

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 9, 2010 – Mercy Hospital

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Members Present: Larry Knuth, Mary Beaver, Dennis Ahrens, Gerry Luiting, Shirley Connors, Loren Lippincott, Beth Natter, Pastor Bill Wagner, Barb Kuska, Dr. Michael Kellum, John Rindfleisch, Jude Maurer, Kathren Sukus, Kristina Jordan and Shelly McGuire.

Members Absent: Jeff Ropicky, Ivan Collins, Bryan Northrup and Dave Fonder.

Guests: Brennon Ruosch, City of Edgerton Fire Department.

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Bill Wagner to approve the September 9, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion was made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Barb Kuska to waive the reading and approve the March 11, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- ◆ **Nominations and Elections** – Moved by Barb Kuska and seconded by Gerry Luiting to approve the reappointment of EMS members as follows: Jeff Ropicky, Dennis Ahrens, John Rindfleisch, Kristina Jordan, Jude Maurer, Shirley Connors and Ivan Collins. Motion carried.
 - Brennon Ruosch was added to the election ballot as an alternate for Dave Fonder from Edgerton Fire Department. Moved by John Rindfleisch and seconded by Jude Maurer to approve the EMS alternates as follows: Jim Grenawalt as an alternate to John Rindfleisch, Gary Schenck as an alternate for Kristina Jordan, Gary Groelle as an alterate for Jude Maurer and Brennon Ruosch as an alternate for Dave Fonder. Motion Carried. It was noted there was still an open ER Professional that has not been filled.
 - Shirley Connors questioned if Curtis Ambulance has any connections in Rock County. Barb Kuska stated that believed Curtis was on standby once a week for Beloit Memorial Hospital's Cardiac Catheter Lab to do transports. She will check and advise the Committee at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Committee:
 - There are a large number of expert panels meeting throughout the months of September and October to revise Hospital Preparedness Plans that need

to be revised. Expert Panel for Burn Plan is meeting on November 7. Please contact Barb if you wish to attend.

- There is a move by Wisconsin Hospital Association to have the same codes for EM alerts. They would like to see clear text alerts instead of codes that were used in the past. She stated a lot of hospitals in the State are already using the new code system such as Mayo Clinic and Gunderson Hospital.
 - Wisconsin Communication System has been put on hold until July, 2011 regarding P-25 radios.
- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Committee:
- October 6, 2010 – there will be WARDS Training (Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System) at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison from 1 to 4 PM. There is a survey on-line regarding WARDS should anyone wish to look at it for future training.
 - DHS 110 Rule – There was a numbered memo series hearing held at Blackhawk Technical Institute but advised she did not attend.

Beth Natter stated there were a lot of inconsistencies that needed clarification. Scope of practice is not in the rule. Also there is no outline for skills for medical directors.

- ◆ **Update – Training Summit May 11, 2010** – Brennon Ruosch advised the Committee:
- There was a training summit at the City of Edgerton Fire Department on May 11, 2010. The turnout was poor. There is another training session scheduled for September 21, 2010 at 6 PM at Edgerton Fire Department. An invitation was extended to include the following counties: Walworth, Jefferson, Dane and Green Counties. There will be a presentation on the trauma system at Mercy Hospital. The meetings are informational meetings and a way to “brainstorm” as well as new ideas on how each system works and the type of training being done at different facilities. He would like to see the meetings ongoing and is considering alternate months. Larry Knuth, Chair, commended Brennon for taking the initiative to start this training summit.

Agency Reports:

- ◆ **Communications Center** – Kathy Sukus advised the Committee:
- There is a county-wide communication study being held this day for the purpose of discussing a recommended implementation plan for future public safety radio communications. Narrow banding is required by 2013.
 - There has been a new shift supervisor added to allow for better supervision on shifts.
- ◆ **Emergency Management** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
- There is an upcoming CEEP (Critical Employee Emergency Planning) training session being held at the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside

Drive, Beloit, on October 13, 2010 from 8 AM to 5 PM. Emergency Management is hosting this training along with Beloit Department of Public Works.

- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Kristina Jordan, advised the Committee:
 - There are 3 EMT and 1 intermediate medical technician training classes.
 - John (Mike) Bracken, Dean of Protective Services, was hired to replace Loren Lippincott.

- ◆ **Hospitals** – Barb Kuska – Shelly McGuire – Beth Natter
 - Barb Kuska advised around July 1, all employee departments were completed and opened. Things have been going very well. There is quite an increase in space with the expansion.
 - Beloit Memorial Hospital is planning for the onset of the flu season. H1N1 is not going to be of concern but there is a different type of flu that is expected to occur.
 - Open House at the Hospital was very successful.

 - Shelly McGuire advised that Edgerton Hospital is continuing with construction.
 - There have been some good changes with respect to EMS. They are now capable of doing 12 lead EKG's with Edgerton Fire Department.
 - They are working with Mercy hospital and Madison on stemi-drills with hospitals and fire departments. Ambulances will have C-Pap responsibility after an in-service in October, 2010.

 - Beth Natter advised important strides are being made regarding a generalized vaccine and should be made available within the next 3-4 years.
 - 12-lead EKG is an amazing addition to pre-trauma care. Mercy Hospital started off with national standards – 120 minutes for EMS.
 - Dr. Michael Keller stated Walworth County is down to 70-80 minute range. Rock and Walworth Counties are ahead as far as stemis are concerned. Mercy Hospital is working on improving their stroke care.
 - Level II accreditation for Mercy has been completed. They were certified this year through the American College of Hospitals.

- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – John Rindfleisch advised the Committee:
 - Box card reviews are starting soon. Anyone wanting to update, contact him.
 - Engine crews should be added as they are needed. He did state there are not enough people in the training classes.

- ◆ **Sheriffs Office** – Jude Maurer advised the Committee:
 - There will be several promotions within the Sheriff's Office during the next six months due to upcoming retirements.

- Sheriff's office is in the process of installing in-squad digital video cameras in vehicles. Badger tracks and produces reports electronically. They activate when lights come on but they are always recording.
 - Overall accidents are down but the fatality rate is up 100%.
 - The Jail is in the process of renovation and should be completed before winter.
- ◆ **Clergy – CISM – Pastor Wagner advised the Committee:**
- October 23, 2010, 6:30 PM, there will be a Fire Services Memorial in Edgerton. The procession will begin at the Edgerton Grade School where a meal will be provided and then a silent procession to the Edgerton Community Center. Retirees will also be recognized.
 - There will be a Pastor Crisis Intervention Class March 28-30, 2011 at Mercy Hospital. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.
- ◆ **Other Announcements**
- Kathren Sukus, 911 Communications, stated there will be a public service announcement on billboards, newspapers, radios, regarding 911 calls from cell phones. Cell phones do not indicate where the caller is calling from.
 - Larry Knuth stated there will be twenty EMS professionals from Wisconsin to be presented stars of life honors. The Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin presents stars. This event recognizes and honors the dedication of ambulance service professionals.
 - Mass Casualty Trailer – John Rindfleisch will bringing the trailer at the December 9, 2010 EMS meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Bill Wagner and seconded by Gerry Luiting to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

The next meeting will be held December 9, 2010 at Beloit Memorial Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein