

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mercy Community Care Center, Janesville – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Larry Knuth, Barb Kuska, Beth Natter, Pastor Bill Wagner, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Supervisor Terry Fell, Gary Trulson (alternate) Dr. Jay MacNeal, Dr. Chris Wistrom, Chief Gene Wright, Dr. John Russo (alternate), Rob Lulling and Sgt. Shena Kohler .

Members Absent:

Cindy Kirby, Steve Ryan, Chief Loren Lippincott, Chief John Rindfleisch, Shelly McGuire, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Commander Troy Knudson, Erik Severson and Barry Irdman.

Guests: No guests were in attendance.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by DC Joe Murray and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the June 9, 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Pastor Bill Wagner and seconded by Barb Kuska to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for December 10, 2015. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

South Central Healthcare Coalition - SCHCC

- Barb Kuska stated that she was not in attendance at the last coalition meeting but did attend the Ebola exercise. The greatest issue that seemed to arise from the exercise was what EMS providers would do in the case of a patient presenting themselves. Baraboo's ambulance specifically for transferring an Ebola patient was on hand at the exercise and was purchased through one of the mini-grants available from the SCHCC. Representatives from UW (Ebola patient treatment facility) and St. Mary's Madison (Ebola patient assessment facility) also, participated in the exercise. Questions arose about the difference in assessment and treatment and it was reiterated that any patients presenting Ebola

symptoms would go to St. Mary's for assessment and then be transferred to UW, regardless of whether they were first admitted to UW or not.

- Barb Kuska included that the SCHCC discussed the Zika virus. The Rock County Public Health Department is monitoring mosquitoes in the local area for the Zika virus and other mosquito borne diseases.
- Robert Swenarski stated that he was in attendance last SCHCC meeting. They also discussed testing PAPR's. Many have done tests but not full-scale testing which shows that many are outdated and unusable. The batteries need to be conditioned. St. Mary's has done testing on the medical PAPR's but not on their chemical PAPR's.
- Robert Swenarski stated that the last SCHCC meeting had a presentation on Team Rubicon as well.

State EMS Board Update

Data Committee

- Chair Knuth advised that the Data committee announced that the NEMSIS 3.0 target date for implementation is January 2017.
- Image Trends is pushing out a program called Elite that will help the trauma registry personnel to get the data that they need from the electronic patient reporting tool.
- Working on establishing a common language glossary.

System Management and Development Committee

- Focus was on Medicaid reimbursement. The committee has been tasked on reviewing the rates and the impact on financially healthy EMS services throughout the state.
- Special events process code is also under review, to help clarify the approval process from the state (application administrative rural requirements – why not – all elements there or approval of the elements of the special events code).
- Legislative change that services with populations of less than 10,000 could utilize EMR as part of a legal crew. 32 services have a population of less than 10,000 and requested to modify their operational plans to incorporate EMR's into their staffing model.

EMS Office

- EMS office are notifying that EPI can be drawn up by first responder's.
- Will be sending out a memo regarding medically assisted airway.
- PAC will be sending out a memo on July 1, 2016 regarding educational standards. There will be no more 6 hours of flexible at the basic level but they are going to 100% flexible hours just like the paramedic training hours.
- There was also discussion about scope of practice, particularly about the administrative rule that states it changes in January. The current EMS office doesn't interpret it that way – what is the necessity of changing the scope on January 1. The idea being that services can make the appropriate requests for new equipment in a timely manner (as the scope changes – not just on January 1), immediately after approval by PAC and the EMS office.
- Discussion on whether the State EMS Advisory board needs to be part of any state investigations – was not clear whether state investigators were asking board to be included or whether the State EMS Advisory board requested to be included on investigations.
- With 16 days to the deadline, 242 services had not renewed their licenses and 5,083 individuals had not renewed their licenses.
- PAC is adding Tylenol to the paramedic's scope.
- TEMS is also working on creating a scope of practice including: nasal airways, hemostatic agents, manual airway maneuvers, tourniquets and chest seal products.

- Services are being encouraged to obtain mid-level provider licenses through DEA.
- Working on materials and training for scope of practice for Law Enforcement for Narcan and medical assisted airways.
- DHS 118, which is the new trauma rule will be opened.
- Legislative study committee formed for studying Volunteer Fire and EMS staffing challenges.

Education Committee

- What are Vocational/Tech colleges' requirements for training EMR's? Vocational/Tech colleges are required one star or lower skills/training for EMR's. Two star or higher is considered advanced training.
- Committee has stated they are working on the feasibility and appropriateness of out of state training.
- Commission on Accreditation of Education Programs of EMS Professionals (COAEMSP) – Standard not to precept your own staff on-duty/student. If you are on duty as part of a crew, you can't be considered a student. Clinical time cannot be as on-duty staff.
- DC Joe Murray stated that the cross-border mutual aid, 10 times rule has been struck from the legislation (this is not applicable to inter-facility transfers). Licensure is still needed for inter-facility cross-border transfers.

Membership – Election of Members

- Sgt. Shena Kohler advised that the following members need to send in renewal letters for the upcoming re-election: Supervisor Terry Fell, Chief Gene Wright, Eric Severson, Rub Lulling, Commander Troy Knudson, Chief John Rindfleisch and Robert Swenarski. Beth Kline will send out an e-mail with a letter template for all renewals. Alternate list was sent around the room for reviewing/updating alternate list.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Chief Gene Wright stated that they have a new rehab vehicle that is currently out of commission (getting light put on) and will be back in service shortly. Rehab vehicle will be utilized at Freedom Fest and will be up at Brodhead's National Night Out. The Rehab vehicle is available for any large events. Contact Chief Wright for use.
- DC Joe Murray (Beloit Fire & EMS) announced that Beloit has ordered ballistic vests for all of the riding positions for all of the engines and ambulances, around 90 vests. Vests are rifle plates and carriers, with a goal to have one for each person on the department, in the future. Vests are black and will have a red maltese cross patch on the front and medic patch on the back. Wauk boards, have been ordered. It is a back injury prevention initiative, to get patient's out of tight quarters to move patient's easier and safer. Additionally, a peer mentorship program has been initiated for PTSD, job related stresses, etc. There was discussion of local resources regarding suicide prevention and mental health providers, EMDR, etc. The firefighter health study has been published and there has been significant interest in that study on alert tones and their relationship to the heart rates of first responders. The relationship of the heart rate (startle response) and suddenness and decibel of the alert tones has resulted in a gradual ramp up of alert tones to reduce stress on the body.

- Chair Larry Knuth stated that as Paratech has grown and expanded, Paratech is now split to Paratech and Paratech South. Paratech South is not under the direction of Dr. Steve Andrews.
- Brian Becker stated that the 911 annual report is out and is on the website. Fire and EMS calls are up about 10% from last year. The new 911 call video is almost finished, this video will focus on the 911 hang-ups, accidental and abandoned calls. New legislation may turn off the 911 feature of old, un-used cell phones. These abandoned calls, with no voice, are still getting officers out to check the call. The amount of time per year in the county is approximately around 2 full-time officers. Majority of text-to-911 calls are actually true emergencies, receiving one to two text-to-911 calls per week. The annual review of the emergency medical dispatch protocols has added narcane instructions. One of the goals and objectives for 2016 is get 90% of each call dispatched within 90 seconds or less with 99% dispatched in 120 seconds or less.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced the Rescue Task Force policy group discussion is coming up on June 15th at Mercy Community Care Center, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- National Night Out will be held at Riverside Park in Beloit on August 2nd.
- Rapid Needs assessment training class, G-557 will be held at the Rock County EOC on September 15th. Public Information Officer (PIO) class will also be hosted at the Rock County EOC on September 21st through 22nd.

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Blackhawk Technical College

- Gary Trulson discussed that the majority of training centers are training EMR for the full 72 hours but some are training for just the basic.
- Robert Balsamo has been hired to replace Dave Peterson as the new Fire and EMS coordinator.
- EMT two part course will be going on over the summer and then the EMT fundamentals will be continued in the fall.

Hospitals

○ St. Mary's Janesville Hospital

- Robert Swenarski, continued education for EMS, stroke education will be hosted on June 22nd.
- Radiation oncology is still on-schedule for the August opening.
- Community CPR program is going well and there have been over 100 trained in the last two months.

○ Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center

- Dr. MacNeal stated that protocols are removing the D50 to the D10 with the 250mL bag. Research shows it is more stable and less damaging to tissue. Backboards were removed from the last protocol and C-collars are close to being removed as well. Ventilation has moved up within the cardiac arrest protocol as well as the airway. Removed the administration of vasopressin but kept solu medrol. Not elevating people as of yet, maybe in the future. Moving EPI administration back to every 5 minutes. Pushing toward more humeral head I.O.s, if responder cannot get an IV. Still have dual sequential defibrillation and

beta blockers at the bottom of the protocol. Still using TXA, studies show it's still getting good results.

- There have been additional requirements on the agencies to guarantee a response.
- Dr. Wistrum updated the group on the TEMs/TECC program and tactical center operations. Rescue Training Force (RTF) training is going well, almost all the Fire departments and EMT's are trained on what RTF is and how it works. Mercy is also working on rolling out a casualty care in the workplace program.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
 - Beloit Memorial has had 6 nurses trained as SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) certified forensic nurse examiners, as per the recommendation of the Rock County District Attorney.
 - Alison Hanaman has been hired as the new Trauma Coordinator. She is going through training currently.
 - Beloit is also working on working on entering things into the registry and getting cases to close.
 - Construction is on-going for the fourth floor cardiac center and the ambulatory surgery center at North Pointe.
- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
 - No one from Edgerton Hospital was in attendance.

Fire and MABAS

- No updates.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner stated that Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association will be offering an advanced chaplain's class at this year's conference.
- The Patriot's exercise is now allowing civilians to participate, held at Volk Field.
- There will be a regional CISM training in Chicago in August.

Other Announcements:

Chair Knuth asked that we start sending an RSVP for each meeting to ensure/encourage a quorum.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by DC Joe Murray and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2016
at St. Mary's Hospital, Janesville.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline
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