

**ROCK COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 11, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call – 12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

---

**Members Present:**

Terry Jones, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Sergeant Shena Kohler, Liz Robinson, M.D., Jay MacNeal, M.D., Jodi Moyer, Rob Lulling, Chair Joe Murray, Beth Natter, Brian Becker, Alison Chouinard, Robert Swenarski, Ron Bomkamp

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Ron Bomkamp to approve the June 11, 2020 agenda. Motion carried.

**Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:**

No minutes from last meeting to approve as there was no official EMS Advisory Meeting, but rather a COVID-19 planning discussion.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Agency Reports:**

**State EMS Board Update**

Chair Joe Murray reported zoom meetings will be taking place for statewide protocols. Information will be shared for participation is desired.

**EMS Providers – Municipal and Private**

- Terry Jones from Paratech reports they have no updates.
- Ron Bomkamp discussed that Janesville Fire Department staff is doing well and they will be resuming patient transfers to Rockford and Madison.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich from Evansville EMS reported they are doing well and are working on the CARES Act application.
- Chair Joe Murray reports that Beloit Fire Department is doing well on PPE and staff is doing well.

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

- Jodi Moyer from Beloit Hospital reports phase I of remodel of the family care unit is complete and construction will continue through the year; they participated in the coalition surge test in February as the evacuating hospital and also participated in a tornado drill with the state in April; and entering the entering the final draft of their closed points of dispensing process.
- Beth Natter from Mercy Hospital discussed census is normal and emergency department census has increased; the paramedic program has resumed virtually; heart association training to resume soon as well; and EMS education for the fall will remain virtual for the time being. Dr. Jay MacNeal reported Javon Bea Hospital is no longer a pediatric trauma center nor have a pediatric intensive care unit available.
- Bob Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Janesville discussed they are planning to becoming a POD in the future; broadening visitor restrictions to 1 support person per hospitalization; and they will be allowing some emergency department students back in for EMS training. Dr. Liz Robinson reports they are continuing to do their regional monthly training virtually and are pushing for virtual training for monthly training for each agency as well; continue to work with ESO to develop a platform for connecting prehospital agencies, EHR and the hospitals.

## **Fire and MABAS**

- Chair Joe Murray reports continued work with the EVL dispatching down in Beloit, Janesville and Milton.

## **Rock County 911 Communications Center**

- Brian Becker discussed they are still operating at two locations but are looking at coming back to 1 building; still no visitors allowed in the building.

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

- Sgt. Shena Kohler reported virtual meetings for all committees for the remained of this year and will reevaluate for 2021 as it approaches; working on updates for the county emergency operations plan; EOC has been activated since March 12, 2020 and beginning reevaluation of EOC staffing needs; and PPE stock for the EOC is good other than gowns are still sought after.

## **Blackhawk Technical College**

- No update.

## **Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition**

- Jodi Moyer reports the regional hazard vulnerability analysis has been released.

## **Rock County Public Health**

- Alison Chouinard reports Rock County will be moving from phase I to phase II; more information can be found on the Rock County Public Health website; testing at the Alliant Energy Center will be taking place until the end of the month; emails will be sent out collecting data on critical infrastructure staff numbers and points of contact for vaccination needs evaluation; and public health will also be hiring for contact tracers.

## **Public Input:**

None.

**Other Announcements:**

Sgt. Shena Kohler announced Chief Randy Pickering, Shelly McGuire, Dr. Robinson, Barry Irmen, Alison Chouinard, and Brian Becker are all up for reelection in September if they so choose. Please email Shena if interested in continuing membership.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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

###