

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 10, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Sgt. Shena Kohler, Jodi Moyer, Chief Randy Pickering, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Brian Becker, Dr. John Aguilar, Megan Haney, Bob Swenarski, Cpt. Curt Fell, Stacy Woodman, Erin Ryan, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Robert Balsamo, Alison Chouinard, Deputy Chief Jason Russ

**Call to Order:**

Chair Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:39 PM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made Sgt. Shena Kohler and seconded by Jodi Moyer to approve the June 10, 2021 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Rob Balsamo to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack will be coming up this September. Potential celebration discussions ensued.

Sgt. Shena Kohler made motion to nominate Lieutenant Addison Sennett, and seconded by Chief Randy Pickering, to represent the Town of Beloit Fire Department as a member of the EMS advisory committee. Motion carries. Nomination will be forwarded to the Rock County board for official appointment.

**Agency Reports:**

**State EMS Board Update**

Deputy Chief Joe Murray discussed he is again sitting on the committee for inter-facility transport guidelines and the board has announced the statewide EMS protocols. He also promoted that all members in this meeting attend the State EMS Board meeting.

**EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Deputy Chief Jason Russ, Edgerton Fire, reported working on getting their third ambulance fully functioning and the purchases of new monitors. He also discussed an increase in call volume with summer guests visiting.
- Lieutenant Addison Sennett, Town of Beloit Fire Department, discussed they have obtained a new ambulance and will have one for sale.
- Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Beloit Fire Department, reported also getting a new ambulance and are continuing work on vaccinating their homebound citizens within their community.

- Erin Ryan from Ryan Brothers discussed that they are in the process of switching their ePCR software program.

#### **Fire and MABAS**

- Chief Randy Pickering discussed debate on upgrades to the state wide communication system.

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

- Jodi Moyer from Beloit Hospital discussed progress on building renovations and reported on a triage exercise that they recently completed. They are also planning winding down their mass vaccination clinic and are working on a more clinic based approach.
- Dr. Jay MacNeal from Mercy Health System discussed they have three days of paramedic testing and graduation. They will be taking 22 new students between the two programs coming up.
- Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Janesville reports their (non-covid) patient volume has been up and their vaccination clinic will be shutting down and transitioned to offering vaccinations in clinic. Dr. John Aguilar reported on an upcoming triage exercise planned for November 2021 and invited participation. He also stated that they are offering quarterly EMS training scheduled for next week and also extended an invite for those wanting to participate.

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

- Brian Becker discussed the process of installing backup radio systems and also the separating of the two county networks so public safety is a standalone network. He also discussed the assessment of possible change in radio communications going forward.

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

- Sgt. Shena Kohler reminded tornado siren testing occurs the first Wednesday of the month at 12:05pm through October and encouraged members to reach out if failures are noticed. She also discussed the EOC will be writing an after action report on the COVID-19 pandemic and she will be asking for participation. She also brought discussion regarding PPE stockpiling for each agency and COVID testing will end at Blackhawk Technical College on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Emergency Management is working on updates to emergency plans.

#### **Blackhawk Technical College**

- Rob Balsamo discussed changes to the mass vaccination site at BTC. He also discussed the summer EMT class is underway and the EVOC training center is scheduling to be complete mid-August. He also reported the design team for new education building will be meeting for the first time next week.

#### **Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition**

- Deputy Chief Joe Murray reported on the process for updating hospital information and thanked those who sent him their updates.
- Robert Swenarski reported the coalition is hoping to start meeting back in person soon and they will also be beginning to prepare an after-action report for COVID from healthcare perspective.

#### **Rock County Public Health**

- Michael Niles discussed current downward trend of positive covid cases. He also reported vaccination numbers and efforts. He reported the health department has discontinued their reopening guidance. Alison Chouinard also from public health reported continued work in coordinating mobile vaccination sites and that ramping down of the vaccination site at Blackhawk Technical College.

#### **Public Input:**

None.

**Other Announcements:**

Deputy Chief Joe Murray reported the PSOW (Paramedic Systems of Wisconsin) Conference will be held in-person in November and encourages all to attend. For more information on this conference, please visit <https://www.psow.org/>.

Chair Joe Murray also brought for discussion whether to meet in-person or virtual for the next EMS Advisory meeting in September. Consensus was to meet in-person at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Janesville on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting beginning at 12:30p.

**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 September 9, 2021  
At SSM St. Mary's Hospital Janesville.**

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