabeth Evans, MVH South/Jamestown/Website
Andy Harp, MVFD/Violence Against EMS
Laura Clark, Good Samaritan, Infection Control
Tom Kaeff, AMR
Eric Cook, Wayne Healthcare
Donna Clark, Franklin Fire
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC
Ryan Burke, UC Health

Call to Order: The July 25, 2017 general meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Mark Senseman. All attendees were introduced.

Secretary's Report: The draft minutes from the May 23, 2017 Council meeting were accepted as presented by Sandy Lehrter.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Dalton provided an overview of the current financials discussing accounts receivable and deferred income.

President's Report: Mark Senseman reported that Council recently sent a letter of endorsement regarding an effort to begin an initiative for training law enforcement and EMS to use common terminology during violent situation responses.

Mark discussed ongoing issues related to the extension of expiration dates of certain lots of atropine and epinephrine.

It was reported that there are increasing issues related to patient care reports not being turned in to the hospitals by EMS. Mark noted that the care reports are a Board of Pharmacy requirement.

Executive Committee Report: No report.

Membership: A membership request submitted by Eldora Speedway was approved.

Committee Reports:

A. Administration

Budget & Finance: No report.

Code of Regulations/ Legal: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Website Advisory Committee: Chris Vecchi reported that there was an issue related to the license for the protocol app that made it temporarily unavailable for a couple days but the problem has been resolved.

Social Media Committee: David Gerstner reported that the number of Facebook followers continues to grow and noted that the committee is in need of a co-chair.

Communications Committee: Dave Andes noted that Miami County is now a part of the MARCS system. After a discussion he asked that any issues related to helicopter communication be relayed to him to help address them. He invited anyone interested to attend the Miami Valley Fire and EMS Alliance communications committee meetings.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee: No report.

Grants Committee: No report.

B. Medical:

Drug Bag Exchange: Brendan Deere discussed expiration date extensions and shortages.

He reported that information will be sent to all members in the drug bag program as a reminder of the patient care report requirements noting that it is a Board of Pharmacy requirement. If a department fails to turn in reports on a regular basis it could result in them being removed from the drug bag program.

Brendan reported that agencies that haven't turned in a copy of their current drug license to Council will receive a warning letter. Council is required to provide the hospital pharmacies with a copy of all member licenses for them to have on file.

CQI: No report.

Standing Orders: It was reported that the committee will meet one more time before the 2018 protocols are finalized.

Infection Control: Laura reported that the committee continues to work on the viral load testing issue.

C. Pre-Hospital Care:

Education Committee: Alex Brahm discussed potential changes to the protocol process in 2018 noting that: the Education Committee will recommend to the RPAB that skills evaluators should attend train the trainer sessions annually; the train the trainer sessions would take place during January and February; the CBT will be available beginning on March 15th; May 31st will be the last day of the testing cycle.

It was noted that a meeting to discuss potential changes or updates to the Standing Orders database will take place on July 26th.

Research: David Gerstner reported that the committee continues to focus mainly on opioid related issues. He discussed tools that have been provided to EMS agencies such as information cards to distribute to the patients and family.

David provided an over view of information related to EMS now being permitted by the State to personally furnish narcan kits to patients after they are treated for an overdose. and noted that the Dayton Fire Department is the repository for those that will be supplied by Montgomery County ADAMHS. Any department in Montgomery County that chooses to allow their squads to do so will obtain them through the DFD as they aren't permitted to use the narcan from the GMVEMSC drug bags for this. He noted that any departments outside of Montgomery County should contact their ADAMHS office or the equivalent organization in their county.

Pediatric: Heather Koss provided an update regarding the role of pediatric care coordinator as discussed at the state level. She noted that conferences are being organized throughout the state to provide information regarding the coordinator position however Dayton and Cincinnati haven't set dates yet.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

EMS Run Sheets Electronic Health Record Integration: No report.

Response to Violence Against EMS: Aimee Maychack reported that a meeting was held recently but due to low attendance it is being rescheduled. She noted that the committee will compile some educational material to provide to squads and she will be attending an upcoming ADAMHS de-escalation training.

Organization Reports:

MC Fire Chiefs Association: No report.

Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance: Andy Harp provided an update regarding CPAT, and assessment center testing.

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services (EMFTS): David reported that they have completed the strategic and five year plans.

RPAB, Division 3: No report.

SORTS: It was noted that the committee will not meet again until sometime in August.

GDAHA: No report.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): David noted that MMRS, GMVEMSC and GDAHA are working together to improve communications during MCIs. He noted that quarterly triage drills will begin in September. A discussion was held regarding the tags that will be used, who will be distributing the tags and a training video which will be added to GMVEMSC website for continuing education. Copies of the communications job aid are available along with large rings to hold the triage tags.

Old Business: David reported that a request for an overdose MCI plan was brought forward in December and there have been recent concerns that the potential for this type of event actually happening may be greater now. A discussion was held regarding whether we should move forward with the plan. A recommendation was made that it should be completed since it is almost done and it could be used in other instances.

New Business: A question was raised regarding whether EMS crews are permitted to restock narcan for law enforcement from the GMVEMSC drug bags. It was noted that this is not permitted and it is available from the state for law enforcement at no charge through their county health organizations. DPD is the repository for Montgomery County departments. EMS agencies that do not carry drug bags on their apparatus can also get it from the state at no charge.

Educational/Organization Announcements: Mark Senseman reported that there will be a PALS instructor training on September 28th at Dayton Children's. Anyone interested should contact Mike Grunkmeyer at grunk@roadrunner.com. There is some pre-requisite work online that is required prior to the class.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.