

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Mercy Health System

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Members Present: Larry Knuth, Shirley Connors, Mary Beaver, Gerry Luiting, Kathren Sukus, Beth Natter, Barb Kuska, Joe Murray, Gary Schenck, alternate for Kristina Jordan, Dave Fonder and alternate Brennon Ruosch, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Dr. Franz Keilhauer and Rob Lulling.

Members Absent: Pastor Bill Wagner, Shelly McGuire, Eric Severson, Loren Lippincott, Dr. Michael Kellum, John Rindfleisch, Jude Maurer, Ivan Collins and Steve Ryan.

Guests: Chris Kaiser, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital; Sergeant Shena Kohler and Captain Gary Groelle, Rock County Sheriff's Office

Chair Larry Knuth called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Joe Murray to approve the December 13, 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion by Barb Kuska and seconded by Beth Natter to waive the reading and approve the minutes of September 13, 2012. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Countywide Protocols – Dr. MacNeal

➤ Dr. MacNeal advised the dosage of Ketamine has been adjusted and subsequent rapid sequence airway protocol has been approved by all Medical Directors. This information as well as Crime Scene Protocol will be transmitted to the State of Wisconsin, once changes are made and approval has been given.

New Business:

- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Council:

- Hospital Preparedness Board and Group is moving toward a health coalition with Public Health which will include exercising and more cooperation with Public Health, doing more of the same things together. She advised Public Health Region is different from Hospital Preparedness Region and Emergency Management Region and it is the hope there will be more cooperation among regions.
- Flexible funding – requests have been submitted. Hospitals, community health centers and tribal clinics are waiting for purchase agreements to be signed. Once signed, they will be sent back to the facilities where they originated and they have until the middle of May or June to achieve the things necessary to receive grant funds.
- TEMS – There is an upcoming TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) summit being held on February 6-7, 2013 in Wisconsin Dells. Purpose of the summit is to share information and expertise about TEM team start-up and development.
- There are preparedness training courses being offered strictly for hospitals. There is a Wisconsin group that will go to Anniston, AL for training courses sometime in June, 2013. For further information, contact Lori Wahlman at Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness (WHEPP). Barb stated they have a good hospital that is used for exercises.

- WISCOM (Wisconsin Interoperability System for Communications) – The WISCOM system is coming to hospitals. They have plans to move very quickly to install radios before the end of the summer in every hospital emergency room.
 - They are in the planning stages for a workshop coming up for a region-wide exercise – first tabletop, then functional and even a full scale exercise. The timing is 2013 – 2016.
- ◆ **State EMS Board Update**
- Chair Knuth advised he attended the Emergency Medical Services Board meeting on October 9-10, 2012. EMS Data Management Committee indicated Nemsis will be coming out with importance of data article and success stories. Nemsis 3.1 requires a third party billing. Wisconsin is also working on their data sets to come up to 3.0.
 - EMS Education & Training Committee – there is an upcoming instructor/ coordinator meeting February 14-15, 2013 at Chula Vista. They are pursuing grant money to establish an associate degree from EMT paramedic to RN.
 - There are also some EMS Instructor 2 courses equivalent to EMS Instructor courses but will also meet the requirements for fire training instructor requirements.
 - PAC Committee (Physician Advisory Committee) met and is looking at C-Spine clearance. The Committee has asked the Education and Training Committee to review.
 - Trauma Transport Guidelines – PAC is going to move forward to work on something close to this as inter-facility guidelines. Basically it would indicate what could be done and at what level.
 - EMS for Children – State of Wisconsin is looking for representatives from EMS. They would like three candidates for this committee. Their conference is February 23, 2013. Location is not indicated.
 - Next Committee Board Meeting is first week in April, 2013.
- ◆ **Physician Response Team**
- Dr. Jay MacNeal discussed Mercy Health System's Pre-Hospital Response which had been sent out previous to Committee members. He advised there was a deficiency in emergency response physicians. At the moment, he indicated, he was able to approve one emergency room doctor and that was himself. There is one vehicle outfitted for EMS emergency response, radio package, expensive medical equipment not typically available to EMS crews on a routine basis. The plan is to augment and not to replace anything. This would be for no-fly days if critical care is needed. He again reiterated that it is to supplement only. Anyone going out on these calls would be highly trained in all aspects. It will be a collaborative effort and will take time to build. It is a resource for Rock and Walworth Counties, and is not exclusive and not limited to Mercy Hospital. Reviews will be done annually. He would like to hear Committee's comments and recommendations.
- ◆ **EMT Response Protocol at Death Investigations in Rock County**
- Questions and discussion ensued regarding issues of concern in the Crime Scene Protocol draft that was distributed by Dr. MacNeal. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Dr. MacNeal would make the changes keeping it as a draft and sending it out for everyone's perusal and approval. It will be referred to as Crime Scene Protocol and not EMT Response Protocol at Death Investigations as stated on the EMS Advisory Council agenda.

Agency Reports:

- ◆ **EMS Providers**
- Gerry Luiting – City of Janesville Fire Department – advised they have hired several new employees.

- Captain Gary Groelle – Rock County Sheriff’s Office – advised six new deputies have been hired.
- ◆ **Communications Center**
 - Kathy Sukus advised there is a big undertaking segregating the network so that voice communication is separate from other types of data because of interference problems. Reprogramming of radios will be done, vendors will be scheduling reprogramming to take the analog zones out of the radios in an effort to resolve the problems.
 - Upgraded CAD system is coming the end of February, 2013.
- ◆ **Emergency Management**
 - Shirley Connors advised there is a PIO (Public Information Officer) training class scheduled for January 19-20, 2013 at Edgerton Hospital sponsored by Edgerton Fire Department. Emergency Management obtained a grant for instructors. Registration for this training is online through the Wisconsin Emergency Management website.
 - Governor’s Conference is scheduled for March 7-8, 2013 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Pre-conference training is scheduled for March 6, 2013.
- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College**
 - Gary Schenck, alternate for Tina Jordan, advised they are finishing up for the end of the semester and pilot for EMT and advance EMT is coming to a close. They are looking forward to seeing the results of their hard work. They are required to report to Department of Health Services for feedback on the pilot.
 - Next semester there will only be two EMT Basic classes. There will not be an advanced EMT class. Blackhawk Technical College is assisting Green County in keeping their I-99 classes so there will be a I-99 class in Green County.
- ◆ **Hospitals -**
 - Beloit Health System – Barb Kuska advised they are going forward with building a cancer care center which will be located near the Occupational Medicine Center on Milwaukee Road in Beloit.

Training with the new electronic medical records system will take up a lot of resources for the entire spring.

- Mercy Health System – Beth Natter advised Mercy Health System is building a new training center in 2013.

They had their accreditation visit and that went very well. She anticipated it will probably be May, 2013 before they hear anything further.

They have been working with Blackhawk Technical College and local EMS stakeholders on the paramedic program. This will be for both full time and part time students to participate in this program. Gary Schenck added that there was strong support from senior administration for both Blackhawk Technical and Mercy Health System.

- St. Mary’s Janesville Hospital – Chris Kaiser stated the hospital will have a new Emergency Room Director by the next EMS meeting in March. She will

be introduced at the March 14, 2013 EMS meeting.

◆ **M.A.B.A.S.**

- Kathy Sukus advised the M.A.B.A.S. cards are suppose to come out by the end of the year.

◆ **Sheriffs Office**

- Captain Gary Groelle advised they are planning to hire 13 new employees in the next month or two.
- The Sheriff's Office is joining Milwaukee law enforcement in obtaining a automatic license plate reader system in the next month. They will be on line with it in January or February, 2013. They feel it will be very beneficial in many aspects of law enforcement.

Other Announcements:

- Mary Beaver personally thanked Shirley Connors for her years of dedicated service to all of the agencies she has worked with and assisted.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Gerry Luiting and seconded by Brennon Ruosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.

The next meeting will be held March 14, 2012 at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein