

ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 30, 2011 – Beloit Memorial Hospital

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Members Present: Larry Knuth, Mary Beaver, Shirley Connors, Beth Natter, Ivan Collins, Barb Kuska, Jude Maurer, Bryan Northrop, Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder, Shelly McGuire, Gary Schenck, alternate for Kristina Jordan, Jim Grenawalt, alternate for John Rindfleisch, and Shelly McGuire.

Members Absent: Dennis Ahrens, Gerry Luiting, Jeff Ropicky, Pastor Bill Wagner, Loren Lippincott, Michael Kellum, John Rindfleisch, Kathren Sukus, Steve Ryan, Kristina Jordan and Dave Fonder.

Guests: Kevin Wernet, EMS Preparedness Coordinator, Blackhawk Technical College; Jeremy Flanagan, City of Beloit Fire Department; Deb Van Matre, State WI Trac Administrator and Lori Wallman, Region 5 Coordinator, Wisconsin Hospital Emergency preparedness Program.

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

Deb Van Matre and Lori Wallman gave a presentation on WI Trac and the benefits of using it. Bryan Northrop gave a brief overview on the EMS Patient Tracking Pilot. Paul Wittkamp, State EMS Radio & Communication Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Ivan Collins and seconded by Barb Kuska to approve the March 30, 2011 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Ivan Collins to approve and waive the reading of the December 9, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Committee:
 - There is a training program available and will be discussed further at the RTAC meeting on June 7th.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the drafting of a ethics memo to maintain WHEPP (Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program) funding.
 - Radio Systems – All hospitals are to have the capability of operating P-25 radios. Narrow banding is to take affect by 2013.

- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Larry Knuth advised the Committee:
 - The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board met in December 2010. Additional meetings were scheduled for February 1 & 2, 2011.
 - There will be a EMS Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for April 5, 2011. The Board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2011.
 - He discussed Chapter DHS (Department of Health Services) 110, Emergency Medical Services Licensing, Certification and Training Requirements. He questioned first responder groups in Rock County. Barb Kuska stated first responders need to report to WARDS (Wisconsin Ambulance Run Data System), to write reports.

- ◆ **County Wide Protocols** – Beth Natter advised the Committee:
 - In Dr. Kellum's absence, Beth Natter, Mercy Hospital, stated Dr. Kellum and Dr. Barney were working with Rock County Area Emergency Medical Service providers.

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.

Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder, City of Edgerton Fire Department, reported the second monitor had been upgraded to a 12-lead.

Jim Grenawalt, alternate for John Rindfleisch, Village of Clinton Fire Department, stated the fire department is trying to keep up with training. He further stated the fire department is in the process of setting up a mock accident for display at the Clinton High School.

Jeremy Flanagan, City of Beloit Fire Department, spoke regarding General Federation of Women's Clubs. This is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. If anyone expresses an interest, contact him and he will give you the contact information for the Women's Club.

Mary Beaver, City of Evansville Emergency Medical Service, advised they now have a new Fire Chief.

Larry Knuth, Paratech Ambulance, Milwaukee, advised they are an authorized EMS training center. The center is strong for critical care accreditation. A refresher course was conducted for critical care 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** – No one in attendance.

- ◆ **Emergency Management** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - April 6th, siren testing will resume. If the sirens cannot be tested on the first Wednesday of the month due to inclement weather, testing will be done on the second Wednesday of the month instead.
 - April 11-15th is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin.
 - Thursday, April 14, a statewide tornado drill is being planned. If severe weather occurs, it will be postponed until Friday, April 15.
 - May 12th, Randi Milsap, General Counsel, Wisconsin Emergency Management, Department of Military Affairs, will be at the Health Care Center Auditorium. She will speak on legal considerations regarding disasters and volunteer liability.

- ◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Gary Schenck advised the Committee:
 - A survey for training was distributed. Any changes, additions, etc., contact Kristina Jordan or Gary. He also distributed a 2011 fall class schedule.
 - Guest Kevin Wernet advised Texas A&M University is coming to Blackhawk Technical College for ICS training; namely, ICS 300 and ICS 400.
 - There will be an ICS 100 and ICS 200 training in June at Beloit Memorial Hospital.
 - Kevin also stated within the next few years there would be full-scale exercises at Blackhawk Technical College.

- ◆ **Hospitals** – Barb Kuska – Shelly McGuire – Beth Natter
 - **Beloit Memorial Hospital:**
Barb distributed Beloit Memorial Hospital Standardized Alerts information to the Committee. Wisconsin Hospital Association has asked hospitals to comply with the changes. She advised there would have to be more training within the hospital, in areas such as the switchboard, in May.
 - **Mercy Hospital:**
Beth advised Mercy Hospital is a host site for South Central RTAC Trauma. She distributed an informational page on SCRTAC Trauma Education. Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center are hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, April 28 at Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center, Conference Room 1128.
 - **Edgerton Hospital:**
Shelly advised the new hospital is progressing. The move to the new hospital is expected in August. New date for transporting patients to the new hospital is October 1.

- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – Nothing to report.

- ◆ **Sheriff's Office** – Jude Mauer stated the ICS system was certainly tested in Madison and felt it was a good hands-on experience. He indicated that in view of

the shared revenue involving the Governor's budget, the Sheriff's Office is not sure how they will be affected.

◆ **Clergy – CISM – Not in Attendance.**

◆ **Other Announcements**

- Shirley Connors advised the Committee Rock County Board Chair has signed the Wisconsin Emergency Management Esponder Service Agreement. Anyone wanting to use the alert feature may now use it, but will require training.
- Chair Knuth advised the Mass Casualty Trailer, set up by Jim Grenawalt, Village of Clinton Fire Department, was set up in one of the emergency area bays for anyone wishing to view it.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Barb Kuska and seconded by Bryan Northrop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

The next meeting will be held June 9, 2011 at Mercy Hospital - Janesville.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein