

**Berks DES EMS Working Group  
August 2, 2022  
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:01

**In Attendance:**

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	
Bethel	Jeff Ringler
Boyertown	Jim Boyer
Cetronia	Eddie Boyle
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Christina Wood, Michael Smith, Phil Salamone, Sean Hart
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss
Ephrata Hospital	
First Aid and Safety	
Gilbertsville	
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	
Healthcare Coalition	
Kutztown	
LGH	
Lower Alsace	Matt Stairiker
LVH/LVH Medevac	
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray
Myerstown	
Newmanstown	
Northern Berks EMS	
Oley	
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook, Eric Zaney
Penn State - Saint Joes	Bill Hafer, Duane Siberski
Reading Fire Department	
RHS School of Health Sciences	
Saint Luke's Hospitals	Jeff Yanochko
Southern Berks	
Topton Ambulance	Mike Richards
RHMC – Tower	Benjamin Ross, Chelsie Ober, Brad Cosgrove
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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#### **Previous Minutes**

Motion: Chris Murray  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Brad Cosgrove  
Motion Approved

#### **DES Account**

- Software update
  - Committed to change in future with software release – next few months
  - Build system and then send out for trial period

#### **Task Force/Healthcare Coalition**

- No updates.

#### **Eastern PA EMS Council**

- Upcoming program – see attachment
- Code EMS conference
  - Quickly approaching

#### **Eastern PA MedCom**

- Not present

#### **Tower Health System**

- Parking
  - Ambulance transports
    - Pick up at the ED parking lot
  - Wheelchairs
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - Coming out of T building – ED parking lot
- Remember to pick up equipment
- If there are no little water bottles
  - You may use the behind A pod
    - May use personal bottles as well

#### **Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center**

- Berks Cardiology
  - Started August 1
- EMS crews
  - Early call ahead for the following:
    - Questionable trauma
    - Gut feeling
    - Command

#### **Reading School of Health Sciences**

- Not present

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#### Lehigh Valley Health Network

- Not present

#### St Luke's

- Educational opportunities coming

#### Hershey Medical Center

- Not present

#### Lancaster General Hospital

- Not present

#### Dr. Schiffer

- Not present

#### Dr. Wilson

- Not present

#### Dr. Siberski

- Covid Front
  - 83% above 50 – 1 shot
  - 78% fully vaccinated
  - 48% boosters
  - Side effects coming out
    - Permanent loss of smell
    - Cognitive impairment in future
  - Oral meds – retest to see if still positive
  - Hair loss – long term side effect
  - Fall
    - New boosters coming out
    - Supposed to be better
    - Only for adults over 50 or children over 12 with immunodeficiencies
  - Covid surge in ED
    - Cold like symptoms
    - Will not necessarily have loss of taste or smell

#### Dr. Stauffer

- Not present

#### Old Business

- Nothing

#### New Business

- Don't take any transports from the following address, this is a scam
  - 112 Antietam Trace Drive Lower Alsace

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**Next Meeting: September 6, 2022, at 10:00**

**Motion to close**

END: 10:15

Motion: Chris Murray

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