

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
September 5, 2023  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:03

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	
Cetronia	
DES	Matt Stairiker, Christina Wood, Mike Smith, Brian Gottschall
Elverson	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital, Good Sam and Well Span EMS	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	Steven Bobella
Oley	Mike Geisinger
PEHSC	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	Leroy Coleman
Penn State - Saint Joes	Dr. Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Topton Ambulance	
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Bert Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### Previous Minutes

Motion: Matt Sonnen  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Steven Bobella  
Motion Approved

#### DES Account

- Crew Force
  - Projected schedule with testing site
  - Getting set up this week
  - Testing next week for 3 weeks
  - Information gathering will take place after testing weeks
  - Then roll out to rest of agencies
  - October 11<sup>th</sup> – earliest date reaching out to agencies
  - Scheduled roll out with each agencies

#### Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- EMS meeting
  - September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1300-1400 hours

#### Eastern PA EMS Council

- EMS reporting Narcan
  - Duplication and possibly create discrepancies
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Taskforce training
- Code Conference
  - October 11-13, 2023

#### Tower Health System

- September 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Travis Howze
    - See email for parking informatoin

#### Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Cheers from Outer Banks

#### Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

#### Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Code Conference
  - October 11-13, 2023

#### St Luke's

- Code Conference
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- November 1
  - Leadership symposium

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#### **Hershey Medical Center**

- Nothing to report

#### **Lancaster General Hospital**

- Not present

#### **Well Span**

- Not present

#### **Dr. Schiffer**

- Nothing really to add after Dr. Siberski

#### **Dr. Wilson**

- Not present

#### **Dr. Siberski**

- COVID – disclaimer – names of strands are probably spelled wrong
  - General surge
  - Testing is longer free
  - Aris – new strand
  - Parola – newest strand
- Leaky COVID
  - Enclose exposure to someone
- Scorecard
  - 19% hospitalizations up
  - 21% deaths up
  - 26 states with increases
- With holiday not a lot posted past week
- Sick but not dying sick

#### **Dr. Stauffer**

- Not present

#### **Old Business**

- Nothing

#### **New Business**

- Special Guest
  - Paul Janssen – Director of CELG
  - Chip Bilger – Chairman Committee
- Concerned about what is happening with EMS in Berks County
- Rapidly changing environment
- EMS not understood by county elected officials
- Pull a game plan together

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- Reach out
- Issues effecting providers
- Secretaries and managers
- Gather results and have a forum
- 71/72 of municipalities financially support CELG and are involved

**Next Meeting: October 3, 2023, at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

END: 10:33

Motion: Bert Schiffer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chelsie Ober