

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
January 2, 2024  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	
DES	Phil Salamone, Michael Smith, Brian Gottschall, Christina Wood,
Elverson	Matthew Welch
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	Josh Newcomer, Joe Depatto
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	Anthony Tucci
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Hunt, Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	C Murray, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen, Cory Showalter
Northern Berks EMS	S. Bobella
Oley	Michael Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Bill Hafer
Reading Fire Department	Michael Sninsky
RHS School of Health Sciences	Gail Knauer
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Topton Ambulance	
TowerDIRECT	Brad Cosgrove, Herbert Schiffer, Jason Motter, Rafael Henin
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober
Western Berks	Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Motion: Welch

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bobella

**DES Workgroup position Nominations** – President Motion for Tony Tucci- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Murray, Motion for Michael Sninsky 2<sup>nd</sup> by J shook, Poll names Tucci. Secretary Chelsie Ober- unanimous vote.

**DES Report-** No report, crew force a failure

**Task Force/Healthcare Coalition-** No report, EMS meeting Thursday afternoon Tony will send invite

**Eastern PA EMS Council-** Protocol updates all info released, expired providers list shared too

**Tower Health System-** Get your dirty backboards **PLEASE**

**Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center-** Con ed 1/10 Sam Henne presenting, thanks for your patience

**Reading School of Health Sciences-** Thanks for precepting, reach out with issues. PHX medic program begins next week and now taking EMT applications for summer.

**Lehigh Valley Health Network-** Taylor has a new email (Taylor.Hunt@LVHN.org), if you do purchase MEDS FROM LVHN there are things you need to do to get your meds. See Taylor.

**St Luke's-** Not present

**Hershey Medical Center-** Not Present

**Lancaster General Hospital-** Not present

**Wellspan-** Reach out to Joe Depatto with any issues wall times etc. (jdepatto@wellspan.org)

**Dr. Schiffer-** seeing lots of respiratory patients, mask them.

**Dr. Wilson-** Not present

**Dr. Siberski-** Not present

**Dr. Stauffer-** Not present

**Old Business-**

**New Business-** Discussion on available units- FD have “callups” should we have something more formalized in place for when there are few units available such as “system status management” or ways

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to move crews around to better fill holes. M. Geisinger- has been moved before and thinks community would understand. Matt Small- can't we use MCI plan? Murray- Also moves trucks, Bobella- echoes Murray. Brian Gottschall- is EMS asking berks DES to implement this? Relocation discussion, run card discussion. Murray- can we appoint 5 points to make relocation stations around the county? A lively discussion ensued. Can DES look at location points and get back to this group next month? Sninsky- can calls be triaged? MH with PD? Etc... Brad Cosgrove to reach out to some contacts to see what other large volume systems are doing.

**Next Meeting: February 6, at 10:00**

### **Motion to close**

END: 10:44

Motion: Sonnen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Murray