

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 14, 2017  
SSM Health, Janesville – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Barb Kuska, Dr. Chris Wistrom, Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Robert Balsamo (BTC), Shelly McGuire, Rob Lulling, Beth Natter, Deputy Chief Rich Tippelt, Commander Troy Knudson, Chief Randall Pickering and Sgt. Shena Kohler.

**Members Absent:**

Steve Ryan, Chief Gene Wright, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Pastor Bill Wagner, Cindy Kirby, Chief John Rindfleisch, Supervisor Terry Fell, Jamie Kessenich, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Chair Larry Knuth, and Barry Irman.

**Guests:** Dr. Kasy Kronenfeld and Andrea Hughes – St. Mary's, Dr. Jennifer Gibson Chambers – Mercy.

**Call to Order:**

Deputy Chief Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the September 14, 2017 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Brian Becker to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for December 8, 2016. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**South Central Healthcare Coalition - SCHCC**

- Barb Kuska stated that the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will cover the discussion of the surge test requirements – how to meet their deliverables. Those wanting to join this meeting can do so via Adobe Connect. Trauma Care Across the Continuum workshop will be held at the Epic Center on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Another CMS requirement that has been discussed was about how to track not only patients but all staff and visitors, as well. Bob Swenarski state that the SCHCC's funding may being going away because there have

been no deaths related to disasters in Wisconsin. This has not been confirmed but is a future potential.

### **State EMS Board Update**

- Vice Chair DC Joe Murray stated that there have been some issues with Image Trend Elite. There have been discussion about changes in credentialing based on the anniversary date rather than the current bi-annual re-credentialing schedule. Funding for this may be an issue and is under discussion. A sub-committee on the opiates narcotic epidemic has been formed.

### **Membership – Election of Members**

- Motion was made by Sgt. Shena Kohler to re-elect and replace the following:
  - Re-elect: Chair Larry Knuth, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Shelly McGuire, Brian Becker and Pastor Bill Wagner
  - Replacements: Cindy Kirby with Chief Randall Pickering and Dr. John Russ as Co-Medical Director with Dr. Kasey Kronenfeld (SSM Health).
- Motion seconded by DC Joe Murray. Motion carried.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Deputy Chief Tippelt stated that Town of Beloit EMS is seeing an uptick of paramedic intercepts.
- Chief Randall Pickering stated that Edgerton has been providing coverage in other areas and have been running intercepts with areas that they haven't had intercept agreements with and have had to work out how to bill.
- Rob Lulling reported that Ryan Brothers have finished fitting all of their ambulances with power lifts.
- DC Murray stated that Beloit is working to get Image Trend Elite up and running. Beloit EMS is looking to start charging for lift assists and super-users, billing back to the managed care organizations. Still working with law enforcement about the opiate difficulties.
- Brian Becker stated that the preparation planning for the I-90 has been on-going. Current staffing is one-above minimum staffing. At the last Rock County Fire Officer's meeting, Dr. MacNeal was voted in and work is being done on EMD cards. Three additional criteria are being added to the EMD cards for Auto ALS and are as follows: trauma related injuries with altered mental status, penetrating trauma injuries to the head, neck or torso and for uncontrolled bleeding. This should be added and in place by early November. The backup frequencies are in place but are waiting on inter-governmental agreements to be completed.

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

- Commander Troy Knudson stated that the Narcan program is in place and has been running since March. Mental health processing and law enforcement is an issue throughout the county regarding how patients are processed at each health facility.

- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced that Web EOC training has been ongoing. If you have training needs for Web EOC, please contact the EM office. If you have any training needs for 2018, please let Sgt. Kohler know prior to the end of the year, so applications can be made to the state.

### **Blackhawk Technical College**

- Robert Balsamo stated that much of the equipment that was ordered through the capital equipment purchases are in and BTC is working towards having an additional set of equipment for the Monroe campus. The EMT program is also looking to change the current text from J&B to Brady. The on-line curriculum that goes with it is much easier to use and navigate through. Additionally, it provides immediate feedback to the student and guides the homework around areas where the student needs additional instruction. Instructors get immediate feedback as well to help instruction. Looking to switch from Fisdap to Platinum. Platinum extracts more data from the testing platform to help with instruction and changing the testing from general knowledge to analytical testing.

### **Hospitals**

- SSM Health
  - Robert Swenarski stated the EMS quarterly training will be on September 20th at 6 pm. It will focus on back to the basics.
  - SSM Health is instituting a new, 60-second time out, for EMS. The goal of this to ensure a better patient hand-off, from EMS to hospital staff.
  - SSM will also be following up with EMS on the outcomes of their patients to get them feedback.
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
  - Beth Natter announced that the site visit for the paramedic program went well and waiting for accreditation.
  - A new cohort of paramedics graduating at the beginning of October. Mercy has changed its program to be more progressive learning and more student based learning. Mercy just started a new paramedic program, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. The new program will cycle with the academic year.
  - There will be a Trauma Conference upcoming in October. The TEM's course upcoming, October 24-27. TECC course scheduled for November.
  - 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.
  - Dr. Wistrum announced that all school districts have been trained on the casualty-care in the classroom program, with the exception of the school district of Milton.
  - Pre-conference for the nurses, TCRN, is the Thursday and Friday before the Trauma conference.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
  - The heart hospital is up and running. A few cath labs are still be renovated to update the older cath labs.
  - The surgery center at North Pointe is up and running.

- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
  - Shelly McGuire stated that there was nothing new.

**Fire and MABAS**

- DC Murray stated that the work on the MABAS cards is trying to take into consideration the construction on I-90 with the help from Chief Pickering. Brian Becker stated that the DOT has been working to help with the response.

**Clergy – CISM**

- Pastor Wagner was not in attendance.

**Other Announcements:**

None at this time.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Dr. Chris Wistrum to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2017  
at Beloit Health System, Beloit.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline  
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