



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

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

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, Hersheypark, 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)

NAME		NAME	
1	<u>Warren P. Bladen</u>	19	<u></u>
2	<u>John R. Logan</u>	20	<u></u>
3	<u>Steven L. Poffenberger</u>	21	<u></u>
4	<u>Michael J. Reihart, DO, FACEP, FAEMS</u>	22	<u></u>
5	<u>Steven K. Schirk, MD, FACEP</u>	23	<u></u>
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18	<u></u>	36	<u></u>

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>Deputy Director</u>	<u>Megan A. Ruby</u>
<u>Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</u>	<u>Thomas H. Alsted</u>
<u>System Specialist</u>	<u>Matthew T. Kratz</u>
<u>Operations Specialist</u>	<u>Jacqueline M. Heffner</u>
<u>Education Specialist</u>	<u>Robert E. Walker</u>
<u>Program Coordinator</u>	<u>Samantha N. Keller</u>
<u>Program Coordinator</u>	<u>Kimberly E. Herskowitz</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	\$912,924.91	\$912,882.24
Consultant Services	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Subcontracted Services	\$178,848.49	\$178,600.72
Patient Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$00.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$8,891.43	\$8,846.80
Travel	\$1,450.00	\$1,336.37
Other Costs	\$920,458.82	\$909,688.78
TOTALS	\$2,037,573.65	\$2,026,354.91

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:
	\$108,000.00

Project Narrative:

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

Rural Education Funding	Amount:
	\$560,771.40

Project Narrative:

Act 93 of 2020, directs the Department of Health to allocate 30% of the EMS allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund to provide training to underserved rural areas of the commonwealth. The primary objectives of this program shall be to improve access to current educational activities, create more educational opportunities, and to provide those opportunities at a lower cost to students and providers. These funds will be disbursed to the Pennsylvania Regional EMS Councils. Regional EMS Councils shall utilize the following list of approved expenditures and categories, in expending funds earmarked for rural education.

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	7

Public Education CPR Events	1
Number of Legislative Inquiries or Contacts	58
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, 87% of the transporting EMS agencies in the region use ESO.

The EHSF continues to coordinate an initiative to provide emergency department's operating status communications to EMS providers and PSAPs. PA Medic went live Q1 of 2022. All hospitals within the EHSF region are using the system. There are several additional hospitals across the Commonwealth using the system as well. The EHSF will continue to expand on the system's capabilities.

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. Currently, four of the eight counties are utilizing the IALS deployment model for the region.

The EHSF worked with EMS agencies and PSAPs to determine alternate dispatching plans. Currently, three of the eight counties are utilizing an alternate dispatching plan for low acuity patients.

The EHSF continues to provide support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EHSF developed a rural EMS education model for EMR and EMT level of certification.

Coordinated EMD courses for the eight PSAPs within the region.

Presented awards at numerous commendation award ceremonies.

Continuous Quality Improvement

	Quantity
Number of Clinical Cases Reviewed by Regional QI Committee	(trending only)

Accidents Involving Ambulances / EMS Personnel Reported in the Region	4
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	13
Comprehensive Stroke Centers	2
Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Centers	2
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. He also provided oversight for the IALS system response model and alternate dispatching plans.

Systems Operations

	Quantity
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Agencies	2
Spot inspections conducted – EMS Vehicles	0
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	2
Number of Vehicles Inspected During Safety Inspection	32
Photo & Signatures Added to Certification Cards	unknown
BLS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	51
Number of BLS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested.	676
ALS Psychomotor Examinations Conducted	5
Number of ALS Psychomotor Exam Candidates Tested	54
Certification Class Visits Conducted	6
Number of EMS Agency Re-Inspections Conducted	36
Number of Authorized Inquiry Reports Filed with the Bureau	0

Systems Operations Narrative:

AEMT psychomotor exams are on the rise.

Emergency Preparedness Activities

	Quantity
Coalition / Task Force Meetings Attended (only EMSOF funded staff attendance)	18
Tabletop Exercises Attended / Conducted	6
Full Scale / Functional Exercises Attended / Conducted	6
Special Event Plans Submitted	0
Responses / Deployments	0
Strike Team Agencies	12

Emergency Preparedness Narrative:

Supported several search and rescue missions (Cub Cadet and radio cache)

Supported vaccination sites as necessary (staff, red trailer and Cub Cadet)

Supported large scale events (radio cache)

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

Added Knowledge Center / Corvena users
Provided virtual introductions and networking opportunities as possible.

Board of Director \ Health Council Meetings

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
08/17/2022	1830	Virtual – Zoom
11/16/2022	1830	Virtual – Zoom
02/15/2023	1830	Virtual – Zoom
04/19/2023	1830	Virtual – Zoom
05/17/2023	1830	Virtual – Zoom

Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/01/2022	0930	Virtual – Zoom
11/03/2022	0930	Virtual – Zoom
02/02/2023	0930	Virtual – Zoom
05/04/2023	0930	Virtual – Zoom

Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
07/28/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
10/27/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
01/26/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom
04/27/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom

Prehospital Operations Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/15/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
11/10/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
01/12/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom
03/09/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom
05/11/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom

Education Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
09/13/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
12/13/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom

03/14/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom
06/13/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom

Regional Communication Committee

DATE:	TIME	LOCATION
08/26/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
11/04/2022	1000	Virtual – Zoom
02/03/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom
05/05/2023	1000	Virtual – Zoom

Regional Accomplishments:

Increased education opportunities for EMS certification in rural EMS areas. The EHSF partnered with an established educational institute to offer an AEMT certification class with student tuition covered for commitment to volunteer/work for a rural EMS agency in Perry County. The intent is to increase IALS providers in the county to assist with building their IALS response system.

The EHSF partnered with Avive Solutions to develop a 4-Minute City in Cumberland County. The project has been a year of planning to bring high tech, connected AEDs into the county to improve cardiac arrest response. AEDs will launch in Q3 of 2023. The EHSF started partnering with three additional counties in the region to become 4-Minute Cities in 2024.

Supported the SCTF Health and Safety Conference.

Initiated development of a mobile education/training resource.

Began developing resources to support EMS activity in the Public Health space regionally.