

**ROCK COUNTY**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Thursday, March 14, 2019  
Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, Edgerton, WI – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld, Robert Swenarski, Rob Lulling, Supervisor Terry Fell, Beth Natter, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Chief Randy Pickering, Brian Becker, Jason Russ, Barb Kuska, Dr. Chris Wistrom, Stacey Woodman, Captain Curt Fell,

**Members Absent:** Chair Larry Knuth, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Rob Balsamo, Chief Gene Wright, Steve Ryan, Barry Irman, Sergeant Shena Kohler, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Shelly McGuire, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Alison Chouinard

**Guests:** Alison Hanaman (Edgerton Hospital), Tammy Kettleison (RCSO-EM)

**Call to Order:**

Robert Swenarski called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made Dr. Chris Wistrom and seconded by Chief Randall Pickering to approve the March 14, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion by Dr. Chris Wistrom and seconded by Brian Becker to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for December 13, 2018. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Agency Reports:**

**State EMS Board Update**

- Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld discussed the State board is continuing to work on the new scope of practice and are determining how much to match the national scope of practice. She announced the new the CMS ET3 Model. The CMS ET3 Model will allow for reimbursement to alternative destinations as well as for treating at the scene. Anticipated performance period start date is currently 2020.

**EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Rob Lulling stated there are no updates from Ryan Brothers.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich stated there are no updates from Evansville EMS.

- Chief Randall Pickering stated that the transition to paramedic has gone exceptionally well and they are currently operating as planned.

#### **Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department**

- Barb Kuska from Beloit Health System reported that they are seeing an influx of Flu involving both patients and staff and their Emergency Department has been busy.
- Alison Hanaman reports no update for Edgerton Hospital.
- Beth Natter from Mercy reported the paramedic class is ready to start their field II and will be set to graduate in July. Dr. Chris Wistrom reported that the hospital and MD1 have been busy. He also reported that the new Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford is now open and that the transferring of patients to the new facility went seamlessly.
- Stacey Woodman from SSM St. Mary's Hospital Janesville, reports they have seen many patients with flu and norovirus. She also stated that SSM hosted a discussion panel for the Rock County Human Trafficking Task Force that went very well. Robert Swenarski, also from SSM SMJH, discussed they have been busy with EMS students from MATC and Blackhawk Tech. He also discussed they that SSM SMJH will be hosting quarterly EMS training for all of these interested on March 20, 2019.

#### **Fire and MABAS**

- Chief Randall Pickering reported that Wisconsin MABAS is having a lot of discussion regarding HERC regional plans. He discussed there is a lot of disconnect between these plans and actual capabilities. He is looking to get involved and bring more people to the HERC table to help resolve these disconnects.

#### **Rock County 911 Communications Center**

- Brian Becker stated that the Communications Center will be going to an open application process which will be implemented which will cut down on the amount of time to hire new staff.

#### **Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management**

- Tammy Kettleon reported that Emergency Management has been handling a lot of flooding issues lately and that there are multiple sandbagging stations at multiple locations throughout the county offering free sand and sandbags for residents who need them. Captain Curt Fell discussed the recent transition within the Sheriff's Office of the transition of the new Sheriff, Troy Knudson. Captain Fell has been delegated the new member for this committee to represent the Sheriff's Office. Captain Fell also discussed the Sheriff's Office has teamed with Town of Beloit EMS members who are on the SWAT Team and with Mercy for training with on scene first aid such as wound packing and tourniquets.

#### **Blackhawk Technical College**

- No update.

#### **Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition**

- Barb Kuska reported that the Healthcare Coalition will be changing their meeting frequency from every other month to quarterly. They will continue to have the hospital disciple meeting before the regular board meeting. She also discussed that the new hazard vulnerability tool is out on the website. Barb also said that the Coalition is also looking for someone from law enforcement to join their committee. Captain Curt Fell said that he will look into and try to get someone involved from the Sheriff's Office.

**Public Input:**

None.

**Other Announcements:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Chief Randall Pickering and seconded by Dr. Chris Wistrom to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2019  
at Mercy EMS Training Center, Janesville, WI.**

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