



PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Board Members Present

Dr Matthew Poremba	Allegheny Health Network	Dr Greg Hellier	PA ACEP
Robert Twaddle	Allegheny Health Network	Dr Bryan Wexler	PA ACEP
Bob Mateff	Cetronia Ambulance Corps	Amy Kempinski	PA Trauma Systems Foundation
Larry Smythe	Chester Co Dept Emerg Svcs	Dave Jones	Penn State University
Matthew Welch	Elverson Honeybrook EMS	John Sly	PFESI
Gene Lesneski	EMS of Northeast PA	Keith Laws	Riddle Hosp – Main Line Health System
Robert Carpenter	EMS of Northeast PA	Greg Porter	Southwest EMS Alliance
John Brindle	Hbg Area Community College	Tony Bixby	Susquehanna Regional EMS
Dr Jeff Kuklinski	Lehigh Valley Health System	Mark Trueman	Susquehanna Regional EMS
Tony Deaven	Lower Allen EMS	Myron Rickens	UPMC Presbyterian Hosp
Norman Prycl	McCandles Franklin Park EMS	Justin Eberly	VFIS
David Brown	Montgomery Co Office of EMS	Dr Avram Flamm	Wellspan York Hospital
Dr Alvin Wang	NAEMSP - PA	Anthony Tucci	Western Berks EMS

Council Members Present

Alexander Kuhn	American Heart Association	Jeff Myers	LTS EMS Council
Don DeReamus	Ambulance Association of PA	David Kirchner	Myerstown First Aid Squad
Heather Harris	Ambulance Association of PA	Steve Bailey	Non-Profit EMS Svcs of Beaver Co
Karla Hurlbert	Bucks Co EMS Council	Francis Feld	PA Athletic Trainers Society
Tim Hinchcliff	Burholme Ambulance Corps	Brent Smith	PA Athletic Trainers Society
Kent Knable	Centre LifeLink EMS	Robert Brooks	PA Professional Firefighters
Leo Scaccia	Chester Co EMS Council	Keith McMinn	Penn State LifeLion Hershey
Dawn Scaccia	Chester Co EMS Council	Ed Lendvay	Philadelphia Regional EMS Council
Nathan Harig	Cumberland Goodwill EMS	Joe Festa	Plum EMS
John Kloss	Eastern PA EMS Council	Gage Lyons-McCracken	Seven Mts EMS Council
Jason Smith	Eastern PA EMS Council	Anthony Jordan	Southern Alleghenies EMS Council
Megan Ruby	EHSF	Robert Hotchkiss	Southern Chester Co EMS
Rick Wadas	EMS West Regional EMS Council	Jeffs Yanochko	St Luke's Health System
Chris Chamberlain	Hospital and Healthsystem of PA	Christopher Ritter	Temple University Hospital
William Miller	LTS EMS Council		

DOH Staff Present

Anthony Martin, Director, BEMS

PEHSC Staff Present

Janette Swade
Andy Snavelly
Duane Spencer

Guests

Neil Brady
Derek Thompson

Item	Discussion	Resolution or Action
Call to Order		The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours by President Dr. Alvin Wang.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the March 19, 2025, board meeting were reviewed	MOTION: Wexler SECOND: Welch To accept the meeting minutes of March 19, 2025, as drafted RESULT: Motion carried.
Guest Presentation	Derek Thompson from the Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) presented information about available benefits for first responders,	
President's Report	Dr. Alvin Wang reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alvin and Janette attended the Senate Caucuses social event yesterday• The ED Diversion document is in the shared folder. Comments are welcome for feedback to the DOH.• PEHSC is preparing material and process to support an upcoming ACT Review/Rewrite• A draft of the EMS Commissioner proposal is under review by PEHSC which will include a detailed analysis and member feedback to PEHSC• Dr. Wang thanked the following Board Members who are leaving at the end of the meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACS – Committee on Trauma• Chester County Department of Emergency Services• City of Allentown EMS• Community LifeTeam EMS• Good Fellowship Ambulance and Training Institute	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn State University • PA Trauma Systems Foundation • Southwest Ambulance Alliance • Western Berks EMS • Dr. Wang also acknowledged the new members of the board for the 2025-2026 year 	
Treasurer's Report	Dr. Bryan Wexler presented the current treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Contract funds were down secondary to a pending EMSC contract with the DOH	<p>MOTION: Tony Deaven SECOND: Greg Porter</p> <p>To accept and file the treasurer's report as presented.</p> <p>RESULT: Motion carried.</p>
Department of Health Report	<p>Director Anthony Martin reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state budget is delayed for a June 30th approval deadline. This will prevent funds flow at that time • There is an expected six (6) million-dollars of EMSOF that will be available for items such as agency equipment, systems development, and pilot programs. • The updated Psychomotor exam is set to begin July 1st • The Nursing Licensure Compact is being implemented in Pennsylvania, discussion regarding the impact on EMS noting the EMS Compact does not include any provisions for prehospital nurses. Department of Health legal council is reviewing • Director Martin expressed congratulations to the Protocol re-write team for the work they have completed to date. With an upcoming expected completion and other required processes, he expects a roll out in approximately one year • The recently published EMSIB regarding the EMS Compact was summarized including the Privilege to Practice content • The Bureau is close to completing a statewide data report for 2024 	

<p>Executive Director's Report</p>	<p>Executive Director Janette Swade presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances / Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued federal EMSC project has been received through March 2026, a DOH contract is being processed. • The PEHSC-DOH contract is in place through June 2026 and will include an additional \$70,000 for administrative activities. • The Auditor agreement is in place for FY 24-25 • A reminder regarding multiple items available in the meeting folder. • Discussion regarding an Opioid Mapping project addressing areas of increased use with an effort to reduce any additional data collection process • Countywide or greater EMS plan concerns • A Statewide EMS Peer Driven Disciplinary Board concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee driven project • Survey results received and revisions made • Document to be moved to a Concept for Consideration • Janette asked members to review the documents and be prepared for a supplemental survey prior to the October meeting • BEMS will review content to address what is permitted or not by statute and regulation 	<p>MOTION: Matthew Welch SECOND: Tony Deaven</p> <p>To approve moving forward with developing the Concept for Consideration for a Statewide EMS Peer Driven Disciplinary Board (PDDB)</p> <p>RESULT: Motion carried.</p>
<p>Medical Advisory Committee Report</p>	<p>Dr. Alvin Wang reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC met virtually on April 16th • Dr. Wang provided an update on the 2025 Protocol Update Workgroup. There continues to be good progress with the group members submitting protocol drafts for review 	<p>MOTION: Greg Porter SECOND: Keith Laws</p> <p>To accept the MAC Consensus Statement EMS Treatment in Place.</p> <p>RESULT: Motion carried.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness education standards have been reviewed and sent to the Special Operations Committee for their consideration and re-submission • Use of IV pumps in support of prehospital care for vasoactive medications • Alternate destination draft document • The MAC approved a draft regional protocol for the alternative transportation and destination for mental health patients based on available resources • MAC recommended BEMS approve an IRB approved study for the use of TXA combined with Calcium Chloride in Prehospital patients limited to Lancaster County • Discussion regarding hospital ED's contacting PSAP's for emergent interfacility transfers • Draft Consensus Statement – EMS Treatment in Place (full document in meeting folder). The draft was approved by the MAC on April 16th and includes considerations regarding Clinical, Operations, Educational, and Financial implications 	
Critical Care Transport Taskforce	<p>Dr. Matthew Poremba reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating statewide CCT protocols • The scope of the task force's focus • The group is considering renaming the task force to better reflect its responsibilities 	
Special Operations Workgroup	<p>Andy Snavelly reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress has been made on Wilderness EMS agency recommendations • Tactical EMS Agency recommendations are presently awaiting BEMS guidance 	
EMS Education Task Force	<p>Andy Snavelly reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force met on April 28th • BEMS presented the TF with a draft checklist for 	

	accreditation/reaccreditation of EMSI's and requested TF comments	
EMS Operations Committee	<p>Anthony Deaven reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VTR 0625-01 – Shared Staffing Operations Between Agencies, as a follow up to CFC 0622-01 and recommends that the Department rescind EMSIB 2017-06 	<p>MOTION: Justin Eberly SECOND: Greg Porter</p> <p>To approve VTR 0625-01 Shared Staffing Operations Between Agencies.</p> <p>RESULT: Motion carried.</p>
EMS for Children Project	<p>Project Manager Duane Spencer reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant program status and funding • Prepared for Pediatrics - ED update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot activity • Program development • End of 2025 target for approvals • Prepared for Pediatrics - EMS Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go live July 1st • Social media, website, direct mail, and email correspondence • Program materials 	
PA EMS Conference Update	<p>Andy Snavelly reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year's conference dates are September 2-5, 2025 • Registration opening early July • Strong clinical focus • Still seeking additional sponsors 	
PA EMS Awards Update	<p>Duane Spencer reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight awards presented across the state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLS – Kayla Hurler • ALS – Guy Kuklantz • Educator – Fred Ferguson • EMSC – John Erbayri • Moerkirk – Dr. William Jenkins • Lindstrom – John Jordan • EMS Agency – Penn Township 	
Nominating Committee Report	<p>J. David Jones reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following Executive Committee nominations for 2025-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Dr. Alvin Wang - National Assn of EMS Physicians - PA 	<p>MOTION: Matt Welch SECOND: Anthony Tucci</p> <p>To approve the Nominating Committee Executive Committee slate.</p> <p>RESULT: Motion carried.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President - Anthony Deaven - Lower Allen EMS • Secretary - Keith Laws - Riddle Hospital – Mainline Health • Treasurer - Dr. Bryan Wexler- PA ACEP • Member-At-Large - Justin Eberly - VFIS • Member-At-Large - Greg Porter - Allegheny County EMS Council 	
Adjourn Board of Directors Meeting	Adjourn the March 2025 meeting of the PEHSC Board of Directors.	MOTION: Keith Laws SECOND: Justin Eberly RESULT: Motion carried.
Convene the 2025 – 2026 Annual PEHSC Board of Directors Meeting		The annual meeting council meeting was called to order by President Dr. Alvin Wang
Nominating Committee Report	<p>J. David Jones reported the following slate of nominees for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Dr. Alvin Wang - National Assn of EMS Physicians - PA • Vice President - Anthony Deaven - Lower Allen EMS • Secretary - Keith Laws - Riddle Hospital – Mainline Health • Treasurer - Dr. Bryan Wexler- PA ACEP • Member-At-Large - Justin Eberly - VFIS • Member-At-Large - Greg Porter - Allegheny County EMS Council 	MOTION: Tony Tucci SECOND: Tony Deaven To accept the slate of nominees, as reported by the committee, for election to the PEHSC Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 board term. RESULT: Motion carried.
Organizational Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Trauma Systems Foundation – Amy Kempinski. • New bylaws have been passed • Strategic Planning session scheduled for September • Conference October 23rd and 24th in collaboration with ATS-PA, registration is open • Ambulance Association of PA – Don DeReamus reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 95 regarding the Naloxone program that the Leave Behind component is no longer a violation of the Pharmacy Act. • PA Fire and Emergency Services Institute – John Sly is new Vice 	

	President, Scott Rhino is the new board liaison	
Good for the Order	None	
Adjournment	Adjourn the 2025 Annual PEHSC Council Meeting	MOTION: Justin Eberly SECOND: Greg Porter RESULT: Motion carried

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