

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
June 7, 2020  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Bovertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Sean Hart, Todd Boughter
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	Bryan Nagle
First Aid and Safety	Jay Freed
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone, Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh, Dr. Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Walt Bauer
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	Tim Musser, Andrew Dittmann
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Jim Bitler
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### Previous Minutes

Motion to approve:  
Second by:  
Motion Vote:

#### DES Account

- Finalized latest push for equipment needs
- Stock piling equipment for future use
- Call Type definition
  - In place since 2017
  - QA program – have been made recommendations for changes
  - Working group determines definition of dispatch codes
  - Will work towards getting changes done on redefining dispatch codes (unknown ETA)

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Not present

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- EMS Leadership Group
  - 2020-27
    - Follow up to Act 17
    - Has been pushed to next level and now available to all agencies
    - There is a process to get this
    - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/EMS/Pages/Act-17.aspx>.
    - Reach out to Council if you have any questions
  - Safety
    - Wearing seatbelts
    - Making sure all passengers and patients are secured
    - Always be aware of other vehicles on the road

#### Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

#### Tower Health System

- As of Wednesday, July 8, HAP will no longer hold the contract with the state to provide emergency preparedness and response support to the health care sector through the Hospital Preparedness Program. The state has selected Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) to fulfill those functions. (see attachments for further information)
- Virtual Dinner and Learn
  - Coming at end of month
  - Refresher

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#### Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- GFI replaced in bay area
- Con-Ed (will get flyers out)
  - 8/27/2020 – Sickle Cell
  - 9/23/2020 – Speed Dating on Stroke

#### Dr. Siberski

- Reminder PPE for everyone
- Add into COVID questioning
  - Travel??
    - Beach or large gathering
    - South of Virginia
  - Consider them to be COVID +
- Be more diligent
- 14 day quarantine after vacation
  - You chose to go to any of the states on the list, know you must quarantine for 14 days.

#### COVID-19 Information for Travelers

If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. If you travel to the following states, you will **need** to quarantine for 14 days upon return:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah

#### Reading School of Health Sciences

- Looking for some NR Evaluators for July 18, tentative (awaiting BEMS COVID-19 approval), if interested, email me and I will send you the Doodle availability for the Saturdays from July 18 through August 15. 18 Paramedic students ARE testing, all SHS campus. No AEMT students, as program extended three months.

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- Clinical Coordinator Site visits resumed this week.
- August RH Paramedic class closed, starts next month!
- Accepting applications for fall and spring RH EMT, and September CHH AEMT, and August 2021 RH Paramedic
- EMT and AEMT current classes in pre-hospital clinical, In-hospital Clinical Medics and AEMTs finishing up
- AEMT Update classes sign-up on 7/28/2020 and 08/02/2020
  - 07/28/2020 – 1800 hours - 2 so far
  - 08/02/2020 – 0900 hours - 4 so far
- Future Preceptor class to be scheduled, covers EMI and Lancaster with Reading
- Future PHTLS, Hybrid on-line with Skills on-site for skills labs

### Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Detour Map (see attached)
  - Start Date – July 20, 2020
- Start to see messages from Shawn and Kyle
  - Reaching out for patient charts on Strokes

### St Luke's

- Not present

### Ephrata

- No business

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Ambulance Association
  - EMS Provider Foundation
    - Scholarships for Paramedics
    - Berks county to generate some funding
    - Check out website and see where we can help out
      - <https://aa-pa.org/foundation>
  - Challenge Berks County agencies to raise some money
- Phil Salamone
  - Ambulance Placard regarding COVID traveling questioning.
  - Will be in google docs or email Phil if you would like the placard

**Next Meeting: August 4 2020 at 10:00**

### Motion to close

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Meeting closed at: