

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, June 9, 2011 – Mercy Hospital

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Members Present: Larry Knuth, Mary Beaver, Shirley Connors, Beth Natter, Dennis Ahrens, Pastor Bill Wagner, Loren Lippincott, Bryan Northrop, Dr. Michael Kellum, John Rindfleisch, Kathren Sukus and John Rindfleisch.

Members Absent: Gerry Luiting, Barb Kuska, Jude Maurer, Shelly McGuire, Dave Fonder, Jeff Ropicky, Steve Ryan, Kristina Jordan and Ivan Collins.

Guests: Kevin Wernet, EMS Preparedness Coordinator, Blackhawk Technical College; Mark Shelton, Mercy Regional Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Richard Barney, Beloit Memorial Hospital, Brian Demrow, Fire Chief, City of Edgerton; Joe Murray, City of Beloit; Tom Brunner, Mercy Training Center and Renee Strasser, Senior Strategic Alliance Manager, KAPLAN Continuing Education.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Pastor Wagner and seconded by Michael Kellum to approve the June 9, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion was made by John Rindfleisch and seconded by Bryan Northrop to approve and waive the reading of the March 30, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- ◆ County-Wide Protocols – Drs. Kellum/Barney

A letter was read by Chair Knuth to the Committee from Chief Bradley Liggett of the Rock County Fire Officers Organization, regarding emergency medical services systems in Rock County. The purpose of the letter was to have the Rock County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council “address issues of developing and promoting methodology where local medical directors and representatives of existing emergency departments would work cooperatively including developing county-wide EMS treatment protocols.” Loren Lippincott stated the original group of the Rock County Fire Officers discussing county-wide protocols included Edgerton, Town of Beloit, Beloit, Clinton, Milton, Evansville and Orfordville. Chair Knuth questioned what authority the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council had with regard to county-wide protocols.

Discussion by Drs. Kellum and Barney indicating shared purchasing and shared resources with the primary goal looking at medical aspects and medical protocols. Loren Lippincott stated, in his opinion, other things are needed, i.e. establish training. Ideas of similar countywide protocols and medical direction are pretty

much accepted by everyone. Questions of how training from other hospitals would affect the protocols arose. Dr. Kellum stated part of the difficulties may lie in control and direction.

Chair Knuth voiced his concerns regarding that things are occurring outside of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Dr. Richard Barney, Beloit Memorial Hospital, advised the Council he feels treatment options should be in the best interests of the patient, not the dollar amount, not where the best service could be provided, but to be on the same page working together. There should be shared purchasing and shared resources. Goal should be to look at medical aspects and medical protocols.

Larry Knuth, Chair of EMS Advisory Council, questioned the authority of the Council. He questioned how training from other hospitals would affect protocols.

Dr. Barney stated he felt the EMS Advisory Council was operating on extremely old documents that have never been updated. He advised he never saw a County Plan and that he would like to see a County Plan. Shirley Connors asked what plan Dr. Barney was referring to. She stated there is currently a County EOP with Annex H referring to Emergency Medical Services but has no knowledge of the County Plan Dr. Barney was referring to since her employment in Emergency Management. Dr. Barney advised that was for disasters. He referred to a County Plan regarding protocols that was developed years past. He stated changes need to be made and to hold the EMS Advisory Council accountable to what it should be. He went on to state the politics of medical direction are stiffer and more complicated. He reiterated that the focus should be on what the patients want. Under the umbrella for a formal group should state where medical direction comes from. He stated he is very interested in working with the medical group and stated this is clearly a medical issue.

Medical directorship is needed and will make treatment destinations easier. Starting with authority for medical director working group, each hospital supply physicians, he didn't feel there would be a problem with hospitals. There should be no cost to the County. Individual malpractice should be carried individually. Dr. Barney ended saying he'd like to see the Committee pull together and be a team. His wish is that the EMS Advisory Council will be more integrated and more involved with EMS issues and that this Council needs to meet more frequently other than every 3 months.

Larry Knuth further questioned the Council's authority to establish an Ad Hoc Committee and would inquire with the Rock County Corporation Counsel.

New Business:

- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – None. Barb Kuska not present.

- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Larry Knuth advised the Committee:
 - Tuesday, June 7, the EMS Board met in work groups to discuss and develop templates for operational plans. A Committee Meeting is scheduled November 29, 2011 and a Board Meeting is scheduled November 30, 2011.
- ◆ **Discuss Membership Terms** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - Some member's terms are due to expire in September, 2011. The members whose terms are due to expire were read aloud.

Agency Reports:

- ◆ **EMS Providers** – Chair Larry Knuth requested that each agency in attendance give a brief synopsis of what is taking place in their agency.

John Rindfleisch, Co-Coordinator for Clinton Emergency Medical Service, reported his title should be as listed. In other EMS minutes, he is listed as Clinton Fire Department.

Bryan Northrop – City of Beloit Fire Department – nothing to report.

Mary Beaver, City of Evansville Emergency Medical Service – nothing to report.

Larry Knuth, Paratech Ambulance, Milwaukee, recently conducted a critical care course for their paramedics. The course was designed to provide a general awareness of critical care skills for paramedics and nurses that routinely care for the sick and injured.

- ◆ **Communications Center** – Kathren Sukus advised the Committee:
 - Infrastructure was done this year. Dave Sleeter, 911 Communications Director, will, once all of the information is gathered, send it out at a later date.
- ◆ **Emergency Management** – Nothing to report. Referred to Kevin Wernet, Emergency Preparedness, Blackhawk Technical College.
- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Kevin Wernet advised the Committee:
 - Blackhawk Technical College have several ICS Classes scheduled. There are still openings in the June 22nd MGT 347 class.
 - June 23rd, Texas A&M University was coming to Blackhawk Technical College for ICS training; namely, ICS 300 and ICS 400 (MGT 313). The classes have been cancelled due to small enrollment.
- ◆ **Hospitals** – Beth Natter – Dr. Michael Kellum
 - Mercy Hospital:
 - Beth Natter advised Mercy Hospital is under construction, which should be done by September 1st.

Dr. Michael Kellum stated the STEMI Program is doing well.

- **M.A.B.A.S.** – John Rindfleisch, Co-Coordinator for Clinton Emergency Medical Service, stated a card was pulled by Village of Footville Fire Department and that the system is being used. He further stated the time to look at cards is now.

- ◆ **Sheriff's Office** – Nothing to report.

- ◆ **Clergy – CISM** – Pastor Bill Wagner advised the Committee:
 - Regarding the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Team, there are double fatalities for departments. He stated he needs personnel from all disciplines.
 - There is first Fire Chaplain basic training Milwaukee in September and LaCrosse in October.
 - There is a Fire Chief's conference in LaCrosse June 23-26, 2011. Register through Fire Chief's Conference

- ◆ **Other Announcements**
 - Beth Natter advised the Trauma Education Program in April has been cancelled.
 - Chair Knuth thanked John Rindfleisch for arranging the set up of the Mass Casualty Trailer by Jim Grenawalt, Village of Clinton Fire Department.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dr. Michael Kellum and seconded by Pastor Bill Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2011 at Beloit Memorial Hospital – Beloit.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein