

GMVEMS Council  
General Meeting  
September 22, 2015

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

David Gerstner, GMVEMSC President/DFD  
Donna Clark, City of Franklin  
Dixie Kirkland, SVH  
Bill Mangas, KHN/Education Committee  
Ryan Konkel, KHN  
Lindsay Sanders, KHN  
Heather Koss, Dayton Children's  
Dallas Davis, Sidney Fire  
Andy Riddiough, JEMS  
Marla Werner, KHN  
Richard Craig, German Twp Fire (Clark)  
Nicole Mowell, Springfield Regional  
David Andes, DFD  
Shon Smith, Riverside Fire  
William Devir, Washington Twp Fire  
Tony Alexander, KHN

Aimee Maychack, UVMC/GSH  
Brendan Deere, MVH/Drug Bag Chair  
Scott Melling, Wayne Health Care  
Bryan Eagle, Buckeye Ambulance  
Bryon Betsinger, Beaver creek TWP Fire  
Meredith Lawhorn, KHN  
Laura Clark, GSH/Infection Control  
Evan Brumbaugh, UVMC/Premier Health  
John Russell, Huber Heights Fire  
Patrick Aldrich, Englewood Fire  
Chris Kyer, KHN/QA/QI  
Adam Howard, Fairborn Fire Dept/Research  
Pat Ricketts, Fairborn Fire Dept  
Brandon Barnett, Trotwood Fire  
Dan Welty, Christiansburg Fire  
Sandy Lehrter, GDAHA/GMVEMSC

**Call to Order:** The September 22, 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.

**Secretary's Report:** provided the group with the minutes of the July 28, 2015 Council meeting. Lindsay Sanders requested that her name be corrected in the PR Committee portion. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leslie Dalton was absent, no report was given and there were no questions from the members.

**President's Report:** David Gerstner referenced a flyer containing ambulance crash data that was sent out on the listserv and noted that the number of ambulance crashes compared to overall vehicle crashes isn't high. He stressed the importance of crews using safety belts whenever possible in the ambulance and the use of shoulder straps on patients.

David reported that a meeting took place at the state level two weeks ago regarding the revision of CHEMPACK guidance in Ohio. He noted that it was a productive meeting and it should lead to a more productive program. David reported that there are still some issues in the hospitals that will benefit from reeducation in the ED and pharmacy.

David provided an update regarding the transportation of mental health patients. He noted that at a recent meeting attended by Council, GDAHA and Ethics Consortium members a draft destination protocol for EMS and law enforcement was created. The draft protocol has been discussed with the RPAB and will be a part of the 2016 GMVEMSC protocols.

David provided information regarding the Council CLIA Waiver and noted that he would appoint an ad hoc committee to work with Sandy to clarify the process for adding departments to the list of covered agencies. He noted that it should only require one meeting. Adam Howard, Brendan Deere and Bryan Eagle were appointed and will schedule a meeting with Sandy to review.

A discussion was held regarding listserv issues and potential website updates. It was noted that the issues are being addressed by LRS and DataYard, an update will be provided at a later meeting.

David reported that work continues on the electronic health record project. Three meetings have been held and there are now more vendors available than there were when the project first began so there are more proposals. He discussed potential fees associated with the project and noted that the electronic records will not replace run sheets. The point of the electronic record is that once a run sheet is completed it will be transmitted by secure server to make it accessible by ED staff and physicians and will become part of the patients' medical record. David noted that he has informed the vendors that the electronic records have to be able to communicate with all systems that are used.

David reported that he was contacted by the news as Council President and was asked to provide an interview regarding a topic currently in the news involving a member. He noted that he agreed to give only a general information interview after today's meeting and will not address specific circumstances.

**Executive Committee Report:** David Gerstner reported that the new drug bags purchased from Boundtree arrived with an error so they had to be returned for repair. Sandy Lehrter reported that the new bags didn't have locking zippers on the internal pouch in the Intermediate pocket; the manufacturer is repairing them and will send them back to Council when complete. The invoice will not be paid until the repair is done.

David reported that MMRS is continuing to work on a regional Ebola plan and there will be grant money available for agencies that are interested in participating. The next meeting will be held as part of the MMRS Planning Committee Meeting on October 13, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

David noted that there is nothing new to report regarding drug overdose discussions.

David reported that the Executive Committee was asked to vote on a letter of support regarding a possible grant for replacement of the cache of antibiotics when they expire. MMRS asked for a letter of support for doing so from the Executive Committee and one was approved and provided.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Administration**

**Budget & Finance:** No report.

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

**Nominating:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Lindsay Sanders reported that a meeting was held a couple weeks ago and the committee is currently working on ideas for retirement gifts. Once an option has been decided they will present their proposal to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Website Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Social Media Committee:** David Gerstner reported that the committee has been making progress and recognized them for their efforts.

**B. Medical:**

**Drug Bag Exchange:** Brendan Deere noted that there is some concern regarding the exterior locking zippers on the drug bags but noted that the pharmacists will be able to make the pockets secure.

Brendan reported that he hasn't received an update from the FDA regarding the Supply Chain Security Act.

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. It was reported that the cost of a full drug bag is over \$1000 with \$800 of that being the Narcan, epi-pens and glucagon. He noted that they will also discuss the use of filter needles and reported that not all pharmacists can provide them.

David Gerstner asked if it was possible for stand-alone EDs to be considered base hospitals for squads and Brendan reported that they cannot. It isn't possible because they don't always have pharmacists on staff at all times to fill drug bags as needed.

The question was raised regarding whether Council drug bags can go across state lines to be used in Philadelphia during the Pope's visit. A discussion was held regarding what is involved in assisting out of state and reviewing the document that was sent out by the State of Ohio. David suggested that the agency requesting to take the bags out of state should work out a plan to refill the bags while they are there so there is no cost to our hospitals. He noted that we should encourage helping outside the area but the agencies should be responsible for creating a plan to refill their bags. This would fall under the same legal authority as a disaster response.

A discussion was raised regarding whether hospitals have access to the better pricing on Narcan that DeWine negotiated for. David noted that the pricing only included police, fire and EMS but not hospitals.

**Quality Assurance:** Chris Kyer distributed a September 2015 newsletter containing an August QA/QI Committee summary. It was noted that 95% of member departments do not submit QI data to the committee for review. The committee has identified the top three points of data collection and Chris noted that they are looking for articles for the newsletters. David recognized the departments that have been participating and thanked them. A discussion was held regarding data collection request timelines and the benefits of sharing data.

**Standing Orders:** David Gerstner reported that Jack Mix has everything except two areas complete in the 2016 protocols. The committee is currently cross checking manuals and anyone interested in assisting should contact Jack.

### **Pre-Hospital Care:**

**Education Committee:** Bill Mangas reported that the Executive Committee approved the move to computer based testing for 2016. He noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at the test will be done at the department level and if a 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt is required it would be proctored by an EMS Coordinator. Proctors will be chosen by the department chiefs and the medical directors. He reported on testing changes for 2016 such as 1<sup>st</sup> attempts must be complete by March 31<sup>st</sup>, all train the trainers (even EMSIs) must attend a skills evaluator session and then will be required to attend one every other year after 2016. Bill reported that there are two Education Committee work groups addressing the different aspects of the new testing format. One is working on the process and the other is working on the test question bank. He noted that proposed test questions can be emailed to him. A discussion was held regarding whether there will be a cost to attend a skills evaluator session. Bill reported that there will be labs available at different locations for agencies that don't have access to computers for testing otherwise. The committee is currently putting together a FAQ document regarding the process and how proctoring will be done.

**Research:** Adam Howard noted that information was presented to the Executive Committee and he discussed the guide for implementation of pre-hospital care plans. He noted that all are welcome to attend the committee meetings.

**Infection Control:** Laura Clark reported that the committee has created a draft protocol and they are planning to meeting with the infections control physicians. The draft has been reviewed by the RPAB.

**Communication Committee:** David Gerstner reported that the DFD, GDAHA Communications Committee has been working together and noted that Council has re-started its Communications Committee as a result of those discussions. Nathan Heister and Brian Garver are the co-chairs of the Council Communications committee. He reported that Motorola is offering a 40% on radio purchases through December 15. Contact Lt. David Andes at DFD for information.

### **C. Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Run Sheets/ Data:** No report.

**Ohio Incidence Run Report Form:** No report.

### **Organization Reports:**

**MC Fire Chiefs Association:** No report.

**Miami Valley Fire/ EMS Alliance:** No report.

**Ohio Emergency Medical Services:** No report.

**RPAB, Division 3:** David Gerstner noted that the RPAB may not hold an October meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

**SORTS:** David Gerstner reported that SORTS has met jointly with the RPAB to discuss potential trauma triage guideline changes. It was noted that no changes will be made.

**GDAHA:** No report.

**Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** David Gerstner noted that the annual MMRS steering committee meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He reported that MMRS is in the process of purchasing 2 moulage kits that will be available for loan to departments for disaster drill training. They will also be setting up three programs to train people how to do moulage; it will be an 8 hour course that will be repeated 3 times so one can be held on each platoon day.

**Membership:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- Trauma Bill Update: No report.

**New Business:**

- David Gerstner discussed MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) and provided information regarding Senate Bill 165. He distributed a draft letter to the group and requested a motion to support Council sending a letter of support for passing MOLST legislation in Ohio. A discussion was held regarding details and requirements of the MOLST plan. David noted that an educational piece is being created to help clarify and resolve discrepancies. He reported that the letter of support being requested would be an endorsement of MOLST being used as a replacement for the DNR from this point forward once it goes into effect.  
The following motion was made and approved: Council will send a letter of support to the committee working on MOLST legislation.
- David provided information regarding the Radiological Plan. He noted that they are in the process of going to the county fire chief's meetings, health departments and hospitals to ask for participation. David noted that the plan is intended only for radiological incidents that involve life threatening instances. He discussed the sections of the plan and discussed the different disciplines involved. A motion to adopt the MMRS radiological plan was made and approved. A letter of support will be signed by David.

**Educational/Organization Announcements:**

- An EMT refresher class will be held at UVMC, information will be sent out on listserv.
- A symposium with Dr. Peter Stern will be held at Kettering Medical Center.
- An Advance Stroke Life Support educational event will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.