



CCESAB EMS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 8, 2025

Location: 2501 Harvard Ave. Newburgh Heights, OH 44105

REGION	PRIMARY	Present	ALTERNATE	Present
Heights Fire Region	SHFD Tom Narowitz	x	CLHT John Thomas	
Chagrin / Southeast Fire Region	SFD Jason Olszko		CFD Dillion Crouse	
Hillcrest Fire Region	MHFD FC Bruce Elliott, CHAIR	x	HHFD AFC Bill Bernhard	x
Cuyahoga Valley Fire Region	BH FC Jeff Hajek		SHFC Jamie Meklemburg	
South Central Fire Region	NRFD FC Robert Chegan		BFD FC Kevin Paul	x
Southwest Fire Region	OTFC Matt Schneider		OFFC Matt Sheehan	
Westshore	RRFD FC Aaron Lenart	x	LFD Ryan Fairbanks	x
Cleveland	EMS C Orlando Wheeler	x	Chris Chapin	
Cleveland	ARF AC Bill Davis	x	Dr. Craig Bates	x
Board of Health (Cleve/County)	Jacqueline Jackson	x	Natalia Maikranz (proxy)	x
Center for Health Affairs	Derek Duty	x	Christina Fozio	x
Regional Hospital System	Lisa Kingsley, SWGHC	x	Dr. Katie Imhof	
Regional Hospital System	David Yarmesch, MetroHealth		Dr. Thomas Collins	
Regional Hospital System	Dan Ellenberger, UH		Dr. John Hill, UH	
Regional Hospital System	Bill Merimee, Cleveland Clinic	x	Dr. Chris Myers, CCF	x

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

Meeting called to order at 2:05PM, quorum met.

Non-Voting Attendees present: Danielle Rosler, Larry Tafe, Lezie White, Moni James, Jackie Costa

EDUCATION/PRESENTATION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 12, 2025, were provided.

Motion to approve by Chief Lenart

Seconded by Lisa Kingsley

all in favor, minutes approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Announced and welcomed new members and guests

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

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REPORTS FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND OTHER AGENCIES:

Office of Emergency Management:

- Water exercise was conducted
- National Disaster Medical System for 2026, looking for full scale exercise on June 9, 2026
- THIRA plans update is on going

County Grants:

- FY25 grant cycle is believed to be awarded, approximately 4 million. This number is not official, and it can potentially be changed. Due to the indication of funds, all CCESAB are requested to review possible projects and submit them to grants/main CCESAB for further discussion.
- FY24 grant cycle with included an EMS project will be started later this fall.
- FY23 closes at the end of this year
- FY22 is now closed

Cleveland EMS/Airport:

- Whole blood program started in June 2025, with 35 transfusions to date. Program to further expand later this year.
- Airport had no report and status quo.

Center for Health Affairs:

- The ASPR grant is still being held up at the federal level; there was thought that ASPR would fall under the CDC, however, more recent communications imply that ASPR will remain on their own; the program name is likely to change from the Hospital Preparedness Program to something else.
 - Last year's grant award was \$794K, we are expecting \$734K this year.
- We currently have a spending cap of \$90,000 until we learn more.
- Even though we do not have a Notice of Award, ODH still expects us to continue with deliverables and meet deadline dates.
 - Several of the deliverables are heavy lifts and include a Regional Recovery Annex and a Cyber-Non-Cyber Extended Downtime Annex; we will have the same person who conducted the Cyber-Extended Downtime TTX in February work in contractor status for the annexes.
 - We will also be using a contractor for the annual Medical Readiness and Surge Exercise (MRSE); tentatively scheduled for February 6th.
- We were asked by NOTS to assist with a regional blood movement plan; (the NOTS hospitals are different from our ASPR hospitals).
 - WellLink has met with NOTS several times on this topic.
- The FY24-25 grant provided our 25 ASPR funded hospitals with \$400k in emergency preparedness supplies and training.

Cuyahoga County Board of Health/Cleveland Board of Health:

Cleveland:

- Respiratory illness season is upon us
- First responder and wellness conference will be November 3-4

County:

- Bio Watch exercise on
- Working on grants, tabletops and full-scale exercises.
- Working on updating MOUs for the POD's.
- Hand/Foot/Mouth disease uptick.

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CECOMS:

- No report

NOTS:

- Blood bank review
- NOTS symposium on 10/13. Will be in person or virtual options. Deadline on 9/29
- Development of a Rural Trauma Course
- Fall prevention program being reviewed and looking to improve it.

Hospital System Updates:

Cleveland Clinic:

- New hire for an educator, specialized training on resuscitation
- Switching from Zoll to ESO for “data exchange”
- A new “No Transport” policy developed for Euclid FD
- Wall wait times are still being investigated and trying to find ways to reduce these long wait times.

Southwest:

- Tele neurology for strokes is now affect to better serve
- Training on “EMS documentation” for EMS

UH:

- No present

MetroHealth:

- Further discussed Wall wait times, and discussed way to pass long times to EMS
- Discussed blood transfusion program

REGIONAL EMS PROTOCOL UPDATE:

- Committee will begin monthly meetings, for 2026 revision.

CECOMS EMD SUB COMMITTEE:

- EMD Group set up which involved surrounding counties. Working on documents and protocols.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No report

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Projected submitted by CEMS for RTF equipment/Supplies. Commissioner Wheeler provided background on project. After discussion with committee and county grants, it was determined that helmets can only be for on duty crew. Project was changed to 70 helmets and 35 RTF bags. Chief Elliott made a motion to approve the projected with helmet change to 70 and 35 bags. This project was second by Chief Davis. All in favor. Project will be forwarded to County Grants for main CCESAB consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISC. BUSINESS:

- No report

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve by Chief Elliott
seconded by Aaron Lenart
all in favor, meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.