

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 17, 2017
Beloit Health System, Beloit – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Barb Kuska, Dr. Chris Wistrom, Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Robert Balsamo (BTC), Rob Lulling, Commander Troy Knudson, Deputy Chief Emmett Harrold (alternate), Chief Randall Pickering, Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld and Sgt. Shena Kohler.

Members Absent:

Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Pastor Bill Wagner, Chief John Rindfleisch, Supervisor Terry Fell, Jamie Kessenich, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Beth Natter, Steve Ryan, Shelly McGuire, Cindy Kriby, Chair Larry Knuth, and Barry Irman.

Guests: None.

Call to Order:

Deputy Chief Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Dr. Chris Wistrom and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the December 14, 2017 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Dr. Chris Wistrom and seconded by Barb Kuska to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for September 14, 2017. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

South Central Healthcare Coalition - SCHCC

- Barb Kuska announced the area medical coordination meeting have been schedule for Rock and Green County on, January 10th 9:00 am -12:00 pm. This will be held at Mercy Health Community Center in CC106. This group is looking for more representation from EMS and other community partners.
- There will be a surge capacity exercise done at the University Hospital for region 5. The exercise will test the evacuation of 388 patients and will be done virtually. The date has

not been set but they will release the date and further information about two weeks ahead of the exercise. The other hospitals are being asked to respond via WI-Trak.

- A new map has been dispersed of the regional boundaries for SCHCC, based on county lines.

State EMS Board Update

- Vice Chair Deputy Chief Joe Murray stated that the critical care medic versus the paramedic with extended medications practice is being reviewed. PAC will be looking at the current scope of practice to work out the differences for extended transport, longer than 3 hours and critical care medication paramedics are not currently allowed to administer.
- State EMS Board is also currently re-writing the inter-facility guidelines.
- There were discussions about the scope of practice for EMT Basic, Advanced EMT and Intermediate and a few minor changes to equipment usage.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Deputy Chief Emmett Harold stated that Town of Beloit is working on a pilot program for the single medic RSA. The agency is also looking at phasing out use of the EpiPen, in favor of a different form of administering the medication.
- Chief Randall Pickering stated that the agency is working on taking advantage of the new SB397 legislation. The goal is to get this in place in early 2018.
- Deputy Chief Murray stated that Beloit has 9 retirements in the next week. There are also, three positions open from previous retirements. Image Trend Elite has been successfully implemented. The agency has also been working closely with all mutual aid partners for response to the interstate in consideration of the continuing construction.
- Brian Becker stated that the new EMD cards are expected to go live on January 1, 2018. Fire officers will be changing apparatus numbers. 911 Communications Center is working with one agency at a time to change these numbers.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Commander Troy Knudson stated that the Narcan program is in place and has been running since March. Commander Troy Knudson's observation was that there was nothing to help those treated with Narcan from needing it again. Jason Steinke stated that there is a program addressing that need and is currently in place. A recovery coach will meet the patient in the ED to offer resources available and work with the patient, as the patient is willing.
- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced that Wisconsin Emergency Management has no additional training money until May of 2018. If anyone is need of classes prior to then, the agency or organization can pay for the classes they are requesting. Training for Web EOC is ongoing. Additional training classes will be scheduled at a later date. Sgt. Shena Kohler sent out a request for agency resource lists for Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement throughout the county. If there are any questions, please contact Sgt. Shena Kohler. Rock County EM hosted their annual winter preparedness meeting and will issue a winter preparedness guidebook. If any healthcare facilities (dialysis, home health care, nursing homes, etc.) are looking for participation in emergency preparedness exercises,

they have been mandated by the state to participate in an emergency preparedness exercise. Many are reaching out to the Emergency Management and if they are looking for help from your agencies and you would prefer, they can be directed to the Rock County Emergency Management office.

Blackhawk Technical College

- Robert Balsamo stated that the semester is winding down and BTC is taking applications for next semester. A pediatric TLS class is being held the first two weekends in February. There are a total of 16 available openings for the class.

Hospitals

- SSM Health
 - Robert Swenarski stated the EMS quarterly training was a success and will be an annual event, cookies with Santa. This allowed responders to brush up on their basic skills and include their family members. The event was also a great outreach opportunity to the younger family members.
 - SSM has been following up with EMS on the outcomes of their patients to get them feedback. Any feedback from this program would be appreciated.
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
 - Dr. Wistrom stated that there is a weekend refresher for EMTs being held in February.
 - There will be a TEM's course upcoming, in April or May.
 - Act 97 is being considered by Mercy and what the implementation will look like.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
 - The heart hospital is up and running. The ICU is up and running. Because of staff shortages the cardiac ICU is running as both cardiac and the normal ICU.
 - The surgery center at North Pointe is now fully operational.
- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
 - No one from Edgerton Hospital was in attendance.

Fire and MABAS

- DC Murray stated that the work on the MABAS cards is just about done. The I-90 cards are completed as well.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner was not in attendance.

Other Announcements:

The group discussed the goals and mission going forward. Additionally, the group would like to ask the county if the March meeting can be re-scheduled to a day that does not coincide with the annual Governor's Conference. Sgt. Shena Kohler will send out the ordinance for the EMS Advisory Council to the group for review.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Wistrom and seconded by Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2018
at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, Edgerton.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline
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