

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

MINUTES

Members Present:

Sgt. Shena Kohler, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Larry Knuth, Robert Balsamo, Dr. Liz Robinson, Jodi Moyer, Chief Randy Pickering, Robert Lulling, Alison Hanaman, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Brian Becker, Alison Chouinard, Robert Swenarski, Megan Haney, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Deputy Chief Jason Russ

Guests: Tammy Kettleson, Dr. John Aguilar

Call to Order:

Chair Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Dr. Robinson to approve the September 10, 2020 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion was made Chief Randy Pickering and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Nominations for Appointment/Reappointment:

- Terry Jones – Representing Licensed Ambulances Group – from Paratech Ambulance. Reappointment.
- Jim Ponkauskas - Representing Licensed Ambulances Group – Representing Janesville Fire Department. Reappointment.
- Randall Pickering - Representing Licensed Ambulances Group – Representing Edgerton Fire Department. Reappointment.
- Dr. John Aguilar, MD – Representative from SSM to serve as Co-Medical Director alongside with other EMS Advisory Medical Director from Mercy. New appointment.
- Alison Hanaman – Representing Hospital Group – Representing Edgerton Hospital. New Appointment.
- Brian Becker – Representing the Communications Center Group – From 911 Communications. Reappointment.
- Alison Chouinard – Representing the Community at Large – Representing Rock County Public Health Department. Reappointment.
- Barry Irman – Representing the Medical Examiners Officer – Reappointment.

Motion was made by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Robert Balsamo to forward the nominations to the Rock County Board for approval. Motion carries.

PPE Surge Stock: Chair Joe Murray brought discussion regarding the possibility of creating a surge stock of PPE for future disasters. Discussion ensued and the idea will be taken to the fire officer's meeting also.

Agency Reports:

State EMS Board Update

Chair Joe Murray reported there have been continued talks regarding about state wide protocols and that virtual meetings are still taking place.

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Chief Randy Pickering from Edgerton Fire reported they are doing well.
- Deputy Chief Joe Murray reporting nothing new from City of Beloit Fire.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich from Evansville EMS reported they are doing well and no updates.
- Larry Knuth reports no update from Paratech.

Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department

- Jodi Moyer from Beloit Hospital reports their COVID number are going up, but are manageable. They will be holding a POD exercise when they do their flu clinic in anticipation for a COVID vaccine POD. Construction is still continuing.
- Dr. Jay MacNeal encouraged everyone to get their influenza vaccinations early this year and will also monitor the progress of the COVID-19 vaccinations. Beth Natter reported that they have begun a paramedic class that is going well.
- Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Janesville raised a question regarding the use of UV lights for disinfection wondering if EMS providers would utilize this at their hospital. Discussion ensued. Dr. Liz Robinson gave a reminder for the importance of wearing eye protection in the fight against exposure.

Fire and MABAS

- None.

Rock County 911 Communications Center

- Brian Becker reports no update.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sgt. Shena Kohler reported the EOC is continuing weekly meetings and encourages agencies to reach out if support is needed.

Blackhawk Technical College

- Rob Balsamo discussed they are looking for support for the current referendum. More information can be found on their website.

Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition

- Jodi Moyer reports October 21 will fold a functional exercise for closed pod dispensing.

Rock County Public Health

- Alison Chouinard reported employee critical staff numbers received were forwarded on to the state. She also shared the following COVID-19 data numbers: 1,875 cases, 1,565 recovered, 281 active cases, 31,312 negative and 29 deaths. 33% of cases are 18-26 years of age; 10.4% positivity range for the last 14 days; 58% contact tracing reached with 48 hours; and 14 day average daily tests being done are 192 tests. The number of patients reaching care for COVID is trending downward and hospital resources are doing well. She also discussed public health is continuing to work closely with schools.

Public Input:

None.

Other Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jason Russ and seconded by Bob Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2020
via Zoom conference call.**

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