



# Milwaukee County Council on Emergency Medical Services

## Meeting Minutes



Chairwoman: Supervisor Deanna Alexander, (414) 278-4259  
Clerk: Janis Spitzer, (414) 257-6661

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**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**  
**8:30 am**

**FMLH Conference Center**  
**8700 W. Watertown Plank Road**

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### **Attendance**

Present – Christopher Anderson, Deanna Alexander, Robert C. Brunner, Mike Jankowski, Deonna Johnson, Samantha Maldonado, Stephen Scaffidi, Tonya Simpson, Sean Slowey, Russ Spahn, Tony Thrasher, DO, Robert Ugaste, Daniel Weber, Robert Whitaker, Mike Wright, Steve Bane, Riccardo Colella, DO, Kenneth Sternig

Excused – Tom Reid

Absent – Edward Bryant, Mary Kay Grasmick, Frank Lockwood

Others in attendance – Nicole Gonzalez, Mary Mattila, Erik viel, Rosemarie Forster, Jeff Bloor, Steve Hook, Linda Wiedmann, Tim Lenz, Lauryl Pukansky, Larry Knuth, Glen McCoy, Sean Marquis, Jim Baker, John Zapfel

**Membership** – Tammy Seefeld has resigned as a member of EMS Council. Tonya Simpson has joined as a Community Representative.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from March, May, July, September and December 2013, January 2014 - Approved.

### **Report from the Chair**

- Supervisor Alexander reported that 15 Council Members replied to a survey she introduced. The survey dealt with concerns of Council Members and how to better improve the EMS Council meetings, content, etc. Based on the responses to the survey – Supervisor Alexander met with the EMS Executive Committee on how to best move forward to include more of the mission of EMS.

### **Approved Unfinished Business**

- 1) Amendment to the EMSC Bylaws - Approved
- 2) Nomination of Robert Whitaker as EMS Council Vice Chair - *Approved*
- 3) Nomination of Tonya Simpson as EMS Council Public Liaison - Approved

**Guest Speakers** – Chris Lindberg, Laurie Panella, Hugh Morris - Milwaukee County IMSD were present to acquaint the EMS Council Members with the dual County 800 Mhz Trunking System currently in the planning. The main objectives were to start a dialog, sort out facts, answer questions and to provide information for decision-makers.

## Reports

### 1. Medical Society Advisory Committee Report (Dr. Tony Thrasher, DO)

- Committee met 3/11/14 – No report

### 2. Medical Director's Report (Dr. M. Riccardo Colella)

- Special Events are listed at the end of the minutes
- Dr. Colella is going to create a Diversion Task Force to address changes in the healthcare system and best practices. The purpose of the committee is to evaluate current diversion protocols and revise as needed..

### 3. Operations Committee –

- No Report

### 4. Milwaukee County EMS Report (EMS Staff)

#### Administration (Ken Sternig)

- Narcan by BLS Pilot – Most fire departments participating in the State's Narcan Pilot have completed their education and will be dispensing the Narcan in early April.
- Shanghai Initiative – MC EMS is working with MCW Global Health Institute to assist the Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences in establishing a paramedic program to service 23 million people in their city. Shanghai personnel visited Milwaukee in January. Individuals from Milwaukee will be travelling to Shanghai in April. It is expected that in the summer of 2014 – Shanghai personnel will come to Milwaukee to receive training for paramedics.
- Mobile Integrated Health Initiative (Community Paramedic) – On February 24, 2014 interested Fire Department and Healthcare System representatives came together to have a general discussion on an alternative method to rising numbers of patients going to the ED, and whether there was a way the two entities could come together to fill this gap.

#### Education (Nicole Gonzalez)

- Paramedic Class Update – 40 hour class currently in classroom – NREMT Exam 4/17/14 – students going to field upon passing the exam. Shift class currently doing didactic and will proceed to clinical/field in May.
- Licensing – March 31 – NREMT deadline for certified paramedics to have education recorded in data bank. MC EMS is ahead of schedule on reporting this data. June 30 is the deadline for all paramedics in system to renew their license. Nikki will be sending out an e-mail informing the paramedics when they can submit for their State License
- MCI Day– Practice mass casualty exercise for both groups of paramedic students will be held on 4/22/2014. Scenario will involve a construction incident. Looking to fire departments to volunteer to help set up incident command and give our students experience with that in addition to triage, radio calls, etc.
- Announcement – MC EMS Training Center received initial CoAEMSP Accreditation on 3/22/2014. This accreditation is good for a period of 5 yeears.

#### Health Information Management (Lauryl Pukansky)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 statistics will be available at the May EMS Council meeting.
- Looking to implement the Health Data Exchange software into the MC EMS System.

#### Communications/Operations (Erik Viel)

- No Report

#### Quality Assurance (Rosie Forster)

- Mission: Lifeline Recognition Results for Q4 2013  
Applied for AHA Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition for the final quarter of 2013  
Results:

- Did not meet the requirements for recognition status
- Met the criteria of 75% acquisition of 12-leads for patients over the age of 35 with chest pain of presumed cardiac origin
  - Did identify an opportunity for improvement in documentation – not all records documented actual acquisition
- Did not meet the criteria of 75% first EMS medical contact (paramedics at the patient’s side) to reperfusion time in less than 90 minutes
  - Many PCI centers still working to meet the 90 minute door-to-balloon time; Mission: Lifeline includes paramedic assessment, treatment and transport time into those 90 minutes
  - 32 EMS transports did go to the cath lab for PCI between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Could only verify 16 had reperfusion established within 90 minutes of first EMS medical contact
    - 2 hospitals accounting for 3 of the 32 patients did not provide patient outcomes

**5. State of EMS Board Report – (Steve Bane)**

- ImageTrend Hospital Hub Website which enables hospital ED’s to go to one website to view ImageTrend ePCR records statewide from transporting EMS Providers is now in place and is expected to go live 4/1/2014.
- The State will begin accepting records into WARDS using NEMSIS 3 software in July, 2014.
- The next State Board meeting will be 4/1/ and 4/2 in Madison – all are welcome.

**7. Hospital Emergency Preparedness Plan (Mary Mattilla)**

- RTAC (Regional Trauma Area Centers) aligning with 7 WHEPP Hospital Regions to form a coalition
- May 6, 2014 - Region 7 Exercise Design Committee – holding Hospital and Public Health Exercise involving aerosolized anthrax.
- Kyle McFatrige (City of Milwaukee Health Dept.) is looking to compile data from hospital surveys via WITRAC in order to track heat and cold related injuries or exacerbations of illness due to weather.
- Nominations for the Aurora EMS Week Recognition are due to Mary Mattilla by April 18. The Aurora 2014 EMS and Police Awards Ceremony will take place on May 13, 2014 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s Hospital – Stiemke Auditorium.
- Aurora Neuro EMS Education Opportunity – May 20, 2014 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. St. Luke’s Auditorium – Flyers will be forthcoming.
- Be aware of construction of S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street when approaching St. Luke’s Hospital.

**8. Emergency Management (Deonna Johnson) –**

- A rundown of the Disaster exercises which will be occurring during the year.
  - U.S. Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise: April 16, 2014
  - Cities Readiness Initiative Tabletop Exercise: May 7, 2014
  - State of Wisconsin: Tri-County EF4 Tabletop Exercise: May 13, 2014
  - Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex Tabletop Exercise: August 2014
  - Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex Full Scale Exercise: October 2014
  - Chicago/Milwaukee Regional Bio-Watch Tabletop Exercise: August 26, 2014
  - City of Wauwatosa EOC Functional Exercise
  - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System/EMS Mass Casualty Tabletop Exercise: September 2014
- Deonna was promoting a workshop to be held at the Medical College of Wisconsin on June 5, 2014 entitled “Saving the Patients: Law Enforcement Officers to Community Members that Increase Victim Survival in Mass-Casualty Events.
- Severe weather season is upon us. State-wide Tornado Drill – April 24.

**9. ICC (Mayor Stephen Scaffidi, Village Pres. Robert Brunner)**

- ICC leadership will be changing with the election in April.

**10. MATC (Russell Spahn)**

- Russ Spahn reported that the MATC Paramedic Program is progressing nicely. Expecting to enroll students for a start in January 2015. The school will be housed at the Health Education Center at 6<sup>th</sup> and McKinley. MATC is currently looking for members to sit on the EMS Advisory Board, if interested, contact Russ Spahn.

**11. Communications: PSAPs, State or Local EMS Communications – No Report**

**12. State DOT – ZOO Interchange Project Update (Erik Viel)**

- Steve Hook from the DOT gave updates as to what can be expected as to closings over the next few months and into the fall. Make certain transport vehicles are aware of the construction in and around MRMC. Keep abreast of the changes - check with the Wisconsin DOT Zoo Interchange Website. Steve Hook will be attending the EMS Council meetings to answer any questions regarding the construction.

New Business

- EMS Website – Supervisor Alexander asked the members to take 3 minutes and look at the EMS Website and send her an e-mail giving her your opinion.

Announcements

- Supervisor Alexander is seeking recommendations for speakers to address EMS Council members on relative EMS topics.

Next Meeting – May 23, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. FMLH Conference Center, 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd.

10:30 a.m. – Motion was made to adjourn

Submitted by Janis Spitzer

**Special Events**

1/31-2/2/14	AMSOIL ArenaCross
2/1-2/2/14	Short Track Speedskating
2/15/14	Special Olympics – Polar Plunge
2/28/14	Al Moreland Boxing
5/22/14	Winners Wear Helmets Bicycle Rodeo