

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
October 4, 2022
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:01

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Mike Groff
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	
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	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Shawn Silvoy, Taylor Boyce
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	Matt Sonnen
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	Mike Geisinger
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	William Hafer
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko, Bryan Wilson
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Anthony Martin, Brad Cosgrove, Chelsie Ober, Bert Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion: Jim Boyer
2nd: John Shook
Motion Approved

DES Account

- MedCom update
 - Regional PSAPS and council met and there will be no financial support from any of the PSAPS.
 - Unless a hospital steps up, MedCom will be no longer as of October 31, 2022
 - Need to come up with a plan
 - Care point is an option
- Crew Force
 - Operating under same timeline as before
 - Nothing has changed

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- No updates.

Eastern PA EMS Council

- Code conference coming up in 10 days. Register and be there.

Eastern PA Med Com

- 10/31 shutting down, unless funding becomes available

Tower Health System

- Flu shots coming
 - Will be done by a CCT provider in their area
- ED staff has asked
 - After transferring care of your patient, please do not loiter or linger around other rooms.

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Flu vaccine drive thru
 - Up and running – see flyer that was sent out previously
- MedCom – management is aware, and Bill has not heard a response back as of this meeting

Reading School of Health Sciences

- Not present

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Code Conference next week
- 10/26 Trauma Criteria con ed
 - Schuylkill EMS

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- Flu Shots
 - Available for EMS and family members
 - 10/18 closest for Berks County
 - 5-8pm
 - Schuylkill EMS
- MASK, MASK, MASK
- Care point numbers and back up numbers can be found at: www.LVHN.org/EMSPRO

St Luke's

- Care point numbers: www.SLUHN.org/EMS
- Con Ed – check Facebook and website
- National Registry class – January
 - Free
 - Includes ACLS, PALS, CPR

Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

Dr. Schiffer

- Covid up a little
 - Acuity is low

Dr. Wilson

- Flu cases low
 - Coming around
- Flu vaccines are out – get one!
- Data use agreements for First Watch
 - Return ASAP!
- Covid booster for variant
 - High risk patients should consult with PCP and get it
 - Otherwise not really needed
 - Still safe to get

Dr. Siberski

- Not present

Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

Old Business

- Nothing

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New Business

- Request from the Medical Directors
 - Easier to use cell phones
 - Better reception and to have a conversation
 - Easy to decon
 - Secure line and encrypted with Care Point
- Unit designated – 68399
 - Up and running

Next Meeting: November 1, 2022, at 10:00

Motion to close

END: 10:50

Motion: Matt Sonnen

2nd: Chris Murray