

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
March 1, 2022
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff, Knopf, Brian Benoit
Cetronia	Ed Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Sean Hart, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker, Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsch
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Dr. Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Dr. Schiffer, Brad Cosgrove
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Jeff Knopf
2nd: Merv Wertz
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Radio Fleet Update
 - EMS – final programming
 - RMI – will reach out for update
 - RMI is currently working in alphabetical order
- Death and Retirement Policy
 - Committee has been formed
- Mutual Aid Agency
 - Out of county text paging and dispatching
 - Contact agencies now if you want get out of county dispatching
- Crew Force
 - 3rd Quarter of 2022

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- Central and Eastern
 - Presenting budget for the year
 - Tony will be sending out Survey Monkey with ideas on what to use money for
 - Assets are available
 - Pod runner
 - Heart monitors
 - Tony is working on a list of everything available.

Eastern PA EMS Council

- PA Medic site – www.pamedic.org
 - Live – check it out and start following hospitals
- **Chris Confalone**
 - PPE from State (cleaning out storage area)
 - Pallet of wipes – will be delivering sometime soon
 - Specific need of PPE contact Chris
 - We have begun our COVID-19 INCIDENT STATUS SUMMARY which is a Real-World Incident After-Action Report/Improvement Plan for a snapshot in time from January 2020 to February 2022. We invite any EMS Agency that would like to contribute to the report or anyone who would like help creating your own to reach out to me. Our goal is to collate lessons learned, identify gaps, and build actionable items for future funding considerations.
- We are building The Development for Exercises and After-Action Report workshops for our EMS and Health Care Coalitions. The mission is focused on strengthening our health care coalition partners to expand their in-house exercises and build better After-Action Reports. We will need

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partners who are willing to host and/or help facilitate the trainings. The workshops will be scheduled for 3 ½ hours.

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Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

Tower Health System

- March 10th – Con Ed (attachment)
- Facesheets altered again
 - SS# and CSN# are both listed
- DMIST (see attachment)
 - Great feedback

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Nothing to report

Reading School of Health Sciences

- PPE still same for students
 - N95 with patient
 - Surgical mask around stations
- Email coming out in future
 - Respond to approve students to precept at your organization
- AEMT class
 - Will happen every year in June
 - Wednesday nights

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Everyone needs a mask
 - Patient and providers
- Upcoming education
 - Watch for on the social channels

St Luke's

- Still requiring everyone to wear a mask
- Education coming up
- Covid numbers are low

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

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Dr. Schiffer

- Remain concern of symptomatic patients
- Happy that DMIST is working and being used

Dr. Wilson

- COVID is not gone
- Masking has helped
- Decreasing in house masking seems appropriate
- Test results are down because people are home testing and not coming into hospital

Dr. Siberski

- Not present

Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- ARP grant
 - \$1 Million – collaborated
 - Only will received 25% of asking amount
 - Each agency should do their own
 - Better chance of getting more money
 - Will still only receive 25% of asking amount
 - Must be used on a completed project by 2023-year end
 - If you need help with the Grant – reach out to Tony

Next Meeting: April 5 2022 at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:25

Motion: Merv Wertz

2nd: Jeff Knopf