

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 10, 2015
St. Mary's Hospital, Janesville – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Barb Kuska, Beth Natter, Cathy Mestan (alternate), Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Supervisor Terry Fell, Dr. Rick Barney (alternate), M.D. Medical Director, Terry Jones (Alternate), Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Dr. Jon Van Roo, M.D., Rob Lulling, Deputy Chief Peter Mory and Sgt. Shena Kohler .

Members Absent:

Chair Larry Knuth, Chief Mary Beaver, Dr. Jay MacNeal, M.D., Tyler Curtis, Erik Severson, Barry Irmen. Pastor Bill Wagner, Cindy Kirby, Chief Gene Wright, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Shelly McGuire, Chief John Rindfleisch and Steve Ryan.

Guests: Andrea Hughes, RN.

Call to Order:

Barb Kuska called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Barb Kuska chaired in absence of Larry Knuth and Deputy Chief Joe Murray.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bob Swenarski and seconded by Brian Becker to approve the September 10, 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Beth Natter and seconded by Bob Swenarski to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for June 11, 2015. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

South Central Health Care Coalition - SCHCC

- Barb Kuska advised that the agenda item, Hospital Preparedness Update should be the South Central Health Care Coalition moving forward. Beth Kline will remove Hospital Preparedness Update from the agenda and leave the SCHCC, as a permanent agenda item.
- Barb Kuska advised that the last SCHCC meeting was held on August 14, 2015. Matt Schwei is the new coalition coordinator and ran the last meeting. Schwei confirmed that Dr.

Michael Lohmeier is the new Medical Advisor and Dan Williams has taken on the position of the RTAC coordinator. There is one more opening on the executive board for one more EMS representative. If there are any interested parties for this opening, please contact Dan Williams.

- There is \$157,000 in funding awaiting decision from the board as to how that funding will be allocated. There is also an additional \$50,000 available Ebola funding for this year, with an additional \$10,000 for the next four years following. Board is continuing to decide how this funding will be used.
- During the August 14th meeting, the following broke into groups: RTAC, Hospital, Public Health and Emergency Management. The SCHCC as a whole is still working out what their roles will be going forward. These groups will be meeting together prior to the main SCHCC meeting in the future.
- There will be other, voting, board member openings in the future but final decisions are still being made.
- Sgt. Kohler stated that the executive board is still working on rules and how the board will be allowed to conduct business. A budget has been submitted but has no past precedent. Accordingly, the budget is currently an open concept of spending. The board is working on identifying exercises and training that may be helpful. An example was brought forward about the lack of hospital resources in the Dells and getting an exercise executed for that particular area in order to assess capabilities.
- Additionally, the board sent out a survey of the needs of those within the coalition because there were extra funds available. Of the 9 groups that applied for the extra funds, four or five were awarded to groups that applied from within Rock County.
- The coalition is planning to do an exercise region-wide or state-wide next year. Looking for ideas for this exercise.

State EMS Board Update

- Chair Knuth was not in attendance at today's meeting and there was no business to discuss other than there is a new state medical director, Dr. Suzanne Martens.

Membership – Election of Members

- Sgt. Shena Kohler requested that the committee vote on replacing Captain Gary Groelle with Commander Troy Knudson. Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas motioned to approve Commander Troy Knudson as a new EMS Advisory Committee member and was seconded by Supervisor Terry Fell.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Curtis Medics has all critical care medics at their Lake Geneva facility, with the continued goal to have all Curtis medics certified critical care medics in the future.
- DC Jim Ponkauskas mentioned that Sonic Boom is upcoming and that the anticipated participants will be close to 15,000. JFD is almost finished with their IAP. Upon completion the IAP will be sent out to the necessary stakeholders and service providers.

Communications Center

- Brian Becker stated that the text-to-911 feature is now online. A press release will go out next Monday to inform the public that it is up and running. If the call (text) originates in Rock County, then the caller will be able to contact the 911 Communications Center. If the call originates outside of Rock County, there is no technology in place, currently, to transfer the call (text) i.e. if the caller, texts from Beloit but is using a tower in Winnebago county, the text will not go through. Rock County is the first county to have this feature up and running. Dodge and Dane county are getting close. Even with the other counties that will be using text-to-911, the technology is being managed through different companies and will be unable to transfer text-to-911 calls, from county to county, as a result.
- There are 3 retirements coming up before the end of the year, two in October and one in November. Between all three, there is over 100 years of experience that will be leaving the dispatch center.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced the BTC, Community Leader's Breakfast on October, 1st at 7:30 am. Registration is required for attendance.
- Emergency Management is working on wrapping up the 2015 grant, Plan of Work. It needs to be completed by the end of this month.
- The 2016 grant, Plan of Work includes a new siren, tentatively for Clinton, WI. The plan is to replace older model sirens, one per year going forward.
- There is an ICS – 300 and ICS – 400 class scheduled for the fall in Beloit.
- Rock County has applied to host course G-270, Local Government Response. WEM has been amenable to the classes applied for in the past because of good attendance.
- VOAD will meet again, October 14th at 9:00 am at Beloit Head Start. VOAD meets four times a year, the second Wednesday of the month (every four months).

Blackhawk Technical College

- No representatives from Blackhawk Technical College were in attendance. Nothing to report.

Hospitals

- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
 - Bob Swenarski introduced the new chest pain and trauma coordinator, Andrea Hughes, R.N. The hospital did pass chest pain accreditation.
 - Currently St. Mary's is working on re-stocking ambulances as they come to the hospital.
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
 - Beth Natter stated that the transition course I-99 for the EMT group out of Green County is starting next week. Mercy will continue to work with Green County EMT's to transition to paramedic over the next year.
 - Dr. Rick Barney announced that Mercy had just completed a CCR boot camp, reiterating the importance of manual defibrillation and have removed the AED's from all ambulances because the pause is too long.
 - Dr. Rick Barney stated that pre-hospital will no longer be using Combitubes and moving to i-Gel. For patients being transferred to ICU, they may need a bougie

assisted switch of the airway from 6.5 – 7.5 ET tube to something larger if necessary.

- Mercy has recognized the need for more community based CCR training. The move is to cardio-cerebral resuscitation CCR, hands only compression for by-standers, as this has been most efficacious in pre-paramedic arrival treatment.
- There will be some significant changes to the cardiac arrest protocol. Cold saline is an issue, whether that should be done in the field or not. Head up CPR, 20 to 30 degrees will be added to the new protocol.

- Beloit Memorial Hospital

- Beloit Memorial is renovating the fourth floor for conversion into an all-inclusive Heart Center. Upon completion of the project, all cardio testing, cath lab and a surgery center dedicated to cardio, will be located on the fourth floor. Construction is underway with a completion date set for some time in 2017.
- An ambulatory surgery center has been approved to be implemented at North Pointe, with construction planned to start next year.
- Waiting for joint commission visit, slated for some time before the end of this year.

- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services

- No representative from Edgerton Hospital in attendance. Nothing to report.

Fire and MABAS

- Chief John Rindfleisch and DC Joe Murray were not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner was not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Other Announcements:

None at this time

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2015
At Beloit Memorial Hospital, Beloit.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline
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