

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 10, 2009

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Members present were: Mary Beaver, Dennis Ahrens, Gerry Luiting, Bryan Northrop, Shirley Connors, Loren Lippincott, Beth Natter, Kathy Sukus, Ivan Collins, Pastor Bill Wagner, Barb Kuska, and Dr. Michael Kellum.

Members absent: Larry Knuth, Shelly McGuire, Gary Groelle, Rob Calhoun, John Rindfleisch, Steve Ryan and Jeff Ropicky.

Vice-Chair Gerry Luiting called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made to approve the September 10, 2009 agenda by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Pastor Bill Wagner. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Gerry Luiting made a motion to waive the reading of the June 11, 2009 minutes. Moved by Ivan Collins, seconded by Bryan Northrop to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

◆ **Nominations and Elections**

- Motion was made by Gerry Luiting to re-appoint EMS Advisory Members Bryan Northrop, Steve Ryan, Mary Beaver, Beth Natter, Barb Kuska and Dr. Michael Kellum. Loren Lippincott will replace Rob Calhoun, as Licensed Ambulance and Rob will be Loren's alternate. Kristina Jordan will replace Loren Lippincott as a representative from Blackhawk Technical Institute. At present, there is no alternate for Kristina. Dave Fonder, Edgerton EMS Director, was approved to replace Bill Wingerson who resigned earlier in the year. At present, there is no alternate. Moved by Bryan Northrop and seconded by Dennis Ahrens to approve the ballot as cast. Motion carried.
- It was announced that Captain Gary Groelle and Captain Jude Maurer have changes in their duties. Captain Jude Maurer will be an EMS member and Captain Gary Groelle will be his alternate.

◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Committee:

- The hospital is changing some funding items. N95 fit testing training (masks) is going to take place, no details have come out as yet. The hospital is waiting for Dennis Tomczak, Director of Hospital Emergency Preparedness, and WI Division of Public Health, to provide further

information. Gerry Luiting requested that Barb forward the information to the EMS Members.

- There are two different types of N95 masks. 3M only supports government, Walmart and Menards. The hospital cannot get them but Kimberly Clarke masks are being used as backup. The National Institute approves the N95 Kimberly Clark mask for Occupational Safety and Health. Both types would have to be fit tested. Shirley Connors advised she has test kits in her office.
 - OSHA standards require yearly medical screening.
 - Several other goals will be covered during the fiscal year. There will be a grant training ham radio operators for hospitals.
 - PPE still has not arrived for EMS. It is expected everything should be shipped by the end of September.
 - Hospital Preparedness has installed a 211 line where they are able to provide several different types of assistance.
- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Committee:
 - The last meeting of the State EMS Board was in June. There is another meeting scheduled for October 6-7, 2009.
 - E-Licensing System is in operation. Bryan Northrop stated the system has been problematic, however. The training center side of this was to be up and running by the end of October. Now it has been moved to the end of December.
 - ◆ **County EMS** - Tabled until next meeting.

Agency Reports:

- ◆ **Communications Center** – Kathy Sucus advised the Committee:
 - The 911 Communications Center was accredited for the fourth time.
 - Rock County Airport was put on the radio paging system.
- ◆ **Emergency Management** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - The Functional Exercise that took place on August 19 with the 54th Civil Support Team, Janesville Fire Department and Hazmat Team, Milton Fire Department, Janesville Police Department, Red Cross, County Emergency Management and Mercy Hospital, had about 95 participants.
 - A Regional Donations Management Tabletop Exercise was held on August 21 in Dane County with Dane, Green and Rock Counties participating. There were approximately 27 attendees from the 3 counties. The meeting was very informational.
 - Inquired if anyone from the Committee was interested if Emergency Management scheduled a PIO Class.
- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Loren Lippincott advised the Committee:
 - EMT Classes were completely filled. Edgerton is offering classes as well.
 - There was a meeting with Mercy Hospital regarding combining the Paramedic Program. It was a combined process for Mercy and Blackhawk

Technical College as a degreed program. More meetings will follow. There will be a Paramedic Class the first Monday in January at Mercy Hospital.

- He also advised the Committee of his intentions to retire effective December 30, 2009. Kristina Jordan will be replacing him as a temporary member.

◆ **Hospitals** – Dr. Michael Kellum advised the Committee:

- The hospitals are preparing plans for the pandemic should it occur. Very few people have been seen for influenza-like illnesses. There have been some difficulties seeing patients because of the building project.
- The Systemic Program at Mercy Hospital is up and running as well as the Hypothermia Program.
- There is training protocol for cardio-cerebral resuscitation per the American Heart Association.
- He is working with cardiology physicians in Arizona regarding the various ways of resuscitation. It is very different in many areas.
- Beth Natter advised there will be a Level II Accreditation.

◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – Nothing to report.

◆ **Sheriffs Office** – Tabled until next meeting.

◆ **Clergy – CISM** – Pastor Wagner advised the Committee:

- There will be a Stateline Firefighter Memorial Service breakfast on October 10 at 9 AM at the Harry Moore Pavilion in Beloit.
- There have been many CISM changes since September 11. They are looking to set up Chaplain Organizations for fire departments.
- There will be a CISM basic training on October 22-23, in Rochelle, IL. The cost is \$115.00 per person.

◆ **Other Announcements** - None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Bryan Northrop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

The next meeting will be held December 10, 2009 at Mercy Hospital, Janesville.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein