

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, March 13, 2014  
Edgerton Hospital & Health Services

~ *MINUTES* ~

**Members Present:** Chair Larry Knuth, Sergeant Shena Kohler, Chief Mary Beaver, Brian Becker, alternate for Kathren Sukus, Pastor Bill Wagner, Shelly McGuire, Erin Ryan, alternate for Rob Lulling, Ivan Collins, Brennon Ruosch and Deputy Chief Peter Mory,

**Members Absent:** Barb Kuska, Beth Natter, Captain Gary Groelle, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Kathren Sukus, Erik Severson, Chief John Rindfleisch, Steve Ryan, Gene Wright and Rob Lulling.

**Guests:** Robert Swenarski, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, Dr. Chris Wistrom, D.O., Mercy Hospital, Dr. Jon VanRoo and Kim Kempken, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital.

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Chair Knuth asked all of the attendees to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Ivan Collins and seconded by Shelly McGuire to approve the December 12, 2013 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:** Chief Mary Beaver made a motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of December 12, 2013, seconded by Brennon Ruosch. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska was not in attendance.
  
- **State EMS Board Update**
  - Chair Knuth advised the State EMS Board held a Strategic Planning Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The meeting was presented by the Wisconsin EMS Board.

Some of the items on the agenda were as follows:

- a. Presentation by DHS staff regarding care coalitions
  - b. Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board standard operating procedures and guidelines
  - c. State EMS Plan
  - d. State Medical Director report
  - e. NHTSA report update and strategy
- Their next meeting, which will be a working Board meeting, will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Chair Knuth advised the June meeting would likely be a webcast. He encouraged everyone to listen in on the webcast in the event they are unable to attend the meeting.
- Chair Knuth advised that everyone who is a service director should be receiving "Save the Date" for Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System Compliance Training and "Save the Date" Wisconsin EMS Service Director Courses. These are scheduled throughout the State.

- Chair Knuth also advised that Trans 309 will be opened and that the Department of Transportation (DOT) Enforcement Unit is going to be looking at it.
  - Chair Knuth stated that Wisconsin has a tax revenue intercept program. If municipalities are owed money for any reason, there is a vehicle for them to submit that debt to the State and the State can intercept any money such as lottery winnings, tax refunds, etc., and pay the municipality monies that are owed to them. Legislation currently allows for the municipal unit to use that vehicle.
- **Additional Hospital Member to EMS Committee**
    - Chair Knuth stated he received a letter from St. Mary's Janesville Hospital requesting they become an additional EMS member. The present resolution defines the makeup of the Council to be 21 members. Of the 21 members, it currently identifies three hospitals. Chair Knuth asked for a recommendation from the EMS Advisory Council to the Rock County Board of Supervisors to include St. Mary's Janesville Hospital. Motion by Ivan Collins and seconded by Pastor Wagner to recommend St. Mary's Janesville Hospital as the fourth hospital and consequently as a member of the Rock County EMS Advisory Council. Motion carried. Sgt. Kohler advised she will draft a resolution that will be sent to the Rock County Board of Supervisors once that is approved. At the next EMS meeting, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital will be on the agenda to nominate a member of St. Mary's to become an EMS member.
- **Nomination for Vice Chair**
    - Chair Knuth questioned whether any of the attending EMS members would like to become Vice Chair replacing Deputy Chief Gerry Luiting who retired in December, 2013. None of the members in attendance expressed an interest. He then questioned if any of the attending EMS members would like to recommend a member for Vice Chair. Deputy Chief Joe Murray was recommended by the Committee as Vice Chair. Motion by Pastor Wagner and seconded by Brian Becker to nominate Deputy Chief Murray as Vice Chair.
- **Nomination for Replacement of Retired Member – Deputy Chief Gerry Luiting**
    - Chair Knuth advised he had received an email from Chief Jim Jensen, City of Janesville Fire Department, stating Deputy Chief Bill Ruchti can continue to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. Motion by Pastor Wagner and seconded by Brian Becker.
- **Nomination for Dr. Jon VanRoo as Co-Medical Director**
    - Chair Knuth advised he had received a letter from Dr. Franz Keilhauer, former Medical Director, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, and former Medical Director, Rock County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, recommending Dr. Jon VanRoo, who is his predecessor at St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, as Co-Medical Director of Rock County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Motion by Brennon Ruosch and seconded by Ivan Collins to approve Dr. VanRoo as Co-Medical Director of the EMS Advisory Council.

**Agency Reports:**

- **EMS Providers**
  - Erin Ryan, Ryan Brothers Ambulance, advised they implemented a new CAD system February 5<sup>th</sup>. They are also breaking ground for their new Administration / Training Building in Madison next month.
  - Brennon Ruosch advised Edgerton Fire Department has all of their basics done through NARCAN training. He advised he went to a conference in Washington,

D.C. the beginning of February. He felt the most interesting information that he heard was the reduction of the use of backboarding. Some discussion ensued regarding backboarding and C-Collars.

- Mary Beaver, Chief, Evansville EMS advised they are done with NARCAN training. She stated they are trying the LUCAS device for a few months.
- Deputy Chief Peter Mory, City of Milton Fire Department, advised their run volume is up close to 20%. They are beginning a pilot program with NARCAN.

▪ **Communications Center**

- Brian Becker advised the 911 Communication Center put in a new phone system. It has been up and running since November. They are still working on upgrading the radio infrastructure. Everything is going forward with the new tower in Edgerton. There is a new PSA video, it is on social media and is on the 911 website. It will also be played at the Wildwood Theatre in Janesville before the movies start.

▪ **Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management**

- Sgt. Shena Kohler advised there will be an increase in patrol on St. Patrick's Day. It will be county-wide due to the Sheriff's office receiving some grant money.
- Sgt. Kohler advised weather spotter training is coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The basic training is 2:00 to 4:00 PM and the advanced training is from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. All training information is being forwarded to everyone. If any one wishes to be added to the email training updates, please contact Sgt. Kohler. Also if any one does not wish to receive the updates, please also contact Sgt. Kohler.
- Sgt. Kohler advised there will be a Public Information Officer (PIO) training. Anyone interested is encouraged to go on [trainingwisconsin.org](http://trainingwisconsin.org) right away as the class is filling up fast.

▪ **Blackhawk Technical College**

- Sgt. Kohler reported that on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Rock County Hazmat Team is doing a training through Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM). They received some grant money which will be used for that training. On May 10<sup>th</sup> there is a First Responder Hazmat Class at no charge through Blackhawk Tech. Sgt. Kohler will be sending out an email encouraging everyone to get their first responders signed up.

▪ **Hospitals**

- Beloit Memorial Hospital – no one available to report.
- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services – Shelly McGuire advised volumes are up. The CEO is retiring and recruitment will be starting for his replacement.
- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital – Robert Swenarski advised they will be having quarterly EMS breakfast meetings. The first one will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. The agenda for this month is to come in, get established, introduce everyone and get some networking going on. He encouraged everyone to stop in.

Robert Swenarski also advised St. Mary's Janesville Hospital is sponsoring a Verbal Swat Training July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ramada Inn. This is a non-physical de-escalation training for hospital staff, EMS, Sheriff's Office, Public Health, basically anyone who works with the public. Jesus Villahermosa will be the guest speaker. He was the speaker for "This is a Lockdown Training" held last year. The fee is \$100 person.

St. Mary's is working on Zoll RescueNet getting EKG's from the field. You can pull them up and they are very readable. They also have a LUCAS II in the Emergency Department and they are doing some training on that.

- Mercy Hospital – Dr. Wistrom advised Mercy is breaking ground on the new ambulance garage and should be finished next month. They will go from the two that drivers have to back out of to four and possibly six that drivers can drive through. Full and part time paramedic classes are up and running and everyone is doing quite well. He stated they are a good group and he has high expectations for them.

Dr. Wistrom stated that protocols have been read and revised several times. He indicated by the end of the month they are hoping to have a final draft. Through the formatting, first responders and paramedics will be on the same page. Discussion ensued regarding protocols.

▪ **M.A.B.A.S.**

- Brian Becker advised Division One as a whole has had quite a few MABAS calls especially with the cold months. He expressed appreciation on how well the agencies work together in response. He said it is a lot of work on everyone's part.

▪ **Clergy – CISM -**

- Pastor Wagner advised the Beloit Police Department is hosting the Police Officers Memorial Service on May 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at River Rotary Center in Beloit. That will be followed by a luncheon. In the afternoon, there will be a session on the aftermath of suicide.

May 13, 2014, there will be an all-day session on suicide prevention for firefighters. They are also teaching that method to the police officers. These trainings are free of charge. Pastor Wagner indicated they were working on getting a grant for that.

The International Conference of Police Chaplains held their annual police training in Rockford. There were about 150 chaplains that attended from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

CISM team had two debriefings this past week, one with Beloit Police, Fire and Dispatch for the fatal fire in Beloit and they held another one in the Town of Beloit for Fire and Police Departments for the double fatality in Beloit the past week.

There is a registered international chaplain's conference scheduled for March 10th through March 12th, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville.

If anyone is interested in CISM training, there is an individual and basic group training in Milwaukee February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They will be held at the Milwaukee Fire Department Training Academy. He stated they are still looking for people for CISM.

**Other Announcements** – Nothing to report.

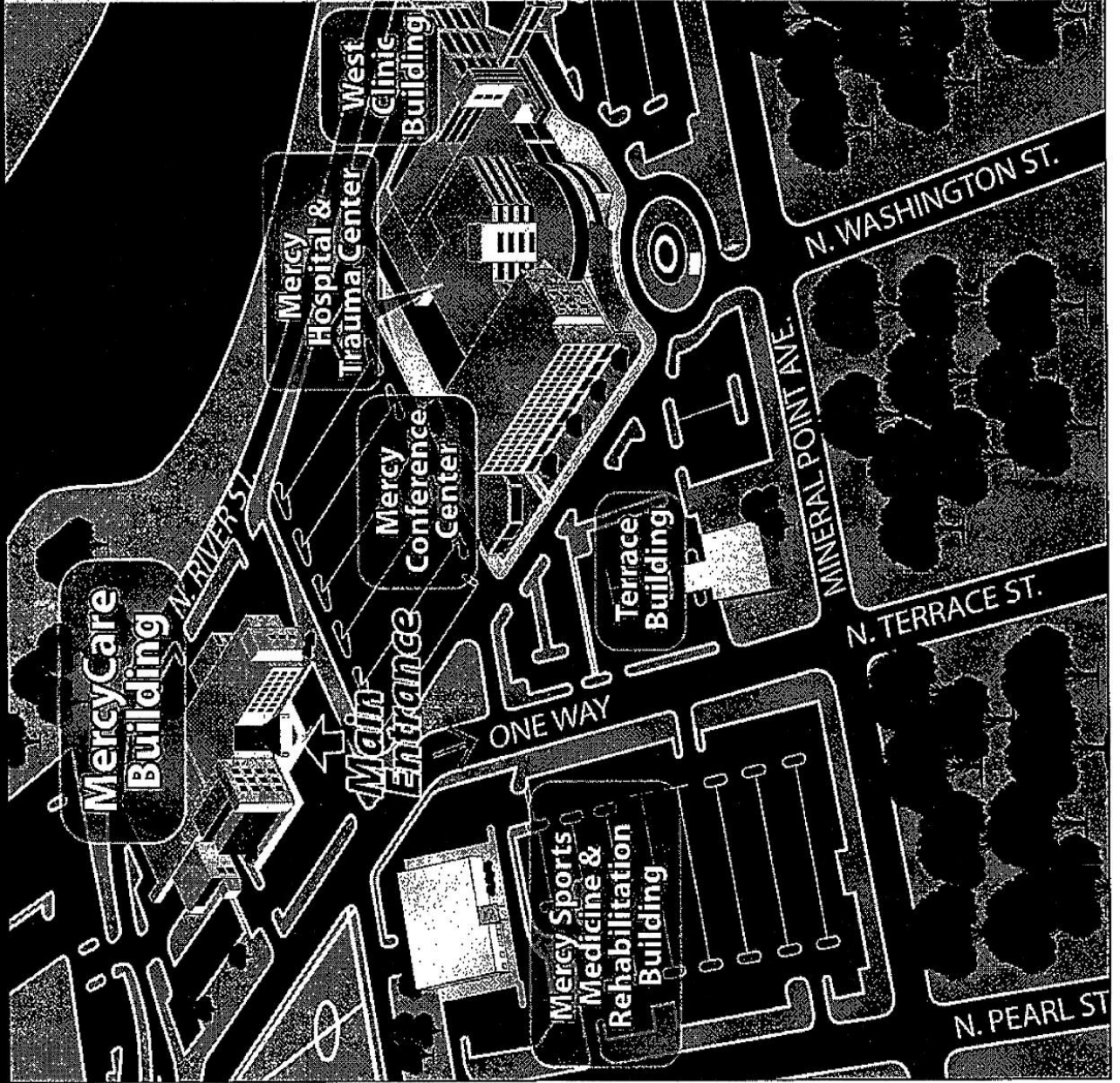
**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Brennon Ruosch and seconded by Pastor Wager to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held June 12, 2014 at Mercy EMS Training Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Klipstein



# Mercy Regional EMS Training Center — new location



The EMS Training Center is on the ground floor of the MercyCare Building, just north of Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center.

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- Follow the signs to the EMS Training Center.

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