

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 13, 2012 – St. Mary's Janesville Hospital

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Members Present: Larry Knuth, Shirley Connors, Mary Beaver, Pastor Bill Wagner, Dr. Michael Kellum, Beth Natter, Barb Kuska, Joe Murray, Kent Shea, alternate for Gerry Luiting, Gary Schenck, alternate for Kristina Jordan and Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder.

Members Absent: Gerry Luiting, Shelly McGuire, Eric Severson, Kristina Jordan, Loren Lippincott, Kathren Sukus, John Rindfleisch, Jude Maurer, Dave Fonder, Ivan Collins and Steve Ryan.

Guests: Chris Kaiser, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital; Dr. Jay MacNeal, Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center; Dr. Franz Keilhauer, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital; and Erin Ryan, Ryan Brothers Ambulance.

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Beth Natter to approve the September 13, 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Beth Natter advised she would like items on Page 4, second paragraph of June 14, 2012 minutes, clarified. MREMS (Mercy Regional EMS) Paramedic should be inserted before accreditation and Self-Study has been sent in to CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professionals) and MREMS instead of "they" are waiting for approval. Third paragraph they would like the word "transition" inserted after EMT and Advanced EMT so it reads "transition training classes." Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Pastor Wagner to approve the June 14, 2012 minutes with changes.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Countywide Protocols – Dr. Kellum
 - Dr. Kellum advised he believed the problem with the Glucagon dosage was corrected and Barb Kuska confirmed.
 - Dr. Kellum also advised Walworth County is utilizing Janesville's protocols, Dane County has their protocols worked out. More information will be forthcoming going forward.

New Business:

- ◆ Nominations & Elections
 - Brennon Ruosch made a motion that Rob Lulling, Ryan Brothers Ambulance, be appointed to fill the ambulance position vacated by Dennis Ahrens and Dr. Franz Keilhauer fill the vacant position of Co-Medical Director. Motion

seconded by Dr. Kellum. Rob would be completing Dennis Ahren's term, which expires September 30, 2013. Erin Ryan, Ryan Brothers Ambulance, stated he would request that Rob write a letter to Shirley Connors regarding his recommendation Erin be his alternate.

- Dr. Michael Kellum requested that Dr. Jay MacNeal be his alternate. A letter from Dr. Kellum will be emailed to Emergency Management.
- Barb Kuska made a motion to accept the 2012 elections and nominations. Pastor Bill Wagner seconded the motion.

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

- Flexible funding for Year 2012 has been released. There is \$7,500 available for hospitals and \$3,750 available for Community Health Centers and Tribal Clinics. The application is due October 19, 2012.
- All hospitals are required to attend 50% of regular meetings and tribal groups are required to attend 25% of the meetings.
- All hospitals are required to be NIMS compliant.
- WISCOM (Wisconsin Interoperability System for Communications) – The WISCOM system is being extended to hospitals. WISCOM radios are required to be installed in all hospitals. If anyone would like information regarding WISCOM, contact Barb Kuska.

◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Barb Kuska and Chair Knuth

- Barb Kuska advised the Emergency Medical Services Board will be having their Board meeting on October 9-10, 2012. State EMS Board is looking at the critical care paramedic concept. Medications will need to be listed in the Operational Plan. If they are not listed in the Operational Plan, they become critical care and cannot be transported by the paramedic service. Chair Knuth advised he will be attending the Board meeting on October 9-10, 2012.
- Chair Knuth advised NHTSA's (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) reassessment occurred in June of this year. Chair Knuth touched on some of the crucial information in the NHTSA document.

Agency Reports:

◆ **EMS Providers**

- Brennon Ruosch – Edgerton Fire Department – advised they have been very busy at the fire station with calls.
- Evansville EMS – Mary Beaver – nothing to report.
- Kent Shea – City of Janesville Fire Department – advised they have hired six paramedics. They are expecting a turnaround with retirements coming up. There will also be training for RSA (rapid sequence airway) intubation and drug dosaging retraining by paramedics.
- Joe Murray – City of Beloit Fire Department – advised Fire Department is getting a new bariatric ambulance and two other ambulances will be retrofitted.
- Erin Ryan - Ryan Brothers Ambulance – advised they just finished their 11th year with Ironman. They recently took in their 19th rig. They have a new station on the far west side of Madison and a new station in the Town of Deerfield.

- Paratech Ambulance – Chair Knuth – advised Paratech Ambulance is now licensed as a critical care provider. Paratech would be the third provider in the State licensed as a critical care provider. He further advised Paratech Ambulance is still in Janesville and continues to provide service needs to Janesville.
- ◆ **Communications Center** – Kathy Sukus not present.
- ◆ **Emergency Management** – Shirley Connors advised some NIMS/ICS classes are being offered at Green County Emergency Management. ICS 100 and ICS 700 classes are scheduled September 26 and are being offered twice that day. ICS 300 classes are scheduled on Thursday evenings from October 11th through November 1st, and daytime ICS 300 on November 28 and 29th. She asked that anyone interested in any of these classes, to let her know.
- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Gary Schenck, alternate for Tina Jordan
 - Advised Tina Jordan finished paramedic training.
 - Pilot classes for EMT and advanced EMT are being scheduled with some challenges.
- ◆ **Hospitals -**
 - Beloit Health System – Barb Kuska:
Advised Joint Commission of Accreditation will be arriving any day.

Electronic medical records are going into place. They could not go with EPIC but will go with CERNA. This will take place March, 2013.

There will be training for new protocols regarding emergency medical services and emergency medical technicians. Dr. Barney will introduce new protocols.
 - St. Mary’s Janesville Hospital – Chris Kaiser
Advised the hospital and Blackhawk Technical College are hosting the first of quarterly EMS seminar nights, September 26th from 6 to 10 PM. This seminar will be held at St. Mary’s Janesville Hospital.
 - Mercy Health System –
Dr. Kellum advised Dr. Jay MacNeal is working with him as Associate Medical Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Health System.

Beth Natter advised Mercy Regional EMS received a letter regarding paramedic training. Mercy Health System is in the process of being an accredited training center for paramedics.

Dr. Kellum stated that serious efforts should be made to work together in the paramedic program.

- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – Brennon Ruosch advised the Committee:
 - There have been several MABAS box alarms recently. They set a new record May, June and July.
- ◆ **Sheriffs Office** – No one from Sheriff's Office present
- ◆ **Clergy – CISM** – Pastor Bill Wagner advised the Committee:
 - There will be a Managing Stress Training in Fond du Lac on October 22, 2012.
 - There will be a webinar for Health Officers September 18 from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. Pre-registration is required.
 - CISM training is October 18 - October 21st, 2012 in Chicago. The training consists of individual crisis intervention and peer support and group crisis intervention.

Other Announcements:

- Gary Schenck advised the Committee that road construction will begin on the interstate expanding two lanes to four lanes in 2015 and is expected to be completed by 2021. He suggested the Department of Transportation be brought in to define how the construction will impact travel routes.
- Chair Knuth advised the Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin will conduct the annual Star of Life in Green Bay September 19, 2012. Sixteen will be recognized as "Stars of Life".
- Chair Knuth advised he received an email from PAAW (Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin) regarding Wisconsin Emergency Medical Technician wage and labor clarification. Some members of PAAW met with the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to clarify EMT wages and labor laws. Chair Knuth will be forwarding that email to members of this committee.
- It was announced that Pat Ryan of Ryan Brothers Ambulance and President of Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin, had his 50th year with Star of Life.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Kent Shea to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held December 13, 2012 at Mercy Regional Training Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein