

Rock County EMS Advisory Meeting
Edgerton Hospital
March 8, 2018

Attendance: Larry Knuth, Rob Balsomo, Jason Russ, Randy Pickering, Terry Fell, Shelley McGuire, Micheke Thiren (for K Dobson), Troy Knudson, Jim Ponkauskas, Barb Kuska, Jason Steinke, Beth Natter

Call to order - at 12:35 A quorum is present

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Randy, second Jim Ponkauskas. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2017 Motion to waiver reading of minutes and approve by Pickering, second by Rob Balsamo. Motioned carried.

Old Business – None

New Business – SCHCC meeting February 2, 2018

- David Klein of Wisconsin Emergency Management reported on the WICAMS Credentialing System. Have been working with police, fire and ems to get them credentialed. Now are beginning to approach healthcare agencies to see if they are interested. The program is free from WEMS but there will probably be a charge for materials and printing from agencies who have a printer. The information is securely stored in the cloud. Call David Klein at WEMS if interested.
- A Region 5 Surge Capacity Exercise was held on February 27. This was mandated by ASPR. Region 5 had to evacuate 390 patients in 90 minutes. An after action will be coming in the near future.

State Board Update – Chair Knuth sent out minutes but was not able attend. The minutes need to be read in context with the agenda that was sent at the same time as bullet points were not elucidated in the minutes.

Agency Reports –

- **Janesville Fire** – nothing to report
- **Edgerton Fire** – Pickering reported that they plan to submit an application for Act 97 (flex staffing legislation) to become a test case. This legislation seems to be stuck in the legislature. Pickering will need to ask for letters of endorsement from agencies who receive patients from Edgerton.
- **Knuth** also noted that **Paratech** provides staffing for agencies in Milwaukee that also plan to submit application. Paratech has also opened a station in the Madison area that is Ad advanced ALS called Madison North
- **Communication Center** – Brian Becker not in attendance. Pickering reported they are adding frequencies and are also having an accreditation review soon. They are the longest standing fully accredited 911 Center in the country.

- **Rock County Sheriff's Office** – Troy Knutson reported they are in the last stages of hiring an administrative assistant for Shena Kohler's office.
- **Blackhawk Technical College** – Rob Balsamo reported mid-semester, classes are going well. He is updating the operational plan. Also Black is developing a paramedic class to serve the needs of Green County. Blackhawk is also having discussions with Beloit Memorial High School to do a fire academy in the high school. There is grant funding to cover some of the cost. He has been working with Fire Chief Brad Liggett.
- **Beloit Memorial Hospital** – Kuska reported the the hospital has been having a high census. They are also getting ready for surveyors for the Trauma and Stroke program this year as well as a Joint Commission survey.
- **Mercy Hospital** – Natter reported that MD-1 recently celebrated its fifth birthday. Also a new paramedic class will be starting in September. The current paramedic class will be finished in May
- **St. Mary's Janesville-** Steinke reported that they are also preparing for a Trauma survey this year.
- **MABAS** – Pickering reported that the new cards are completed. The state group recently held a conference to update the cards and had 70% participation of agencies. He also reported that the MABAS system worked well in the Verona 17 car crash . Lessons learned in the crash were that use of a trunking system did not work well for communications. It was also noted that the incident deescalated much faster that it escalated which presented problems.

The next meeting is June 14, 2018 at Mercy

Motion to adjourn made by B Kuska and J Ponkauskas passed

Submitted by Barb Kuska