



CCESAB EMS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 23, 2023

Location: 4747 E49th, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

REGION	NAME	Present	ALTERNATE	Present
Heights Fire Region	SHFD Tom Narowitz		CLHT John Thomas	
Chagrin / Southeast Fire Region	SFD Mark Vedder		CFD Dillion Crouse	
Hillcrest Fire Region	MHFD FC Bruce Elliott, CHAIR	X	EFD FC Chris Haddock	
Cuyahoga Valley Fire Region	BH FC Jeff Hajek		IFD AC Jim Wheeler	
South Central Fire Region	NRFD FC Robert Chegan	X	BFD FC Kevin Paul	
Southwest Fire Region	OFFC Matt Sheehan		OTFC Chris Methvin	X
Westshore	WFD AFC Michael Freeman		RRFD FC Aaron Lenart	
Cleveland	EMS C Orlando Wheeler	X	Chris Chapin	
Cleveland	ARF AC Bill Davis		Dr. Tom Collins, Metro / CEMS	
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	Elisa DeRose	X	Alexa Uniatowski	X
Center for Health Affairs	Tara Vargovich	X		
Regional Hospital System	Lisa Kingley, SWGHC	X	Dr. Katie Imhof	X
Regional Hospital System	Tod Baker, MetroHealth / NOTS		David Yarmesch, Metro	X
Regional Hospital System	Dan Ellenberger, UH		Dr. Don Spaner, UH	X
Regional Hospital System	Bill Sillasen, Cleveland Clinic	X	Dr. Jim Sauto, CCF	

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION (8 needed per Bylaws section 5.13):

Non-Voting Attendees present: Joyous Van Meter (CCBH), Kevin Friis (OEM), Jackie Costa (CECOM), Bill Merimee (CCF), Lezlie White (OEM Grants)

EDUCATION/PRESENTATION: EM Resource overview by Tara Vargovich

CHAIRMAN REPORT: Introduction of new committee members and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s) received/given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the September 12, 2022, motion made by Chegan, seconded by Sillasen, all was in favor.

REPORT FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND OTHER AGENCIES:

- OEM: Gave 2022 overview on OEM on the following items; PPE distribution, Ready Certify (9 communities), Ready Notify, EOP activations (3), OEM training (16), updated base EOP, COOP. 2023 will work on long-term recovery plan annex, continued exercises.
- Grants Division: Lezlie White gave general grants update on past grants and potential upcoming opportunities.
- Cleveland EMS/Airport: No report.

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4. Center for Health Affairs: Tara Vargovich provided COVID/Flu/RSV numbers in the County. Advised there will be a measles and opioid training, will provide flyer on these opportunities.

5. Board of Health:
 - Alexa/Elisa: Continuing on “grant deliverables”, advised of tabletop exercise on radiation and working on measles uptick.
 - Rebecca: Rebecca provided Bruce Elliott, and email for her report. She advised the number are not 100% finalized, but 2022 overdose numbers were very close to 2021 numbers.

6. CECOMS: Advised they are working with new 911 system. Staffing levels are finally back to normal.

7. NOTS: The symposium this year will be a one-day class. There will be a virtual/in-person option. The board is still working on speakers/topics.

8. Hospital System Update:
 - Southwest: No official report.
 - Metro: New CEO started, new birthing center/NICU opening the week of January 23rd, ER construction at Main Campus has begun. New mental health facility in Cleveland Heights now open with about 40 beds current.
 - CCF: New Mentor facility is set to open this year. Facility will have 30 beds, 4 ICU, 17 ER beds. Introduced Bill Merimee to the group. Bill Sillasen announced he is retiring, and Bill Merimee will be replacing him.
 - UH: New ER set to open in early June at Ahuja.

REGIONAL EMS PROTOCOL UPDATE: New updated protocol went into effect January 1, 2023, with updated hospital capabilities. Meeting will begin in February, in preparation for January 1, 2024, update. Reminded to complete “feedback” for any noted errors or items for committee to review.

CECOMS EMD SUB COMMITTEE: EMD is currently working on a new program.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS:

1. HB509: Chief Elliott provided a brief explanation of the upcoming changes that may affect continuing education for EMS. Advised the Ohio Fire Chiefs are in discussions with legislators to a possible amendment to this section. It was recommended for CE providers to be familiar with the changes in case it is not amended by the April 6 start date.
2. Vice Chair: Asked for nominations for vice chair, the only nomination was Chief Chegan by Bruce Elliott. It was determined to keep the nomination period open until the next meeting.
3. OEM: Announced that knowledge center will be replaced by WebEOC and Ready Notify will be upgraded.

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Elliott to adjourn, seconded by Chegan, all in favor. Adjournment made at 1538.