

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ADVISORY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 - 12:30 PM

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In-Person:

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center

Board Room

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizen Participation and Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2023
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Agency Reports
 - A. Medical Directors
 - B. State EMS Board
 - C. County Board
 - D. EMS Providers
 - E. Hospitals and Clinics
 - F. Fire and MABAS
 - G. 911 Communications
 - H. Sheriff's Office
 - I. Blackhawk Technical College
 - J. Public Health
 - K. Medical Examiner
 - L. Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition
8. Council Requests
9. Future Meeting Date: December 14, 2023 at the DWRC Board Room – 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville WI (Hybrid)
10. Adjournment

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023

12:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**
 - A. Chair Jamie Kessenich called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.
 - B. Members Present - Kessenich, Kohler, Swenarski, Carr, Murray, Moyer, Niles, Balsamo, Ruosch M., Kovarik, Ruosch C., Linnsen, Kleisch, Hanaman
2. **Approve agenda:** Motion was made by Murray and seconded by Swenarski to approve the June 8, 2023 agenda. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Swenarski and seconded by Moyer to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Old business**
 - A. Resolution to County Board in August 2023 proposing awareness and prioritization of EMS services in Rock County. Intent is to recognize the need for EMS services and likelihood of request for financial assistance from the County in the future.
5. **New business**
 - A. None
6. **Agency reports**
 - A. **Medical Directors** - None
 - B. **State EMS Board** – Murray: Applied for position.
 - C. **EMS Providers**
 - Clinton (Ruosch): EMR class in the station, working on recertifications, and services renewed for three years.
 - Lakeside (Linnsen): Agency is growing, record number of calls, hiring more staff full time from part time EMS crews.

- Janesville (Kessenich): Hiring up to 5. Starting Recruit Academy, keeping the application process open on a continuous basis at this point.

D. Hospitals and Clinics

- Beloit Health System (Moyer): Parking lot construction directly north of the ambulance bay in the Physician lot. The Huebbe Parkway entrance is open for use. We are encouraging EMS agencies to access off Hart Rd. It is a tight turn for Bay 3.
- Mercy Health System (Murray): The new dialysis center is going to be opening in the Henry Palmer building. 100% of the students from Mercy have been placed in employment, whether it's part time, paid on call or full time with an organization. High School EMT class is accepting applications right now. Mercy is partnering with UW Whitewater and Edgewood with their nursing program, doing some of the simulations in December in their Trauma Preparedness Center. That is staying busy we offer Workplace Casualty Care, Crase, Rescue Task Force, etc. If your organization is interested, feel free to reach out to Murray and Mercy can provide training.
- SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Janesville (Swenarski): Installed the Weapon Detection System in the Emergency Department entrance. There will be remodeling done to the area to also make the Department a larger space.
- Edgerton Hospital and Health Services (Hanaman): Things are going good for the most part. They are continuing to expand service lines in specialty areas, including orthopedics, which is going well. They are looking to expand into the Whitewater area for family practice and mental health. They are also going to be likely opening a freestanding urgent care, third, fourth quarter of this year. They have RN and EMS students coming in from UW Madison, UW Oshkosh and Blackhawk Tech that will probably be participating in the June 14 Mass Casualty Exercise. They continue to provide Narcan training for the community, sheriff's office, and their hospital staff members.

E. Fire and MABAS: None

F. 911 Communications (Fredd Carr): 911 Communications is still operating out of the IT building. Hopefully for anywhere between two weeks to a month and a half. Staffing is down, starting one hire. Starting a couple more in July. They have opened recruitment too. Ongoing recruitment as of June 1, and they already had more people apply in the last week than the last three-week period. Flyers, Facebook, other outreach for recruitment seems to be a big help.

G. Sheriff's Office (Sergeant Kohler): Because Sgt. Kohler serves both Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office roles for the committee, these will need to separate into 2 membership spots when a new Emergency Management Director joins and takes her place.

- H. **Blackhawk Technical College** (Balsamo): EMT classes started. Fall registration is open.
 - I. **Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition** (Swenarski): None
 - J. **Public Health** (Niles): None
 - K. **County Board** (Bomkamp): None
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- 7. **Public input:** None
 - 8. **Other announcements:** None
 - 9. **Next meeting date and time:** September 14, 2023 at 12:30 pm: DWRC – 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville WI
 - 10. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Murray and seconded by Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.