

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
October 3, 2023
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:06

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Matt Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	
DES	Matt Stairiker, Christina Wood, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	Matt Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Patti Kreitzer
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	Steven Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Dr. Siberski, Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Bert Schiffer, Anthony Martin, Brad Cosgrove
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Matt Welch
2nd: Chris Murray
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Crew Force
 - Working out some bugs, going very well
 - Can't do charting and crewforce at the same time
 - T-mobile – free ipad and then 19.99 data plan

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- MCI walk kits are ordered
- PLUM case – have access, get to Joe's and Tower to see what is needed from the IT department. Tower already has theirs in hand
 - Will have Verizon and First Net
 - Was used at Maple Grove and it worked very well.
- Vital sign cases down in Berks County area
- Looking at doing a MOAB class, also additional training. Trying to get more training at Code conference for next year.

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Out of service in Berks County
 - What indicates the agency in service: highest level that your agency provides
 - Council will not dive into that at that level if you drop down to a BLS and are technically out of service.
 - County Wide plan in Berks County
 - Discussion was talked about removing from plan
- Code conference coming up in a few weeks.
- 3.5.0 Nemsis – May 1, 2024
 - See attached flyer

Tower Health System

- Masking policy is now encouraged. However, if patient is very sick, mask the patient
- Pick up your backboards
- Penn between 2nd and 5th – avoid, please look for a different route
- October 15th – Road run

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Flu clinic – free to first responders and family
 - Wednesday 1630-1900
 - Saturday 0900-1100

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

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Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Getting ready for Code Conference
 - October 11-13, 2023
- Omni-cell users – make sure to log in at least once every 90 days to prevent your account from becoming dormant and locking you out. You don't need to pull meds, just use log in with your fingerprint
- If you still need to get your fingerprint on file, please reach out to your EMS liaison or our agencies super users.

St Luke's

- Code Conference
 - October 11-13, 2023

Hershey Medical Center

- Nothing to report

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Well Span

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Nothing to report

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- COVID
 - Increase cases of covid and hospitalizations
 - CDC recommendation: updated vaccination, not a booster
 - For who:
 - Older adults
 - Pregnant women
 - People that live with those folks
 - 6 months and up can receive vaccination
 - Travel – pushing mask mandates in California
 - Be safe and put mask on drippy sneezy patients.
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Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

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Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- ESO should take care of the 3.5.0 data
- Jim Boyer
 - Concerned about how things are dispatched
 - EMD was derived by EMS managers and 911 Medical Director
 - Jim Boyer will Chair a subcommittee to discuss issues
 - Are we able to obtain data on ALS dispatches vs outcomes to support this discussion?
 - Review primary and secondary calls vs dispatch call type

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:45

Motion: Brad Cosgrove

2nd: John Shook