

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
January 5, 2021  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Michael Groff
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf, Brian Benoit
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Brian Gottschall, Sean Hart, Michael Smith, Christina Wood
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	Paul Staley
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman, HForaker
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Jody Heckman, Chris Murray
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Mike Sninsky
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanocho, Brian Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Bert Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve: Chris Murray  
Second by: Jeff Knopf  
Motion Vote: Approve

Nominations for President: Anthony Tucci – voted and approved

Nominations for Secretary: Carrie Frey – voted and approved (against her judgement)

#### **DES Account**

- Vaccinations
  - Emails were sent out
  - Check work and personal emails, if nothing on either one check with managers
- Pushing out Radio updates
  - RMI is still working in alphabetical order

#### **Task Force/Healthcare Coalition**

- Not present

#### **Eastern PA EMS Council**

- Licensure account emails sent
  - Update account information
- PA train – COVID vaccination course
  - Vaccination clinic
  - Course # 1095048
    - Make sure you set aside 40 mins. for the class as you cannot pause the video
- Live Stream Con Ed with Dr. Wilson
  - January 18 @ 1830 hours.
- Preparedness virtual Con Ed
  - If you have a topic of interest or a Dr. to speak – let council know

#### **Eastern PA MedCom**

- Not present

#### **Tower Health System**

- Restructuring parking lot
  - Trying to maximize space
- Pediatric emergency – Con Ed
- Omnicell – issue fixed

#### **Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center**

- Nothing to report

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#### **Reading School of Health Sciences**

- Refresher class 2021
  - Officially cancelled
  - Referring students to Refresh 2021 – online courses for National Registry

#### **Lehigh Valley Health Network**

- Remember Masks and Decon
- Let someone in ED aware if supplies are missing or in need

#### **St Luke's**

- All campuses are doing the vaccination
- National Registry
  - Open – coming up in a few weeks

#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Not present

#### **Ephrata**

- Welcoming students
  - Due diligence on clearances

#### **Dr. Siberski**

- Mutations starting to pop up
- Promote vaccinations
  - Very limited side effects

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing to report

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- Reach out if you have any questions – State of Science conversation related to COVID

#### **Old Business**

- Paprs are ordered
  - Hopefully be here end of week

#### **New Business**

- Direction on Papr and source control
- EMS Chiefs and Supervisors
  - Email coming from Tower accreditation report

**Next Meeting: February 2 2021 at 10:00**

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**Motion to close**

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: Jeff Knopf

Meeting closed 10:33