

ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, December 12, 2019
Beloit Memorial Health System, Janesville, WI. – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Larry Knuth, Supervisor Terry Fell, Rob Lulling, Beth Natter, Sergeant Shena Kohler, Brian Becker, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Deputy Chief Jason Russ, Robert Swenarski, Megan Haney, Barb Kuska, Deputy Chief Joe Murray, Alison Chouinard, Tina Jordan, Stacey Woodman, Jodi Moyer, Liz Robinson M.D., Alison Hanaman

Members Absent: Chief Gene Wright, Chief Randy Pickering, Steve Ryan, Barry Irman, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Rob Balsamo, Captain Curt Fell, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Chief Jamie Kessenich.

Guests: None

Call to Order:

Chair Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Brian Becker to approve the December 12, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Beth Natter to waive the reading of and approve the minutes with minor corrections, for June 13, 2019. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Discussion about 2019 elections continued because there was not a quorum in September 2019. Several members up for reelection. Supervisor Fell will be retiring from the EMS Advisory, therefore the County will appoint someone in his place. Membership recommendations made for all other vacancies. All signified interest in continuing their positions verbally and/or in writing. Recommendations will be presented to the County Board for the election of the following members to the EMS Advisory Committee for a three year term – September 2019 to September 2022:

- Supervisor Terry Fell
- Shena Kohler
- Curt Fell
- Robert Balsamo
- Rob Lulling
- Gene Wright
- Robert Swenarski

Other internal agency changes were conducted to include:

- SSM Health – Co Medical Director Liz Robinson, M.D.
- Beloit Health System – Jody Moyer
- Megan Haney - Alternate for Robert Swenarski

New Business:

None.

Agency Reports:

State EMS Board Update

September minutes online. Discussion amongst the committee members included interfacility transports in the state line area. Low risk non-emergency transports, flexible staffing requirements and protocols, national registry and testing standards and funding assistance were other points of discussion.

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Rob Lulling from Ryan Brothers Ambulance reported they are focusing more resources on serving Rock County hospitals.
- Chair Larry Knuth reported that Paratech Ambulance is expanding their footprint in Madison.

Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department

- Barb Kuska from Beloit Hospital reported that she they are doing a lot of remodeling in their Family Care Center. Jody Moyer reported that the hospital did an evacuation drill in late October and will continue doing more. They are also doing med sled training, with some challenges with the equipment.
- Beth Natter from Mercy Health reported that the training center is busy planning for 2020 through 2023. Dr. MacNeal prompted discussion about EMS services and protocols. Discussion continued regarding the future of EMS services in Wisconsin and the EMS Physician Advisory Committee (PAC) that makes recommendations to the Department of Health Services on medical issues related to EMS. Discussion regarding concerns and the authority of the Rock County EMS Advisory Council followed amongst the committee members. Chair Knuth would like to seek guidance from the County Administrator regarding the EMS Advisory Council's authority to create letters of support to the state related to EMS matters at the state level in Wisconsin.
- Robert Swenarski from SSM Health reported that they are doing some remodeling, and they are staying busy with above average numbers. They recently conducted a water outage evacuation exercise, moving patients. They had some lessons learned but overall the exercise went very well.
- Alison Hanaman from Edgerton Hospital reported that they did an Active Shooter drill and it went really well, at both Edgerton and Milton.

Fire and MABAS

- No update

Rock County 911 Communications Center

- Brian Becker reported that the Rock County has been using Rapid SOS to provide location information on 911 calls, which is an improvement to the current Phase 2 calls they use. The system is free to all 911 Centers, being implemented nationwide, partnering with Ring, Uber and other companies to gain information for calls. The 911 Center recently conducted Active Shooter/Rescue Task Force Training and Mental Health Training. AVL Dispatch is being

used for closest, most appropriate unit for response to fire and ems calls, to improve response. Departments include Janesville, Beloit, Town of Beloit and Milton.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- No update.

Blackhawk Technical College

- Tina Jordan brought fliers for non-credit classes.

Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition

- Robert Swenarski reported that the WHC has changed directions to save participating agencies time. The WHC is working well together, being efficient and resourceful with funding. Funding is being geared towards education for active members of the coalition. WHC continues to have monthly board meetings. Jody mentioned that they are announcing DNC specific training.

Rock County Public Health

- No update.

Public Input:

None.

Other Announcements:

Dr. Robinson added that there seems to be a lack of resources for on-going education for critical care paramedics in the area so they are looking to build something quarterly.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2020
at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, Edgerton, WI.**

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