

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Beloit Memorial Hospital – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Larry Knuth, Sergeant Shena Kohler, Barb Kuska, Beth Natter, Pastor Bill Wagner, Supervisor Terry Fell, Erin Ryan, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Cathy Mestan, Cindy Kirby, Chief John Rindfleisch, Jon Van Roo, M.D., and Robert Swenarski.

Members Absent:

Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Chief Gene Wright, Kathren Sukus, Dr. Jay MacNeal, M.D., Medical Director; Chief Mary Beaver, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Steve Ryan, Captain Gary Groelle and Shelly McGuire.

Guests:

Andrea Hughes, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital.

Call to Order:

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Barb Kuska to approve the December 11, 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Pastor Bill Wagner to approve the minutes of September 11, 2014. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Hospital Preparedness Update

- o Barb Kuska advised that Region 5 met on 12/5/14 in Madison and will be moving to coalitions by 7-1-15 tentatively.

- Lori Wallman, who was the Regional Coordinator, has resigned.
- Next meeting is scheduled for February 2015.

State EMS Board Update

- Chair Knuth advised the State EMS Board is again a “section” and there is a vacancy for the Section Chief – which is now open to applicants.
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- There will be a WI Trac training in January 2015.
- The state EMS website will be getting updated with a new look.

Membership – Election of Members

- Motion by Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, seconded by Robert Swenarski to request a resolution increasing the current EMS Advisory Council to 23 members, establishing a seat for the County Medical Examiner’s Office to participate on the EMS Advisory Council.
- Motion Carried. Sergeant Shena Kohler will prepare and submit the resolution.

Agency Reports:

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Erin Ryan announced that Ryan Brothers is working on paramedic training and has received a Sim-Man through donations.

Rock County Sheriff’s Office – Emergency Management

- Effective on January 1, 2015, the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office will oversee Rock County death investigations. Due to the anticipated changes, the EMS Advisory Council has requested Emergency Management proceeds with resolution for requesting additional member to represent Medical Examiner’s Office.
- No training announcements at this time.
- 911 Communications has asked Sergeant Kohler to report that they are working on the Edgerton Tower at this time.

- Shirley Klipstein has retired, effective December 5, 2014. A new assistant will be selected following upcoming testing and interviews. A start date in 2015 is anticipated.

Hospitals

- St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
 - Joint Commission will be here in January.
 - There is an EMS Breakfast on December 17, 2014.
 - St. Mary's is now Chest Pain Accredited.
 - Recently conducted a functional exercise with Janesville Fire Department on an Ebola outbreak.
- Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
 - Joint Commission was recently at Mercy.
 - Six paramedics have graduated from training.
- Beloit Memorial Hospital
 - Beloit Memorial Hospital is now a Primary Stroke Center – Recognized by Joint Commission.
 - Expecting a visit soon from Joint Commission.

Fire and MABAS

- Chief John Rindfleisch advised that there will be new MABAS cards for 2015 – which will be provided once completed.

Clergy – CISM

- Pastor Wagner advised that there will be an organizational meeting on January 19th, 2015 at Portage Fire Department with the area Chaplains.

Other Announcements:

Chair Larry Knuth mentioned that the newspaper, the "Dispatcher" has an article regarding the cancellation of the ALS response and wrongful death concerns.

Barb Kuska advised that the mass fatality plan is being developed and now is being reviewed by the Dane County Medical Examiner for moving ahead in 2015.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pastor Wagner and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2015
at Edgerton Hospital & Health Services.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Shena Kohler
01-02-15