

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Mercy Trauma Training Center, Janesville – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Barb Kuska, Beth Natter, Pastor Bill Wagner, , Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Shelly McGuire, Kathy Mestan (alternate), Cindy Kirby, Robert Swenarski, Brian Becker, Jason Steinke (alternate), Supervisor Terry Fell, Dr. Rick Barney (alternate), M.D. Medical Director, Chief Gene Wright, Terry Jones (Alternate), Chief John Rindfleisch, Steve Ryan, Rob Lulling and Sgt. Shena Kohler

Members Absent:

~~Chair Larry Knuth, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Chief Mary Beaver, Dr. Jon Van Roo, M.D., Dr. Jay MacNeal, M.D., Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Tyler Curtis, Erik Severson and Barry Irdman.~~

Guests: No guests were in attendance.

Call to Order:

Vice Chair Deputy Chief Murray called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Dr. Rick Barney and seconded by Bob Swenarski to approve the June 11, 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Brian Becker to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for March 12, 2015. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Hospital Preparedness Update

- Barb Kuska advised that Region 5 met on June 5th for the South Central WI Healthcare Coalition. By the end of this month there will be an official South Central WI Healthcare Coalition. Barb Kuska stated that we should defer to Sgt. Shena Kohler for news on the Healthcare Coalition as she is an executive board member. Sgt. Kohler, responded that they

should share the responsibility as some of the medical concerns would be better covered by Barb Kuska (experienced in the Healthcare profession).

- Barb Kuska confirmed that the Coalition has hired Mike Lohmeier M.D. as the Medical Advisor and are close to announcing the Regional Coordinator position. Additionally, the RTAC position has been re-opened up for anyone interested. All are paid positions.
- Barb Kuska then stated the coalition is having major discussions about adding coalition members to include other public members e.g. Walmart and other larger businesses necessary, funeral directors, clinics, etc. involved during an emergency. As well as an additional member for each of the five disciplines currently represented on the executive board (plus 10-20, including the executive board members).
- Barb Kuska mentioned potential funding available, via the Coalition for those who would like to send a proposal to the executive board by 06/17/15.
- Sgt. Kohler stated that the Executive Board discussed the number of meetings and locations in their latest meeting. The South Central WI Healthcare Coalition would like to offer 2 social events each year to be held in the evening allowing the evening shifts i.e. RTAC to attend. The events could be held in Madison and Janesville, alternately.
- Barb Kuska announced that the Coalition has also formed an additional sub-committee group consisting of the hospitals representatives to meet prior to each Coalition meeting. These meeting are open meetings – all are welcome – but voting is limited to the members. Additionally, by-laws are continuing to be generated for the Coalition.

State EMS Board Update

- Chair Knuth was not in attendance at today's meeting but the cross border EMS issue was brought before congress. A measure was passed that allowed a cross-border assistance up to 10 times – this is awaiting Governor Walker's signature. There are concerns about the MABAS cards and the replicating rules, especially in light of IL refusing to become a National Registry state. Dr. J. MacNeal is working with members of the EMS community in Northern IL to become certified in WI.

Membership – Election of Members

- Sgt. Shena Kohler advised that Captain Gary Groelle is no longer a part of the Emergency Management division and is recommending Commander Troy Knudson with Captain Jude Maurer as alternate. DC Joe Murray suggested that we wait to vote on the new members for the membership vote upcoming in September. All were in agreement. Sgt. Kohler then went on to read the list of memberships that would be expiring this year: Chief Mary Beaver, Dr. Jay MacNeal, M.D., Barb Kuska, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Beth Natter and Steve Ryan. For member's who would like to renew their membership, please send a letter of interest to the Chair Board member Russ Podzilni. Sgt. Kohler has agreed to send out a form letter for those who would like to renew their membership to the EMS Advisory Committee.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Rob Lulling (Ryan Brothers Ambulance) stated that training is on-going for the new group of paramedics and several have completed training. There will now be paramedic interactive tele/web-based classes as well.
- Cindy Kirby (Edgerton Fire & EMS) announced that Edgerton had good success with their Fire and EMS day for the Edgerton Middle School.
- DC Joe Murray (Beloit Fire & EMS) announced that Beloit held it's annual EMS open house with good community participation. As well as they are still working towards a mobile integrated healthcare system.

Communications Center

- Brian Becker stated that the text-to-911 feature will be online sometime after/by September. However, they will not be advertising this new feature until closer to the end of this year. Most of the major carriers are on board and the training to use this feature should be relatively easy. This is a great option for the hearing impaired as the TTDY system is not really in use anymore since the availability of texting. Text-to-911 should be of help to those who are in domestic violence situations and may not be able to readily call, the hearing impaired and those who may be involved in underage drinking/party situations. Rock County will be the first county in the state to utilize this new text-to-911 program. Dodge, Dane and Jefferson counties are also looking to use this program in the future. Additionally, once a person has initiated a text to 911 it will be an open session until the dispatch terminates the session. One drawback is that once dispatch terminates the session, they cannot reach out to the "caller" again, via text.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sgt. Shena Kohler announced the possibility of ICS 300 and 400 being offered in the fall, potentially to be held in Beloit. Details will be announced at a date closer to the class offering.
- Clinton has been working on an active shooter series that will culminate in a full scale exercise sometime in 2016. One table top has been completed – what to do in the first 15 minutes and an additional one is scheduled for June 23rd.
- Sgt. Kohler stated that the new Evansville siren was up and operational. The old siren was one of the oldest working ones in the United States.
- The Pre-Hazard Mitigation Workgroup has met once and is a group comprised of Department of Public Works, Utilities, Water & Sewer and several other key stakeholders from most municipalities. Each municipality needs to participate in order to be eligible for future available hazard mitigation funding.
- National Night Out is scheduled for August 4th at Clinton High School
- SHINE Medical Technologies – the company that would like to establish their business in Janesville, near the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport had meetings scheduled today with EMS, Fire & LES for feedback and a discussion regarding their proposed business. SHINE is the radiological medical isotopes manufacturer.

Blackhawk Technical College

- Gene Wright announced that there will be an EMS summer class available.

Hospitals

- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital

- Jason Steinke announced that St. Mary's had received the Chest Pain certification and continued work on metrics.
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
 - Dr. Rick Barney stated that Mercy continues to look at the data out of the hospital regarding cardiac arrest as well as CPR programs outside of Rock County. There are big changes anticipated in the running of codes in the field, a new way of resuscitation. Head position up by 30 degrees has shown a greater rate of success in resuscitation. The goal is to have an 80% resuscitation rate in the field. Looking at resuscitation rates out of Beloit (in the field) from 2014 to date, the rate is 57%. Police officers arrive quickly and at least 3 of these resuscitations have been in rural areas.
 - Work is continuing on building a Rescue Task Force (RTF), with awareness classes. The Rescue Task Force has a goal of training EMS in conjunction with Law Enforcement, to go into warm zones for treatment and extrication of casualties. There will be no ALS administered but hemorrhage and airway control will be the main concerns. The goal is to have Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) & RTF training for all squads in Rock County by this fall. EMS and LES need to practice together.
 - CISM teams have been to several major events in the recent past. Debriefing has been done quickly, and areas of need have been identified and handled well.
 - Full time and Part time paramedic classes are currently going in Monroe and Green Counties.
 - Dr. MacNeal has been promoted to Medical Director over Mercy and the Rockford system after the recent merger. There has been a new hire for MD1 running EMS out of Rockford. More interviews are being conducted with the future goal of having 3 MD1's up and running in Walworth, Rock and Winnebago Counties.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
 - Beloit Memorial is prepping for the upcoming renovation of the fourth floor for conversion into an all-inclusive Heart Center. Upon completion of the project, all cardio testing, cath lab and surgery center dedicated to cardio will be located on the fourth floor. Construction will be underway soon with a completion date set for some time in 2016.
 - An ambulatory center has been approved to be implemented at North Pointe starting next year.
- Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
 - The interim CEO, Jim Shultz has been hired as the permanent CEO.
 - The hospital has finished the state survey and have no deficiencies.
 - Additionally, the TeleMedicine program has been approved and will start up in July, in-house first.
 - Edgerton is also working toward becoming certified in Stroke-Readiness.

Fire and MABAS

- Chief John Rindfleisch stated that MABAS cards should be in use, if not in real-life situations, then in TTX's. Also, cards should be looked at, reviewed and have suggested changes logged throughout the year, looking toward the changes for next year.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner advised that he recently returned from a Police Chaplain training held in Ft. Wayne, IN. Basic and Peer CISM will be offered as a three day class in Beloit, July 23-25, postponed from the earlier May 21-23 schedule. There will be an Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy at the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association pre-conference in Milwaukee June 25-26.
- Pastor Wagner also brought up the deficiency in church preparedness. Most congregations have very little experience and idea's about dealing with emergencies. Sgt. Kohler responded that part of the challenge with outreach to churches is that there is rarely anyone there during the week, in most congregations. Additionally, there have been past issues with churches being voluntary shelters with regards to the freedom of religion issues. American Red Cross certified shelters have proven the most effective in the past. Sgt. Kohler did respond that EM would be happy to work with the area churches to provide resources for churches to begin creating their own emergency plans.

Other Announcements:

None at this time

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pastor Bill Wagner and seconded by Dr. Rick Barney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2015
at St. Mary's Hospital, Janesville.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kline
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