

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, March 11, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Sgt. Shena Kohler, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Jodi Moyer, Chief Randy Pickering, Alison Hanaman, Robert Swenarski, Megan Haney, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Erin Ryan, Brian Becker, Dr. John Aguilar, and Rick Wietersen.

**Call to Order:**

Chair Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made Bob Swenarski and seconded by Brian Becker to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion was made Rob Balsamo and seconded by Jody Moyer to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

**Agency Reports:**

**State EMS Board Update**

None.

**EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Chief Randy Pickering, Edgerton Fire, reported getting a third ambulance fully functioning.
- Deputy Chief Pete Mory, Milton Fire, reported nothing new from Milton, but are seeing similar averages as Edgerton reported.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich, Evansville EMS reports no updates.
- Erin Ryan from Ryan Brothers reported on their new website and are looking to put together an acute round transport team.
- Dr. Jay MacNeal discussed formulating a plan regarding vaccinated citizens and mask recommendations. Guidelines for EMS staff.

**Fire and MABAS**

- Chief Randy Pickering reported on planned of radios and concerns regarding changes.

**Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department**

- Jodi Moyer from Beloit Hospital reports they have not had any COVID patients for 3 days now. Vaccine clinics are going well and their ongoing building renovation.

- Dr. Jay MacNeal from Mercy Health System discussed they have hired Nicki Tillman as replacement for Beth Natter. Comm Ed lectures and simulation training planning is taking place.
- Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Janesville reports their vaccination clinic is going well, giving 1500 shots last week and 6,638 in total. Dr. John Aguilar reported on an upcoming triage exercise planned for November 2021 and invited participation.
- Alison Hanaman, Edgerton Hospital, doing well with low COVID numbers and are working with Edgerton Fire Department on coordinating training. She also announced the new hospital CEO, Mark Ausburger.

**Rock County 911 Communications Center**

- Brian Becker discussed the communication failure that occurred recently and the planning for redundancy.

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

- Sgt. Shena Kohler reported on logistics and encouraged those needing PPE supplies to reach out. She also discussed the upcoming state-wide tornado drill on April 15, 2021 with sirens activating at 1:45p and 6:45p. She also discussed that Rock County will be the main site for the SIMCOM exercise with the state in 2022 and if anyone is interested in help planning to please reach out.

**Blackhawk Technical College**

- Rob Balsamo discussed that registration for the summer, accelerated, EMT class has begun and they will begin clearing land next week in preparation for their new training facility being built.

**Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition**

- Robert Swenarski reported SCWIHERC is looking for more members from EMS.

**Rock County Public Health**

- Rick Wietersen shared the some data statistics to compare where we are today vs peak numbers. He discussed that approval has been given by the state to continue testing at Blackhawk Technical College through the end of May. He shared vaccination rates continue to rise and vaccine allocations should increase next week.

**Public Input:**

None.

**Other Announcements:**

Sgt. Shena Kohler reported that meetings will continue via zoom.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Rob Balsamo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

**The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2021  
via Zoom conference call.**

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