

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 10, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Sgt. Shena Kohler, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Jodi Moyer, Chief Randy Pickering, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Alison Chouinard, Robert Swenarski, Megan Haney, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Erin Ryan, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Supervisor Ronald Bomkamp, Stacy Woodman, Deputy Chief Pete Mory, and Erin Ryan

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made Supervisor Ronald Bomkamp and seconded by Chief Randy Pickering to approve the December 10, 2020 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Chief Randy Pickering to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

**Agency Reports:**

**State EMS Board Update**

Chair Joe Murray reported a release was made by Helen Pullen giving clarification that vaccination administration is within the scope of practice for paramedics and AEMTs. EMTs can also administer with an approved training plan by the state. Mark Mandler is currently serving an interim EMS section chief.

**EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Chief Randy Pickering, Edgerton Fire, reported on average 50-60% of their transports have been suspected COVID-19 positives. Otherwise, they are doing well.
- Deputy Chief Pete Mory, Milton Fire, reported nothing new from Milton, but are seeing similar averages as Edgerton reported.
- Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Beloit Fire, informed nothing new from City of Beloit Fire other than working to become a vaccine administration site.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich, Evansville EMS reports no updates.
- Erin Ryan from Ryan Brothers reported they will be putting out a new website in the near future.

**Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department**

- Jodi Moyer from Beloit Hospital reports their COVID numbers are high and more intubated patients currently than in the past. Their hospital also participated in the SCWIHERC mass vaccination drill yesterday and it went well.

- Dr. Jay MacNeal from Mercy Health System discussed they are also working through vaccination planning process.
- Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Janesville reports COVID numbers are up and they are working in planning for vaccine administration.

**Fire and MABAS**

- None.

**Rock County 911 Communications Center**

- None.

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

- Sgt. Shena Kohler reported emergency management obtained a new WICAMS printer and will be available for printing cards all agencies. She also discussed Rock County will be participating in the state SIMCOM exercise in May of 2021 that will test interoperability. She also discussed a Rock County Vaccine Advisory Committee has been created to help bring partners to the table to help coordinate and navigate the vaccination management process.

**Blackhawk Technical College**

- None.

**Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition**

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

**Rock County Public Health**

- Alison Chouinard shared the following:
  - COVID-19 data numbers: 10,338 positive test results, 60,120 negative results, and 100 deaths.
  - There are 45 patients receiving care in Rock County Hospitals as of this morning.
  - 631 tests were administered last week at the community testing site at Blackhawk Technical College. Of those, 124 came back positive, 487 negative, and 20 are still pending.
  - DHS is asking for patience in the approval process for vaccination administration applicants.
  - Influenza case numbers are still very low in Wisconsin.
  - Current Rock County Health Officer, Marie Noel Sandoval will be retiring at the beginning of January.

**Public Input:**

None.

**Other Announcements:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Chief Randy Pickering and seconded by Jodi Moyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2021  
via Zoom conference call.**

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