

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
September 6, 2022
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:01

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	Ed Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Michael Smith, Brian Gottschall, Christina Wood
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	Chris Confalone
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	Tom Alsted
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
LGH	
Lower Alsace	
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy, Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Mike Sninsky
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Ben Ross, Brad Cosgrove
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Mike Geisinger
2nd: Chris Murray
Motion Approved

DES Account

- Sean Hart – no longer with DES
 - Moved on to hospital emergency management position

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- No updates.

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Nothing to report

Eastern PA Med Com

- Not present

Tower Health System

- Reminder of Dinner and Learn – tomorrow, Sept 7

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Nothing to report

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Con Ed coming
 - Will have flyer sent out when completed

St Luke's

- Educational opportunity – Sept 28th
 - Assessment and Treatment of special needs patients
 - Flyer was sent out

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

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Dr. Wilson

- Not present

Dr. Siberski

- Downward trends in hospitalization and deaths
- Prediction
 - Fall and winter
 - Not as bad
 - Wild card variant
 - “They don’t know”
- Men with normal testosterone
 - Lower hospitalization and death
- No benefits with medications
- Booster
 - BA4 and BA5 variance
 - Available next few days
 - Obtain now to be ready for upcoming surge (even though the prediction is not bad)
- Stay away from China if traveling
- Kids
 - Antibodies were high after having covid – even months later
- Boosters will be like the flu vaccinations

Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Utilization of critical care truck/squad
- Unit designated – 68399
 - Monitored by DES
 - Special request unit, will not be automatically dispatched (no run cards associated with unit)
 - PHRN special capabilities
- Call Berks
 - Specific request 68399
 - Will keep logged
 - Ask for specific resource
- Based out of Reading Hospital

Next Meeting: October 4, 2022, at 10:00

Motion to close

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END: 10:12

Motion: Mike Richards

2nd: Brad Cosgrove