

**ROCK COUNTY**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Thursday, March 14, 2013 – Edgerton Hospital and Health Services

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**Members Present:** Larry Knuth, Sgt. Shena Kohler, Captain Gary Groelle, alternate for Captain Jude Maurer, Mary Beaver, Gerry Luiting, Kathren Sukus, Beth Natter, Barb Kuska, Gary Schenck, alternate for Kristina Jordan, Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder, Pastor Bill Wagner, Shelly McGuire, Karen Greene, alternate for Shelly McGuire, Dr. Jay MacNeal and Erin Ryan, alternate for Rob Lulling.

**Members Absent:** Eric Severson, Joe Murray, Loren Lippincott, Dr. Michael Kellum, Dr. Franz Keilhauer, John Rindfleisch, Jude Maurer, Ivan Collins, Rob Lulling and Steve Ryan.

**Guests:** Kim Kempken, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital; John Yost, Ryan Brothers Ambulance; Steven Theisen, SW Region Communications Specialist – DOT; Brandon J. Lamers, Southwest Region Traffic Engineer - DOT

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Chair Knuth suspended the meeting at 12:35 – Brandon Lamers and Steven Theisen gave a presentation on the I39 / I90 improvement project.

The EMS Advisory Committee Meeting reconvened at 1:04 PM

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Brennon Ruosch to approve the March 14, 2013 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:** Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Shelly McGuire to waive the reading and approve the minutes of December 13, 2012. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

- ◆ Crime Scene Protocol – Dr. MacNeal recommended this item be removed from the agenda. It will be reviewed again in six months. Captain Groelle advised he went through Law Enforcement Administration, corrections were made. He stated he believes it is in its final stages.
- ◆ Countywide Protocols – Dr. MacNeal recommended this item be removed from the Agenda. It will also be reviewed in six months.

## **New Business:**

### **◆ Hospital Preparedness Update –**

- Barb Kuska advised the Council the Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program (WHEPP) Leadership Meeting was held February 15, 2013. There will be another Leadership Meeting the following Friday. They discussed the fiscal upcoming projects. They plan to purchase tourniquets for 1500 services in Wisconsin. \$30,000 is being set aside for this project.
- Funding for a mobile morgue to be stored at the new Dane County Medical Examiner's Center was on the list. She stated more services are one of the areas concerns. She believes Rock County has more access to services than any other county in the state. Even though there is more access to services, she believes services are still lacking. Hospital Preparedness has approximately \$65,000 they plan to spend on morgue and fatality issues. They are also talking about cut-outs for training and exercise purposes instead of big full body mannequins making it easier to store them. They talked about more dollars for WISCOM, continuation of ARES/RACES, casualty cards for hospitals, room dividers for long term care facilities and hospitals; trauma cards. They also talked about Kangaroo Vests or Moses Baskets which are evacuation tools for NICUs (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). They also talked about HAZMAT Online Training and other training for Certified Hospital Emergency Coordinator which she felt would be useful to a number of people trying to do emergency coordination in hospitals. Other issues were discussed including a Special Needs Booklet. Further information should be coming out.
- Health Care Coalitions – Barb advised Health Care Coalitions are very big in other parts of the country. Lori Wallman mentioned in a telephone conference there are some states that are further ahead than Wisconsin on Health Care Coalitions. They have been forming Health Care Coalitions that they charge dues for and this is one of the ways they are financing their emergency preparedness thinking about federal dollars going away. Lori will come back from her conference with more information about how to form Health Care Coalitions. Barb announced Kevin Wernet resigned as State Coordinator. There were updates on how to send alerts on WI-TRAC, all of the new instructions are in the Library at WI-TRAC.

### **◆ State EMS Board Update**

- Chair Knuth advised the board had a Strategic Planning Meeting on February 5 - 6 in Wisconsin Dells. He did not attend but from information he received from Board members, the Board's hope is that the NHTSA's 2012 re-assessment report of Wisconsin EMS System will be seen as an independent body recommending to the State Legislators and to the Department what the State needs to strengthen the Wisconsin EMS System going forward. The Advisory Board's frustration is that after similar reports which they previously submitted to the Department may have been seen as "self-serving" thus never making it out of the Department for action

Their next Committee meeting is April 2nd for all of the Committees with the EMS Board meeting being held April 3rd at the Madison Sheraton Hotel. One of the things requested of the Board was more comprehensive minutes. Folks may dial into Board

meetings if they have the ability to do so. He stated he would encourage folks to take advantage of that ability.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **◆ EMS Providers**

- Brennon Ruosch – City of Edgerton Fire Department - questioned the shortage of D50 and what the plans were regarding the shortage. Chair Knuth stated he heard it was available in vials but not syringes. Chair Knuth stated he would contact the State Office regarding the issue of shortages of D50.

Brennon also advised their former Fire Chief is now at City of Janesville Fire so there is a full time firefighter - EMT position opening up at Edgerton Fire Department.

- Gerry Luiting – City of Janesville Fire Department - advised there are ten new employees starting Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. They are all paramedics.
- Dr. MacNeal stated he is looking forward to working more with WARDS.
- Erin Ryan – Ryan Brothers Ambulance – advised that they have been endorsed by the State of Wisconsin as a Critical Care Paramedic Service as of January 1, 2013.

#### **◆ Communications Center**

- Kathy Sukes advised 911 Communications is wrapping up radio issues.
- The new CAD system is installed and they are working out the bugs on software.
- Interviews are currently taking place for Kathy's old position.
- April 14 – 20<sup>th</sup> is National 911 Communications Week.

#### **◆ Rock County Sheriff's Office**

- Captain Gary Groelle advised the Rock County Sheriff's Office, City of Beloit Police Department and City of Janesville Police Department went in together and purchased a Bearcat which is a secure mobile unit that can be used during SWAT calls. He stated it is a used one and should be available in May. It is being refurbished in North Carolina. The three departments will share that mobile unit.
- The Sheriff's Office hired three new deputies, six correction officers and there are Seven more spots to fill..
- Pastor Bill Wagner announced it is Rock County's year to host the Memorial Service. Captain Groelle stated that it has been discussed and the Sheriff will get something out soon on location and a specific date.

#### **◆ Emergency Management**

- Sgt. Kohler announced that at present, Rock County is dealing with flooding throughout the County. There is also a sink hole on West Keesey Road.
- She advised most members should be receiving her press releases, if not, please let her know.
- Emergency Management Office is finishing up on the 2013 Computer and Hazmat Equipment Grant for Level B Team, City of Janesville Fire Department. Additional equipment will be added to the Grant.
- Weather spotter class is tentatively scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at the County Health Care Center. There will be a public safety announcement when confirmed.

- She is working on a Lock Down Active Shooter Training, goal is April 22 and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but nothing definite has been scheduled as yet. This training would be for all fire, EMS, law enforcement, K – 12, all colleges and all hospitals. The instructor covers every aspect of an active shooter situation. He has 30 years of experience and is on the Pierce County Sheriff's Office in Washington He is a SWAT point man and a sergeant as well. He attended the Emergency Management conference the week previous along with Sgt. Kohler and Captain Groelle and was extremely interested in putting this training on. The training will probably be held at Blackhawk Technical College. The need is for 150 people on the first day and at least 50 on the second day, he will provide a free two-hour session which will involve parents. She advised this will be county-wide and may reach out to other counties as well.

◆ **Blackhawk Technical College**

- Gary Schenck advised Blackhawk Technical College is still working with Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center trying to figure out how they will get credit for the Paramedic Program. They are waiting for the State to advise what they can and cannot do.
- They are finishing up classes for this semester and starting to plan classes for the fall.

◆ **Hospitals -**

- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital - Kim Kempken, Emergency Department Director at St. Mary's Janesville Hospital introduced herself. Chris Kaiser has left St. Mary's Janesville Hospital. They are in the process of hiring a replacement. It will be a dual role with more emphasis on emergency preparedness.
- Beloit Health System – Barb Kuska advised they be starting construction on the Cancer Care Center which will be located near the Occupational Medicine Center on Milwaukee Road in Beloit. That should be open in fall or early winter. She advised she has gone part time as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.
- Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center – Dr. Jay MacNeal advised area firefighters, Paramedics and EMS workers are being invited to participate in a tractor rollover rescue training in Evansville on April 6<sup>th</sup>. For further information, members were advised to call 608-756-6182.

Part time training for paramedic program may start in January, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, all day in addition to 8 to 12 hours of clinical on top of that. It will be a year long program.

Dispatch protocols were discussed. Tones are sent out three times. There is a five minute wait and calls are then made to determine if anyone is available to go out on the call. Dr. MacNeal felt that mutual aid should be contacted. Automatic dispatch for paramedics CPR indicated or in progress was also discussed.

Dr. MacNeal indicated he feels a county or regional model should be developed in dealing with TEMS issues. He wants to be sure there are enough TEMS operators showing up if there is an incident. Discussions are just beginning.

Physician response vehicle is going well, he has received no complaints. Dr. Barney and himself are covering it and they are looking to hire another EMS physician to ensure 24-hour availability.

- Edgerton Hospital and Health Services – Shelly McGuire advised Pat Olson is the new Emergency Management Coordinator. Tracey Buckman, Emergency Management Manager, has been assisting the hospital preparing for Joint Commission.
- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S. - Fire**
  - Brennon Ruosch stated that MABAS was used quite a bit this year.
- ◆ **Clery – CISM –**
  - Pastor Wagner announced there are a number of suicides among law enforcement. There will be a Train the Trainer for Suicide Prevention. It will be held at Blackhawk Technical College on Jun 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a training which will be July 19<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. The topic is the same for firefighter suicides.

**Other Announcements** - None

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Brennon Ruosch and seconded by Gerry Luiting to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held June 13, 2013 at Beloit Health System.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Klipstein