

**ROCK COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 13, 2018
Beloit Memorial Hospital, Beloit, WI – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Members Present:

Sgt. Shena Kohler, Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld, Shelly McGuire, Andrea Hughes, Robert Swenarski, Rob Lulling, Supervisor Terry Fell, Beth Natter, Chief Jamie Kessenich, Deputy Chief Peter Mory, Chief Randy Pickering, Brian Becker, Jason Russ, Barb Kuska, Dr. Jay MacNeal, Alison Chouinard, and Deputy Chief Joe Murray

Members Absent: Chair Larry Knuth, Deputy Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Rob Balsamo, Chief Gene Wright, Steve Ryan, Barry Irman, and Commander Troy Knudson

Guests:

Call to Order:

Deputy Chief Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made Robert Swenarski and seconded by Shelly McGuire to approve the December 13, 2018 agenda. Motion carried.

Reading & Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion by Dr. Jay MacNeal and seconded by Brian Becker to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for September 13, 2018. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Membership – Election of Members

- Welcome new member Alison Chouinard who will represent the Rock County Public Health Department. Rick Wietersen, also from the Rock County Health Department will be Alison's alternate for the Community-at-Large position.

Agency Reports:

State EMS Board Update

- Deputy Chief Joe Murray reported that he is a part of the steering committee for working on rules of interfacility transfers along with critical care paramedics vs advanced paramedics for those interfacility transports. The previous rules were written in 2006 and needed updating. This is in the beginning stages and he will report back on this at future meetings. He also stated that there are public meetings available for those that want to attend.
- Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld spoke that the scope of practice has been updated for EMT through paramedic. Some modifications include elimination/additions of medications and the EMR

needing to be updated first quarter 2019. There also is early discussion at state regarding statewide wide protocols moving forward. The Community of Paramedicine Branch, has approved the Minnesota education model which will become the standard training for the State of Wisconsin and will be released in the near future.

- Dr. Jay MacNeal discussed that the state will be going to an online operational plan submission but the program will not be available for a number of weeks.
- Discussion ensued regarding the regulation of flex staffing rules and state scope of practice regulations.

EMS Providers – Municipal and Private

- Rob Lulling stated there are no updates from Ryan Brothers.
- Deputy Chief Peter Mory stated that Milton EMS submitted their operational plan to the State of WI to advance to paramedic. They are currently waiting for response from the State.
- Jason Russ from Edgerton EMS stated did get approval from the State to advance to paramedic. Supplies have been ordered and their go-live date is January 1st, 2019.
- Chief Jamie Kessenich from Evansville EMS reported they will be obtaining a new ambulance in April along with two power load cots.
- Deputy Chief Joe Murray from Beloit EMS report that they have been precepting 9 new medics that will be finishing up this month.

Hospitals, Clinics, and Health Department

- Shelly McGuire from Edgerton Hospital & Health Services reported no updates.
- Robert Swenarski from SSM Health St. Mary's Janesville stated there are no new updates.
- Dr. Kacey Kronenfeld reported that SSM Health St. Mary's Madison will be advancing to a Level II Trauma Center as of December 30th, 2018.
- Dr. Jay MacNeal reported that Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center will be having a tactical paramedic class on April 2nd-5th, 2019 at Mercy's Tactical Training Center. Mercy will also begin to use a different stroke screening protocol called the GFAST scale. He also reported that Mercy will be moving patients to the new Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford, IL on January 5th, 2019.
- Alison Chouinard from the Rock County Health Department shared results from the Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report from December 1st. Results included: the predominately viruses were Rhinovirus and Enterovirus; reported 104 people tested positive for Influenza in the State of WI though zero were reported in the southern region of the state; and from 2017-2018 37% of WI residents were vaccinated with the flu vaccine. Alison also shared that the Rock County Public Health Department held mass flu vaccination clinics at Edgerton and Parkview School Districts that provided free flu vaccinations where they vaccinated 111 people. Alison also shared that Public Health recently received a grant from the Wisconsin Preparedness Program for data tracking of opioid overdoses in Rock County. Nick Zupan is an epidemiologist with Public Health that will be taking the lead on this and will be contacting this committee in the near future.
- Barb Kuska from Beloit Health System reported that they have received a \$450,000 Healthcare Training Grant to educate and train students interested in health sciences and nursing. They have partnered with Blackhawk Technical College to provide scholarships for nursing and nursing assistant programs. Beloit Memorial Hospital will also be remodeling their family care/OB suites in 2019.

Fire and MABAS

- Chief Randall Pickering from Edgerton reported that Wisconsin MABAS is helping the Upper Peninsula of Michigan get their MABAS program up and running. He discussed that our Southwest region is 99% of all counties participating in the Wisconsin MABAS program.

Rock County 911 Communications Center

- Brian Becker stated that the Communications Center had phone issues in October due to a contractor that was digging, who severed a phone line. He also reported that lines will be switching over to fiber optic lines and they will also be replacing some equipment in 2019.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management

- Sergeant Shena Kohler spoke on the following training coming to Rock County in 2019: ICS-300-February 6th and 7th; ICS-400-February 27th and 28th; Public Information Officer-June 5th and 6th; and Critical Incident Management-September 25th, 26th, and 27th. All will be located at the Rock County Emergency Operations Center.

Blackhawk Technical College

- No update.

Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition

- Barb Kuska reported there will be a no-notice evacuation exercise in February 2019 and volunteers are needed for the planning committee. A full scale multi-casualty exercise is planned to take place in June 2019. She also spoke on the WI-TRAC program regarding MCI alert rules and that RTAC is currently developing a fall prevention program.

Public Input: None.

Other Announcements:

- Andrea Hughes discussed that Wisconsin Legislature DHS 118-Trauma Care has been made available for public comment. All of the proposed rules are posted online.
- Barb Kuska spoke that the State of Wisconsin will be offering a conference in January 2019 in Stevens Point, WI for an emergency preparedness conference. A flier was circulated.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2019
at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, Edgerton, WI.**

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