Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council
Mission

➢ To serve as an independent advisory body to the Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to emergency health services

➢ To foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth
History

- 1974 - Formed and Incorporated

- 1985 - Recognized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985)

- 2009 – Re-authorized as the official EMS advisory body to the PA Department of Health (Emergency Medical Services Act of 2009)
We Represent…

EMS

- EMS Agencies
- ALS and BLS Providers
- Patients

Throughout Pennsylvania
How is PEHSC funded?

- Contracted by the PA Department of Health
- EMSOF is source of Funding
- No fees or dues are charged to PEHSC’s member organizations or individuals to participate
Council Members

- Ambulance Services
- Hospitals
- Health Care Providers
- Fire/Rescue
- Other Agencies Interested in PA’s EMS System
Affiliate Members

- Can be an organization or individual
- Access to valuable information resources
- Target group for polling on a variety of issues

Over 200 Members
Board of Directors

- Serves as the official advisory body to the Department of Health on EMS issues
- Comprised of at least 30 Council organizations

Board Elects Executive Committee
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Two (2) At-Large Members
Advisory Function

- Responsive to provider issues through a group consensus process

- Fosters system improvements through grassroots participation on inter-disciplinary committees and issue-driven task forces – yields official recommendations or educational initiatives

- Develops formal recommendations for system improvements that are approved by the PEHSC Board of Directors prior to being sent to the PA Department of Health for consideration

- Reviews and educates the legislature on proposed bills and current system needs
Committees & Task Forces

- CCT Task Force
- Education
- EMS for Children
- Information Systems
- Community Parmedicine/EMS
- Medical Advisory
- Rescue
- State EMS Plan
- Telecommunications
- Special OPS EMS
Current Projects

- Wilderness and Tactical Medic Integration
- Critical Care – SOP, Education Integration
- Community Paramedicine Development
- Efforts to enhancement to EMS Funding sources – Staffing
- Clinical Protocol Reviews/Updates – SOP, Drugs and Devices
- National EMSC Project Initiatives
Annual EMS Conference

- This year is the 42nd Annual State Conference – Sept 2-4
- National-Level Speakers
- Wide Range of Clinical and Non-Clinical Topics
- CEU Credits Available
- VIRTUAL DUE TO COVID
- More info at www.paEMSconference.org
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