

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, March 8, 2012 – Beloit Health System - Beloit

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Members Present: Gerry Luiting, Mary Beaver, Dennis Ahrens, Shelly McGuire, Eric Severson, Dr. Michael Kellum, Loren Lippincott, Pastor Bill Wagner, Barb Kuska, John Rindfleisch, Joe Murray, Kathren Sukus and Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder.

Members Absent: Larry Knuth, Shirley Connors, Kristina Jordan, Beth Natter, Jude Maurer, Dave Fonder, Ivan Collins and Steve Ryan.

Guests: Brenda Clark, Director of Emergency Services and Chris Kaiser, St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville; Tom Brunner, Mercy Regional Training Center; Eric Ryan, Ryan Brothers; Michelle Heitzinger, Susan G. Komen-South Central, WI; Joan Kamholz, Susan G. Komen Justice for a Cure; Zachory Beaver Sr, Evansville EMS.

Vice Chair Gerry Luiting called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Guest Speakers Michelle Heitzinger and Joan Kamholz representing Susan G. Komen showed slides on their endeavors to get everyone involved in Susan G. Komen Foundation. Vice Chair Luiting thanked the guest speakers for attending the EMS Advisory Council Meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Dennis Ahrens to approve the March 8, 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion was made by Loren Lippincott to waive the reading and approve the December 8, 2011 minutes. This motion was seconded by Pastor Bill Wagner. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Countywide Protocols – Dr. Kellum advised the Council:
 - County wide protocols have been accepted by the State of Wisconsin. The protocols went into effect January 1, 2012 for Janesville Fire Department and Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Services.

New Business:

- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Council:
 - Attended a Leadership Meeting in Wisconsin Dells. Advanced Burn Life Support training is available to EMS. She will make the information available to Committee members via email. There is a hands-on training available for those who completed on-line training. Hospital Preparedness Committee will pay for all portions of this training.

- Another item brought up for discussion purposes only with minimal effect on Rock County was transportation of Amish in other counties in the State of Wisconsin. Some parents do not want their children transported by ambulance, helicopter, etc. It was decided that if there was a “conscious adult” present, transportation could be denied; however, if no “conscious adult” present, child could be transported.
 - Ryan White Act has been devised. EMS is covered under this Act to protect first responders from infectious diseases.
 - Interim pharmaceutical stockpile has been updated.
- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** -- Nothing to report.
 - ◆ **New Members** – Eric Severson, Curtis Ambulance, replacing Jeff Ropicky and Deputy Chief Joe Murray, City of Beloit Fire Department, replacing Bryan Northrop, were introduced and welcomed to the EMS Advisory Council.

Agency Reports:

- ◆ **EMS Providers**
 - Evansville EMS - Mary Beaver advised they are working on building a safe Evansville (BASE). They are working with Evansville Police Department and Rock County Public Health to curb drug and alcohol in schools especially.
 - City of Edgerton Fire Department – Brennon Ruosch advised there was an article on the LUCAS 2 automatic chest compression device. They have been training on this device for the past few weeks but have not used it as yet. Everyone is invited to come take a look at it.
- EMS week is May 20 – May 26, 2012, There will be a blood drive on May 21 and on May 26, a cookout at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services.
- City of Beloit Fire Department – Joe Murray advised the department is in the process of purchasing new cardiac monitors and defibrillators. Once monitors are FDA approved, clinical trials will start.
 - City of Janesville Fire Department – Gerry Luiting advised they are in the process of putting narcotic boxes in their firetrucks. Concealed carry education is completed and bariatric system is up and running. Six new people have been hired and they are all paramedics.
 - Clinton EMS - John Rindfleisch advised there is a fundraiser coming up May 5, playing dodge ball.
 - Town of Beloit Fire Department – Dennis Ahrens advised they are in the process of doing evaluations for the paramedic program. The Town of Beloit should know by April.

Dennis also announced he is retiring from Town of Beloit Fire Department.

- ◆ **Communications Center** – Kathren Sukus
 - Telecommunicator Week April 8-14, 2012.
 - Infrastructure work for digital upgrade is on schedule and testing with agencies will start around May.
 - Working with Milton High School, Milton Police/Fire & Mercy Health System for mock accident around graduation time.

- ◆ **Emergency Management** – EM Administrative Assistant announced a Tornado Spotters Training Class, Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at City of Evansville Fire Department.

- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Nothing to report

- ◆ **Hospitals** – Brenda Clark – Shelly McGuire - Barb Kuska
 - St. Mary’s Janesville Hospital – Chris Kaiser
Advised there have been a numerous amount of ambulance transports.

 - Edgerton Hospital and Health Services:
Shelly McGuire advised the Committee 2000 square feet of cardiac rehabilitation have been added to the hospital.

 - The ambulance bay is expanding in about two or three weeks.

 - Dean Clinic is building an addition adjacent to Edgerton Hospital and Health Services.

- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – John Rindfleisch
 - There are some changes with M.A.B.A.S. cards with the way they are laid out. They should be up and running within a couple of weeks. Discussion ensued and more information will be forthcoming.

- ◆ **Sheriffs Office** – Nothing to report

- ◆ **Clergy – CISM** – Pastor Wagner
 - Chaplain’s unit will be sponsoring a family night showing the movie “*Courageous*”, no date has been set as yet.
 - International Conference – Police Chaplains Regional Training next week. MABAS 100, 200, 700 and 800 will be offered.
 - Fire Chiefs Conference in June will offer Basic Fire Chaplains Training at Wisconsin Dells. They will also be represented with a booth at the MABAS Conference in August.
 - There is a Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial the 2nd Tuesday in May hosted by the City of Janesville Police Department.

Other Announcements: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Joe Murray and seconded by Pastor Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

The next meeting will be held June 14, 2012 at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein