



**EMERGENCY HEALTH
SERVICES FEDERATION**
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EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Authority

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Rules and Regulations 28 Pa. Code § 1021.103, The regional council governing body shall submit an annual report to the Department.

Reporting requirements of Appendix A – Work Statement. Comprehensive Annual Report as related to, Coordinate and Improve the delivery of EMS in the Council's region.

Report is due within 30 calendar days of the end of each state fiscal year (June 30th)

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REGIONAL SUMMARY:

Emergency Health Services Federation, Inc. is incorporated as Non-Profit Corporation by the PA Department of State since March 29, 1973. Our assigned area of responsibility is considered Southcentral PA and includes:

COUNTY	Population (2019 est)
Adams	102,811
Cumberland	251,423
Dauphin	277,097
Franklin	154,835
Lancaster	543,557
Lebanon	141,314
Perry	46,139
York	448,273

<http://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/pa/>

The Southcentral Pennsylvania region is diverse in that a large portion of the geography is rural but also contains pockets of urban areas including York, Lancaster, and Harrisburg. Divided by the Susquehanna River, running north and south, and the Pennsylvania turnpike, east and west, the region is bordered on the south by Maryland. Also located in this region are the State Government office buildings, Hershey park, two nuclear power plants, and several military installations.

Our organization is driven by vast stakeholder input from EMS providers, county EMS councils, and 268 volunteers serving on our numerous committees, which provide system recommendations to our Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors include a retired health system director, physicians, attorneys, county public safety answering point manager, nurse manager, volunteer basic life support provider, advanced life support chief, chief operating officer of a federally qualified health center, and a county emergency management agency director resulting in consistent, professional leadership.

Board of Directors \ Health Council Officers

President: Maureen D. Gallo

Vice President: Robert G. Shipp III

Treasurer: Timothy W. Baldwin

Secretary: William Little

(Please list all other members below)

<u>NAME</u>		<u>NAME</u>
1 Salvatore N. Alfano, MD, FACEP	19	
2 Warren P. Bladen	20	
3 John R. Logan	21	
4 Steven L. Poffenberger	22	
5 Steven K. Schirk, MD, FACEP	23	
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Regional EMS Council Staff:

Executive Director C. Steven Lyle

<u>STAFF POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>Director of Administrative Services</u>	<u>Catherine M. Spangler</u>
<u>Director of System Operations</u>	<u>Megan A. Ruby</u>
<u>Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</u>	<u>Lester L. Hawthorne III</u>
<u>System Specialist</u>	<u>Janet L. Bradley</u>
<u>Operations Coordinator</u>	<u>Matthew T. Kratz</u>
<u>Education Specialist</u>	<u>Robert E. Walker</u>
<u>Program Coordinator</u>	<u>Samantha N. Keller</u>
<u>Program Coordinator</u>	<u>Ian M. Donat</u>
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Regional Medical Director(s)

Michael J. Reihart, DO, FACEP, FAEMS

Financial Statement of income and expenses:

	Final Budget	Expended
Personnel Services	\$911,658.40	\$854,931.69
Consultant Services	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Subcontracted Services	\$58,000.00	\$49,000.00
Patient Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$45,000.00	\$42,051.00
Supplies	\$416,600.00	\$404,303.88
Travel	\$2,100.00	\$1,839.96
Other Costs	\$280,357.60	\$336,006.20
TOTALS	\$1,728,716.00	\$1,703,132.73

NOTE: THE AMOUNTS SHOWN ABOVE ARE PRELIMINARY END OF YEAR TOTALS AND NOT FINAL AUDIT AMOUNT

Special Project Funding:

Projects as determined by the Department to be appropriate and necessary for the implementation of a comprehensive statewide EMS system. The amounts listed below are included in the categorical totals shown above.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Amount: \$105,000.00
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Project Narrative:

Includes Salary, Fringe Benefits, and Vehicle Maintenance for Prime Movers

Designated Infection Control Officer Courses	Amount: \$58,000.00
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Project Narrative:

In accordance with Section (I.)(I.)(7.) (“TASKS”) of Appendix A, the Grantee, through subcontract services shall provide expanded services to offer designated infection control officer courses. This task shall be completed by June 30, 2021.

AeroClave Disinfectant Unit	Amount: \$45,000.00
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In accordance with Section (I.)(J.)(2.)(b.) (“TASKS”) of Appendix A, the Grantee shall provide expanded services to procure disinfectant units for use during infectious disease response. This task shall be completed by June 30, 2021.

Positive Air Powered Respirators-Respirator Hoods-Tyvek Garments	Amount: \$397,000.00
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In accordance with Section (I.)(J.)(2.)(b.) (“TASKS”) of Appendix A, the Grantee shall provide expanded services to procure personal protective equipment for use during infectious disease response. This task shall be completed by June 30, 2021.

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management

Date of the current Comprehensive Regional EMS System Plan	Date 2021-03
Number of Board of Director Meetings \ Health Council meetings	9
Public Education Stop-the- Bleed Events	1
Public Education CPR Events	0
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	42
Technical Assistance Request (local entities and elected officials)	Appendix A

Regional Activities/ Organizational Management Project Narrative:

The EHSF continues to coordinate the regional ePCR initiative with ESO Solutions. Every EMS agency in the region is welcome to use the ePCR system through ESO. Currently, 86% of the transporting agencies in the region use ESO.

The EHSF continues to coordinate an initiative to provide hospitals incoming patient alerts using new technology. Once hospital went live within this fiscal year, and we are currently working on workflow with four additional hospitals.

The EHSF continues to meet with its mental health working group to focus on enhancing the quality of care of mental health patients and EMS provider mental health.

The EHSF continues to meet with its IALS working group to strategize the best deployment of IALS assets throughout the region.

Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity (trending only)
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	
Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	3
Number of Times the Regional QI Committee Met	4

Continuous Quality Improvement Narrative:

The EHSF facilitated quality improvements efforts through the Regional Quality Improvement Committee. The Committee reviewed data regarding stroke, STEMI, and opioid overdoses.

Medical Direction

	Quantity
Regional Medical Advisory Committee meetings	4
Accredited Level I Trauma Centers	2
Accredited Level II Trauma Centers	2
Accredited Level III Trauma Centers	0
Accredited Level IV Trauma Centers	0
Accredited primary Stroke Centers	14
Comprehensive Stroke Centers	2
Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers	0
Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals	0

Medical Direction Narrative:

The EHSF Regional Medical Director continued to provide medical oversight for the eight public safety answer points, which each utilize Emergency Medical Dispatching.

Systems Operations

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	1
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	1
Spot inspections conducted – Continuing Education Sponsors	0
Spot inspections conducted – Education Institutes	0
Spot inspections conducted – Medical Command Facilities	0
Number of Safety Inspections Conducted	0
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	0
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	unknown
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	8

Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	33
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	0
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	0
Certification Class Visits Conducted	0
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	40
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	3

Systems Operations Narrative:

Developed psychomotor contingency plan for testing of non-DOH certification program candidates (i.e. EMR challenge and PHRN).

Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended <small>(only EMSOF funded staff attendance)</small>	51
Tabletop Exercises Attended / Conducted	1
Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	4
Special Event Plans Submitted	0
Responses / Deployments	10
Strike Team Agencies	14

Emergency Preparedness Narrative:

Deployed AeroClave devices and other devices across the state
 Deployed ventilators
 Deployed PPE to EMS, Hospitals and Nursing Homes
 Distributed PAPRs and Kappler Suits to the EMS Councils and to the Highly Infectious Disease Transport Teams
 Three personnel to Temple University, Philadelphia for an Alternate Care Site (ACS) demobilization (Gannon, Alsted, and Hawthorne) August 2020
 Supported a search and rescue mission (Cub Cadet and radio cache)
 Supported vaccination sites as necessary (staff, red trailer and Cub Cadet)
 Supported large scale events (radio cache)
 Supported Adams County EOC during July 4, 2020 events
 Assisted PEMA with the SEVAN Satellite EMS Assessment
 Assisted with the P25 radio projects (portable, mobile, and Pelican case mounted systems)

Maintained a level of situational awareness and briefed DOH leadership as well as EHSF leadership as necessary.

Nominated Emergency Management and Response-Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) / Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) users

Added Knowledge Center / Corvena users

Provided virtual introductions and networking opportunities as possible.

Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
08/19/2020	1830	Virtual – Zoom
11/18/2020	1830	Virtual – Zoom
02/17/2021	1830	Virtual – Zoom
04/21/2021	1830	Virtual – Zoom
05/12/2021	1830	Virtual – Zoom

Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/10/2020	0930	Virtual – GoToMeeting
11/04/2020	0930	Virtual – GoToMeeting
02/04/2021	0930	Virtual – GoToMeeting
05/06/2021	0930	Virtual – GoToMeeting

Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
07/23/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
10/22/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
01/28/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
04/22/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting

Prehospital Operations Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/17/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
11/12/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
01/14/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
03/11/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
05/13/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting

Education Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/08/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
12/08/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
03/09/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
06/08/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting

Regional Communication Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
08/28/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
11/06/2020	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
02/05/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting
05/07/2021	1000	Virtual – GoToMeeting

Regional Accomplishments:

Successfully activated remote operation for Regional EMS Council Activity.

Partnered with mental health professionals to develop an EMS and Mental Health Emergencies continuing education course for Train PA

Met requirements for accreditation as an educational institute to assist with rural EMS education.

Developed and conducted education for EMS certification in rural EMS areas.

Created an EMS podcast.

Provided regional commendations to EMS and dispatchers: 109 incidents honoring 441 EMS providers and dispatchers.

Participated in numerous meetings to advance Perry County community paramedicine/mobile integrated healthcare

Assisted the Delta Community Group to develop community paramedicine program for southern York County

Coordinated and hosted an EMD course for the eight PSAPs within the region.

Continued development of program for use of technology with hospital notification with the goal of better situational awareness and more efficient delivery of EMS patients.

Served on the STARNET Communications Working Group.

Provided networking between the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center and other local, state, and federal agencies.

Supported the SCTF Health and Safety Conference.

Deployed AeroClave as necessary.

Establishment of system quality goals to encourage shorter on-scene times for Stroke/STEMI pts.

Presented awards at numerous commendation award ceremonies

Partnered with legislators to provide recognition to EMS after a difficult year.