

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
March 2, 2021
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf, Brian Benoit
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker, Michael Smith, Sean Hart
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Stephen Bobella, Craig Huntsinger
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Chris Breneman
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 Yanochko
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Tom Stauffer, Fred Wurster
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf
2nd: Dr. Stauffer
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Run Card Changes
 - Did not get any feedback from the organizations
 - If you have feedback – get with Christina ASAP
- Changes will be made in April
- Any questions or concerns – reach out to Christina Wood

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Nothing to report

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Flexcare Nebs
 - 1 for 1 replacement
 - See facilitator
- Take any yard sale items with you
 - Trying to clean out the ambulance bay area of backboards, reeves, and whatever else is there.

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- 12 lead cables were left in Room 19 – Check your monitors

Reading School of Health Sciences

- School is following strictly to prevent exchange in class or labs
 - 14-day quarantine for students
 - 10-day quarantine for hospital staff
- No National Registry class this year.

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- New Omnicell
 - Will reach out to management for rosters
 - Will happen next month or so
- Reach out to Shawn for any housekeeping or keycard issues

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St Luke's

- Wear your mask and mask patient
- Shots – reach out to Jeff if you still need your vaccination
- Online education coming up

Hershey Medical Center

- Mask yourself and patients

Ephrata

- Nothing to report

Dr. Siberski

- 28 million COVID cases in US
 - 1.8% mortality rate
- Vaccines
 - FDA just approved Johnson and Johnson last week
 - 3.9 million doses shipped this week
 - By July 100 million to ship with help from Merck
 - Pfizer – decreased a systematic transmission
- Israel
 - Compared mechanical ventilation rate
 - Feb 2020-Feb 2021
 - 67% decreased with ages 70 and older
 - 84% were vaccinated
- Watch travel to Africa
 - New cases of Ebola

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Stauffer

- Vaccinations are progressing
- Mask, Mask, Mask
- Reach out if you have any questions or concerns for Dr. Stauffer

Old Business

- Nothing

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New Business

- Ambulance Association
 - Under S.149
 - Keep an eye on this document
- Communication lingo
 - Switch to plain language
 - Western 1-1
 - Western 3-1
 - 88% yes, 12% no for switching
 - Hospitals are on board as well as this would be beneficial for the facilitators

Next Meeting: April 6 2021 at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 1031 hours

Motion: Jeff Knopf

2nd: Brian Benoit