

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 12, 2014
Mercy EMS Training Center

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Members Present: Chair Larry Knuth; Barb Kuska; Beth Natter; Chief Mary Beaver; Asst. Chief Zachory Beaver, alternate for Chief Beaver; Shelly McGuire; Jay MacNeal, M.D., Medical Director; Rob Lulling, David Peterson, alternate for Gene Wright; and Deputy Chief Peter Mory,

Members Absent: Sgt. Shena Kohler, Captain Gary Groelle, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Pastor Bill Wagner, Kathren Sukus, Brennon Ruosch, Erik Severson, Chief John Rindfleisch, Steve Ryan, Chief Gene Wright, Deputy Chief Bill Ruchti and Supervisor Terry Fell.

Guests: Kim Kempken and Robert Swenarski, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital; and Tracey Straighten, Edgerton Hospital.

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Shelly McGuire to approve the June 12, 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Beth Natter to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- **Hospital Preparedness Update**
 - Barb Kuska advised she attended the last Hospital Preparedness Committee meeting. There was discussion on coalition building and starting regional coordination centers. There was a 39% budget cut this year and one of the items being cut from the budget was training.
 - Barb also advised there was a Public Health meeting this past week to discuss creating a Mass Fatality Plan. Discussion ensued regarding grants and other sources of funding.
- **State EMS Board Update**
 - Chair Knuth advised the State EMS Board met. He gave a brief summary of items discussed at the meeting. WI-Trac has been revised. There will be on-line training on the newly revised WI-Trac coming up. They are working on defining the Nemsis 3 elements for data collection.
- **Additional Hospital Member to EMS Committee**
 - In Sgt. Kohler's absence, Administrative Assistant Shirley Klipstein announced that the County Board met on May 22, 2014 and approved amending the composition of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. The County Board authorized the addition of one hospital representative.

- **Nomination for Replacement of Retired Member – Dr. Michael Kellum**
 - Chair Knuth advised he had received a copy of an email from County Administration advising they had received the approval to replace Dr. Kellum with Dr. Jay MacNeal. Dr. MacNeal is the new Medical Director of the Rock County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.
- **Nomination for Additional Hospital Member**
 - Motion by Dr. MacNeal and seconded by Rob Lulling to recommend Kim Kempken as the additional hospital member to become the 22nd member of the EMS Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Reports:

- **EMS Providers – Municipal and Private** – Nothing to report.
- **Communications Center** – No one available to report.
- **Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management** – No one available to report.
- **Blackhawk Technical College**
 - David Peterson handed out course offerings for 2014. EMT courses are split into two courses, one is a two-credit course going on in the summer and the three-credit course finishes in the fall. He said this gives people more time to take the course and is part of the Associates Program. He feels it will be successful.
 - He advised Blackhawk Technical College has been talking to Mercy Hospital for some time about a paramedic associate degree program and it is still being worked on.
 - Blackhawk Technical College just applied for a paramedic grant for a Rural Paramedic Program geared for Green County.
 - Blackhawk Technical College is working on an EMS skills date sometime in August, whereby they will do some simulations with the possibility of inviting Med Flight.
 - Lastly, Mr. Peterson stated that there is an on-line learning program called Black Board. Blackhawk Technical College has a license to use it. The first pilot program they did was with Edgerton Fire Department. One of their personnel, Deputy Chief Ryan Beckwith, is trained to use it. He has been loading course material for the employees to view at home.
- **Hospitals**
 - Beloit Memorial Hospital – Barb Kuska stated the hospital is working toward certification as a primary stroke center. The Joint Commission will be visiting the hospital in September. The hospital is preparing for the certification with education for staff and the general public.
 - Edgerton Hospital & Health Services – Shelly McGuire advised they are still recruiting for the new CEO and hope to have it completed by September.
 - St. Mary's Janesville Hospital – Kim Kempken stated St. Mary's is working on its chest pain certification. She is looking for partners in the community to work together regarding this subject.
 - Mercy Hospital – Dr. MacNeal spoke to the Committee regarding PAC. He also went over the Protocols. Effective September 1, 2014, old Protocols will be retired.

- Dr. MacNeal also stated that on October 18, 2014, there is a paramedic from Israel who will be speaking at the Flight for Life Conference in the morning and will come to Janesville in the afternoon. The venue is still up in the air. David Peterson offered Blackhawk Technical College as a possible venue.
- Beth Natter welcomed everyone to the new Mercy EMS Training Center facility.
- **M.A.B.A.S.** – No one available to report.
- **Clergy – CISM** - Pastor Wagner not available to report.

Other Announcements – Nothing to report.

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

The next meeting will be held September 11, 2014 at St. Mary's Janesville Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein