

***Chester County EMS Council, Inc.***  
***January 11, 2012***

**I. Call to Order**

President Leo Scaccia called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

Jeff Gewertz  
Dr. Mian Jan  
Robert Clarke  
Robert Fleming  
Bob Hotchkiss  
Frank Sullivan  
Keith Johnson  
John Sly  
Frank Piscitello  
Chris Griesser  
Scott Kramer  
Todd Burda  
Michelene McCloskey  
Adrienne Pohar

Fred Wurster  
Gary Weigel  
Chaz Brogan  
Emily Michaels  
Rich Constantine  
Glenn Heininger  
Lisa Eckenrode  
Mike Emerson  
Scot Kreger  
Ed Angiolillo  
Ron Griffin  
Tim Grattan  
Lukas Jenkins

Field Services Division:

Steve Webb  
Pat Cook  
Rob Linnenbaugh

Chrissy DePaolantonio  
Harry Moore

Visitors / Guests:

Shannon Adamson; Minquas FC  
Jeff Huss; Minquas FC  
Robert Girardeau; Uwchlan, Medic 91, GFAC  
Jonathan Blatman

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the November 17, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**III. Reports**

**3.1 Finance**

Frank Sullivan reviewed the bank statements.

**3.2 Medical Director**

Dr. Anderson is currently in Arizona attending the Physicians Conference. The state MAC meeting is next week, January 18 and the Region MAC Meeting is January 31.

**3.3 Commissioners**

In Director Atkins absence, Deputy Director Steve Webb reported on the following:

911 statistics. Overall telephone, radio and EMD formal reviews are at or above 98%.

*Re-Banding:*

The project remains on hold as mediation continues with the Federal Communications Commission to

secure the additional \$180,000 that is needed from Sprint to complete the project. We are examining the ramifications of a potential solution presented by Sprint that would involve changing the radio programming sequence so that the frequencies they need are made available to support their schedule.

*Voice Radio Project:*

Continue to review the proposals in preparation for the vendor presentations on January 17 and our final recommendation meeting on January 31. Proposals were received from four firms: ARINC, EF Johnson, Harris, and Motorola.

*New Fire/EMS Paging System:*

Final system design work is continuing with great cooperation from the emergency responders. The next major milestone will be in early February when the equipment is ordered and we will be operational on the new system by the end of 2012.

*Training Facility:*

Renovation of the Academic Building continues with an expected completion date of June 2012. The interior walls are now being framed out and we are finishing the business plan and policies in anticipation of starting classes there in the fall.

The Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) continues to work on closing the approximate \$2.5 million gap needed to complete the Tactical Village and Firing Range. Renovation of the Academic Building continues with an expected completion date June 2012.

*Southeastern PA Regional Task Force:*

It still is very difficult and slow to get regional contracts approved by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). This situation may improve as the new e-grant system comes into operation.

### **3.4 Deputy Director**

Deputy Director Webb gave an update on the PCR program switch over which was very difficult in trying to get everyone into EMS Charts. The Western Regionalization project continues to move forward. EMT Graduation was held at Goshen Fire Company and was very well attended. Congratulations to all those graduated! With the new curriculum DoH is implementing, the Educational part will be difficult and time-consuming to transition to. There have been committee's and meetings that are involved which have taken up lots of time. Steve has been working on State Plans that will in turn have Regional Plans and he hopes that each service will do that same. House Resolution 315 has gained lots of interest which in the end, all the EMS regions will in turn be part of the task force, eliminating most Regions. More to follow...

### **3.5 Operations**

Keith Johnson handed out the 1<sup>st</sup> draft for EMS Dispatch for review. Once reviewed, it will be brought to the Fire Chief's for review. Jeff Gewertz is currently working on a dispatch procedure for the Rehab trailers. It was suggested to add a prompt in the 911 CAD system to ask command if they want that. President Scaccia asked everyone to please read the attendance policy in the By-laws. Also, we are still looking at the Red Clay Room for the banquet...If anyone else has any suggestions, please let Leo know.

#### **3.5.1 EMS Advocacy Committee**

Fred Wurster held a discussion in reference to many house bills and senate bills that EMS as a whole needs to look into for support. He spoke about EMS on the Hill Day....If you interested, please contact Fred.

#### **3.5.2 CQI Committee**

The committee has met a few times and looked at different ways to get data from the services. Scot Kreger held a discussion in reference to some data they reviewed. The next Meeting is Feb 8.

**IV. Old Business**

**4.1 Trauma Center Update**

Lisa Eckenrode gave the update for Kerri and Doug. She reviewed numbers of Trauma patients that were taken to Paoli. Also she reviewed the Yellow Dot Program; if anyone has any questions, please contact her. Paoli is offering 4 Con Ed class over the next few months. More to follow on those classes.

**V. New Business**

**5.1 PCR Update**

Aprille Kronmuller gave an update on EMS Charts and the Data Analysis Program that the County has been interested in. A lot has happened since the beginning of the year with everyone switching to EMS Charts. There are still handfals that have not switched yet however she is working on that. If you have any questions, please call Aprille.

**VI. Good of the Order**

Jeff Gewertz reminded everyone that EMS week is May 20-26...Start Planning!

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no additional formal business for the committee, a motion was made for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.