

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 8, 2016
St. Mary's Hospital, Janesville – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Larry Knuth, Barb Kuska, Dr. Chris Wistrom, Pastor Bill Wagner, Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Supervisor Terry Fell, Gary Trulson (alternate), Robert Balsamo (BTC), Cindy Kirby, Chief John Rindfleisch, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Shelly McGuire, Jamie Kessenich, Rob Lulling. Dr. John Russo and Sgt. Shena Kohler .

Members Absent:

Steve Ryan, Chief Gene Wright, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Commander Troy Knudson and Barry Irman.

Guests: Andrea Hughes – St. Mary's, Hillary Kreager – Mercy.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Shelly McGuire to approve the September 8, 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Dr. Chris Wistrom to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for June 9, 2015. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

South Central Healthcare Coalition - SCHCC

- Barb Kuska stated that the coalition has been relatively inactive. The last scheduled event was the Ebola exercise. The June and July meetings had been cancelled and no invitation had been sent out for the September meeting. A new coordinator has been hired, Jennifer Behnke, as the last coordinator took another position within the department of health services.

State EMS Board Update

- Chair Knuth advised that the summer activity of the State Board of EMS has been relatively slow. The next committee meeting is being held on October 11th and the board meeting will be held on October 12th at the Madison Marriott West.

Membership – Election of Members

- Chair Knuth stated that election of the members was being voted on this meeting. Robert Swenarski, Rob Lulling, Terry Fell, Chief John Rindfleisch and Troy Knudson were all re-elected to their current membership appointments and Chief Gene Wright was appointed to Eric Severson's spot and Robert Balsamo, the new Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) EMS and Fire coordinator, was appointed to the vacant BTC spot. Motion was made by Dr. Wistrom and seconded by Barb Kuska to approve all suggested appointments. Motion carried.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Chair Knuth stated that Paraech has purchased a new Stryker Powerload, with the goal of never lifting. It has other technologies to help with usability.
- Deputy Chief Peter Mory stated that Chief Loren Lippincott was retiring at the end of the week.
- Cindy Kirby stated that Edgerton still is without a Chief but that Deputy Chief Lukas was the interim chief for Edgerton for now.
- Rob Lulling reported that Ryan Brothers have finished the remodel of their headquarters in downtown Madison.
- Jaimie Kessinich stated that they just had the powerload power cot installed in their ambulance and were working on staffing.
- Chief Rindfleisch reported that they are working on finding funding for the Rescue Task Force equipment.
- Brian Becker stated that the goal to exceed NFPA dispatch standards for 90% of calls to be dispatched within 90 seconds or less is currently being exceeded.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced the Rescue Task Force protocol is being finalized. The protocol is being presented to the Rock County Law Enforcement Association and Rock County Fire Officer's meetings for review and feedback.
- Evacuation Planning and Re-entry training class, will be held at the Beloit Water Utilities on September 27th and 28th. Wisconsin Emergency Management Association conference will be held in October. The pre-conference will be October 10 -11 and the conference will be the 12th.
- Sonic Boom will be held on October 1st and 2nd. The expectation is for a crowd of approximately 15,000 each day.

Blackhawk Technical College

- Robert Balsamo introduced himself to the group and stated that he's settling in at Blackhawk Technical College. A new president for the college started 3 days after Robert started, who is very forward thinking and is working on the re-design of their website and how to get BTC to an on-demand program system. There are two EMT classes going on currently and a EMR class finishing up in New Glarus.

Hospitals

- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
 - Robert Swenarski stated the radiation oncology center is now open.
 - The EMS quarterly training will be on September 21st at 6 pm. A chiro/EMT/sports med doctor will be speaking about concussions
 - Andrea Hughes stated that the Trauma Advisory Council is looking for more participation from EMS. Trauma registry will be moving to Image Trend in January to work in tandem with the EMS patient registry (already using Image Trend).
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
 - Dr. Wistrom stated that Mercy Health is changing their name and logo due to the merger with Rockford Health Systems.
 - A new hospital is being built in Rockford.
 - Dr. Wistrom stated that the TECC program is running every other month and that work on the Rescue Training Force (RTF) is going well.
 - TEM's course coming up October 24 -27 with the NTOA. Registration is at NTOA website being held at Mercy's tactical training center. The following two days will feature a conference.
 - Two new MD-1 doctors have been hired for Rockford and Walworth.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
 - Phase 2 and 3 of construction are on-going for the heart hospital
 - Construction is on-going for the ambulatory surgery center at North Pointe.
 - The SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) certified forensic nurse examiners program is up and running, with six more nurses going for SANE training.
- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
 - Shelly McGuire stated that numbers have been good and they continue to work toward Stroke Ready certification.

Fire and MABAS

- Chief John Rindfleisch stated that any card changes should be finished before the end of the year.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner attended the Patriot Exercise at Volk Field in July. The chaplain's group looked at working with the military and any additional training civilian chaplain's would be required to have in order to work with the military in any disasters.

- Beloit chaplains will be taking American Red Cross disaster training to fill the gap of time between disasters and when the American Red Cross can be on scene to help with those who are affected by disasters.
- Clinton just started a chaplain program.
- CISM has been quiet.

Other Announcements:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Shelly McGuire to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2016
at Beloit Health System, Beloit.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline
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