

**Berks DES EMS Working Group
April 7, 2020
General Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 10:00

In Attendance:

Name	Representative(s)
Bally	Present
Bethel	
Boyertown	Jeff Knopf
Cetronia	Chris Peischl
Counter Terrorism	
DES	Brian Gottschall
Elverson	
Eastern PA Medcom	
Eastern PA EMS Council	John Kloss, Jason Smith
First Aid and Safety	Present
Goodwill Pottstown	
Hamburg	Leslie Herring
Healthcare Coalition	Rob
Kutztown	Rodney Freeman
Lower Alsace	Phil Salamone
LVH/LVH Medevac	Kyle Albrecht
Muhlenberg	Chris Murray, Jody Heckman
Newmanstown	Tess
Northern Berks EMS	Steve Bobella
Oley	Present
Penn Star	
Penn State - Life Lion	John Shook
Penn State - Saint Joes	Don Hirsh, Dr Siberski
Reading Fire Department	Walt Bauer
RHS School of Health Sciences	Merv Wertz, Russ
Saint Luke's Hospitals	
Southern Berks	Tim Musser
Topton Ambulance	Present
RHMC – Tower	Chelsie Ober, Todd Sheridan, Jim Bitler, Dr. Stauffer, Dr Schiffer
Western Berks	Carrie Frey, Anthony Tucci

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Previous Minutes

Motion to approve: Chris Murray
Second by: Jeff Knopf
Motion Vote: approved

DES Account

- Face Shields – flip down
 - Anyone have a need for them??
 - 2 durable flip shields will be issued per unit
 - Get # of units per squad on spreadsheet
 - Frontline and reserve
 - If you need access to spreadsheet reach out to Tony @ atucci@wbems.org
- N95
 - Have a vendor
 - Waiting on authorization to buy at non-gouged price
- Yes there is a need for procedural masks
- Surge and Alternate care sights
 - Model update hopefully ready 4/7/2020
 - Continue social distancing

Task Force/Healthcare Coalition

- PA HAN 493
 - Concerns with documentation and the contact checklist (not intended for EMS), but more for the industry
- EMS has CDC guidelines
- How does this effect EMS?
- This goes out to all Healthcare providers
- Interaction for anybody who has contact with a positive case

Eastern PA EMS Council

- See Website
- Regional MAC
 - Still working on alternate destination
- Medication shortage
- Credentials extended until 6/30/2020

Eastern PA MedCom

- Not present

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Tower Health System

- Trauma Team
 - Trialing a new process
 - Will still go through the trauma bay and then directly to H16
 - This will be communicated over the radio
- Pottstown
 - Got approval for the sprayer for decon
- Tent
 - Further delayed
 - Still in process to be delivered
- Ambulance flow
 - Arrows painted and signage to be put into place

Penn State Saint Joseph Medical Center

- Questions on surge plan
 - Will be reaching out to squads effected
- Looking into a hose extension for the sprayer

Reading School of Health Sciences

- AEMT protocol update
 - Scheduled for end of May
 - Probably also have one in June and one in July
 - Cannot be done online – must be hands on
- Refresher
 - Cancelled for all of 2020
- National Registry
 - All online recertifying allowed
- EMT ALS assist class
 - Later summer – now on hold
- Current classes
 - EMT
 - State approved alternate methodology
 - Hoping to graduate on time
 - AEMT
 - Just started clinical
 - Will not graduate on time
 - Medic
 - Working on alternate methods
 - Will have a plan for each student
 - Hoping to test in July
 - May not be everyone
 - Psychomotor testing – hold on all of this
 - All 3 classes are being held online
 - Academically all are on sync
- Still accepting AEMT applications for June Class

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- Still have openings for August Medic class
- Summer EMT
 - Will have a final answer end of this month
- Clinical
 - 2 organizations said they would take students
 - Tower said NO on all clinical prehospital and in house
 - Once Tower gives the OK then up to individual organization
- All Students are N95 tested and compliant

Lehigh Valley Health Network

- See signage upon arrival in the ED
- Children ER has been moved to POD 1
- Children ER is now the hot zone
- On radio report – provide as much information as possible

St Luke's

- Nothing at this time

First Aid and Safety

- Good Sam Hospital
 - Sprayer in decon room – must be plugged in and fine mist

VA Hospital

- Turn lights on to get in front of the line to get to ED
- No lights on you will be sent to the wrong entrance

Old Business

- Taskforce 10-87
 - Reach out to Carrie, Jody, Chelsie or Dr Stauffer if you would like further information, bracelets or business cards.

New Business

- Dr Siberski
 - Regional MAC Meeting
 - Non transport – BLS provider
 - Alternate destination
 - Hope to have more information 4/8/2020
- Tower Health
 - Under age of 14 – definite transport
 - Otherwise call command
 - Case by case decision
 - Visitor policy
 - Minor or disabled
 - Otherwise NO
- Penn State Life Lion

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- Will not be taking patients to testing sites
- PPE needs updated
 - Gloves – okay
 - Gowns – desperate need
 - Masks – for now okay
 - Eye protection – okay
- 4-5 gallons to Tower Health
 - Light mist not a soaking

Next Meeting: May 5 2020 at 10:00

Motion to close

Motion by: Chris Murray

Seconded by: John Shook

Meeting closed at:???