

ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 14, 2012 – Edgerton Hospital & Health Services

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Members Present: Gerry Luiting, Mary Beaver, Karen Greene, Dr. Michael Kellum, Loren Lippincott, Beth Natter, Barb Kuska, Dave Sleeter, alternate for Kathren Sukus, John Rindfleisch and Brennon Ruosch, alternate for Dave Fonder.

Members Absent: Larry Knuth, Shirley Connors, Dennis Ahrens, Shelly McGuire, Eric Severson, Kristina Jordan, Pastor Bill Wagner, Joe Murray, Kathren Sukus, Jude Maurer, Dave Fonder, Ivan Collins and Steve Ryan.

Also in attendance: Chris Kraiser, St. Mary's Janesville Hospital.

Guests: Patrick Ryan, Ryan Brothers Ambulance.

Vice Chair Gerry Luiting called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Karen Greene and seconded by Barb Kuska to approve the June 14, 2012 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes: Barb Kuska stated that on page 2, the word "ambulance" should be removed. Also on page 2, under the Ryan White Act, the word "devised" should be "revised". Motion by Loren Lippincott to waive the reading and approve the March 8, 2012 minutes with corrections as noted. The motion was seconded by Karen Greene. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Countywide Protocols – Dr. Kellum advised the Council:
 - The State of Wisconsin approved the EMT Basic. Barb Kuska stated she did discover there was a mistake in the Glucagon dosage in both Paramedic and EMT basic. The dosage is incorrect and this needs to be looked at.

New Business:

- ◆ **Hospital Preparedness Update** – Barb Kuska advised the Council:
 - She was not able to attend the last Hospital Preparedness meeting. They are reforming some new expert panel groups and are looking for new members to participate.
 - There was a patient tracking pilot project exercise in May and that went very well. All reports were submitted the end of May. Some discussion took place regarding the pilot project.
- ◆ **State EMS Board Update** – Barb Kuska advised the State Board and EMS are looking at the critical care concept. There was a teleconference and minutes will

be posted on their website for further definition. They are looking at revising interfacility transport guidelines.

Agency Reports:

◆ EMS Providers

- Ryan Brothers Ambulance – Patrick Ryan advised they have two advanced life support 24-hour units aside from hospitals and nursing homes. They opened the seventh South Central, Wisconsin location in Janesville.
- City of Edgerton Fire Department – Brennon Ruosch advised they purchased the LUCAS 2 automatic chest compression device through raising funds and a very generous donation. It is up and running with manual defibrillators.
- Milton Fire Department – Loren Lippincott advised nothing to report except they are trying to go for a paramedic.
- Evansville EMS - Mary Beaver advised they have a new ambulance. A bike rodeo is planned for the community June 30th. It will be part of the 4th of July celebration.
- Clinton Fire Department – John Rindfleisch advised the department is in the meeting phase of acquiring an ambulance. They are looking at December or January for this to happen.
- City of Janesville Fire Department – Gerry Luiting advised six more people have been hired and they are progressing in their paramedic orientation. He stated there would be more retirements this year and the Department will probably be hiring more paramedics.
- Gerry further advised the Department is finally doing Rapid Sequence Airway.

◆ Communications Center – Dave Sleeter

- Discussed analog to digital conversion. He said so far testing has been very positive with law enforcement. The next testing will be with fire and EMS throughout the county with digital. Dave stated that there will be a meeting with law enforcement, fire and EMS groups and they will pick a date when full digital voice radio communication is to be finalized. The paging will stay narrow band analog. This was all the result of FCC mandating all public safety frequencies in Rock County had to be narrow banded. 911 Communications has picked up volume and coverage. Dave stated that he is hopeful that the digital conversion can be done by July 1st, if testing stays as positive as it has been.
- Dave further stated that 911 Communications Center has just completed their ongoing cycle of accreditation with Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), which is the only accreditation process for public safety communications centers in April. They are now the longest standing public safety 911 Communications Center to be accredited

in the United States. Dave stated it certainly is a credit to the people who work there. The award will not be awarded until July of this year.

- Regarding staffing, the Communications Center is full. There are two people training at the present time.
- Dave informed the members present that his tenure at 911 Communications Center is coming to an end in July.

◆ **Emergency Management** – Nothing to report.

◆ **Blackhawk Technical College** – Nothing to report

◆ **Hospitals** - Karen Greene - Barb Kuska - Chris Kaiser – Dr. Michael Kellum – Beth Natter

- **Edgerton Hospital and Health Services** – Karen Greene:
Advised the Committee Dean Clinic opened in April and there has been an increase in patients coming into the clinic.

The ambulance garage is almost completed; about 8 to 10 feet have been added onto the ambulance bay.

The land surrounding the hospital, which has been redeveloped, includes wellness walking paths, healing gardens, trails and community gardens.

Edgerton Hospital and Health Services is offering Hazmat training August 28-29th, all hospitals are welcome to attend.

Karen invited attendees to go on a tour after the meeting if they wished.

- **Beloit Health System** – Barb Kuska:
Advised the main activity is to integrate emergency management plans with clinic facilities. She has been doing quite a bit of training but more training is needed before integration of the emergency plans between the clinic and hospital is completed.
- **St. Mary's Janesville Hospital** – Chris Kaiser
Advised the hospital is also working on integrating emergency plans between the hospital and Dean Clinic so everyone is operating with the same systems.

Chris has been working on decontamination training at the hospital to try and see how many patients can be handled with internal resources as well as how many patients can be handled with external resources. An internal tabletop exercise is being conducted the 25th of July to go over internal and external communication failures. He has tentatively scheduled a full scale exercise for the end of August or first part of September, 2012 to test surge plans to be sure they work.

- Mery Health System – Dr. Michael Kellum – Beth Natter
Dr. Kellum advised the State Emergency Medical Technician Basic and Intermediate have been renamed to EMT and EMT-I. Additional training will certainly be required.

Beth Natter advised accreditation has been sent in to the State of Wisconsin and they are waiting the approval.

EMT and Advanced EMT training classes begin in September at Mercy Regional Training Center.

Questions were raised regarding critical care EMT classes. Beth advised nothing has been scheduled as yet. Barb Kuska stated that other departments should be trained regarding critical care, paramedics, etc.

- ◆ **M.A.B.A.S.** – John Rindfleisch
 - There are still some problems with M.A.B.A.S. cards.
- ◆ **Sheriffs Office** – No one from Sheriff's office present
- ◆ **Clergy – CISM** – Pastor Bill Wagner was not present

Other Announcements: Chris Kaiser announced a family event entitled “Janesville in Motion” held at St. Mary’s Janesville on July 14, 2012. The event is scheduled from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is a free family event with activities, classes and demonstrations on how to get people moving for all levels of fitness. He is working with Rock County Fire Association regarding volunteers for this event.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Brennon Ruosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held September 13, 2012 at St. Mary’s Janesville Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Klipstein

EMS Advisory Committee - 2012 Elections

Re-Appoint EMS Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Term to expire</u>	<u>New Terms</u>
Barb Kuska	Hospital	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Beth Natter	Hospital	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Joe Murray	License Ambulance	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Loren Lippincott	License Ambulance	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Mary Beaver	License Ambulance	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Dr. Michael Kellum	Medical Director	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Steve Ryan	License Ambulance	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15

EMS Alternate Members

<u>Alternate Name</u>	<u>EMS Member</u>	<u>Term to expire</u>	<u>New Terms</u>
Rob Calhoun	Loren Lippincott	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Zac Beaver	Mary Beaver	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15
Jeannie Yowler	Barb Kuska	9/30/09-9/30/12	9/30/12-9/30/15

Open Seats to fill

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Co-Medical Director	9/30/11