

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COUNCIL MINUTES

Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center – Room 113
525 North 6th Street
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

February 19, 2014

Called to Order: 6:10 PM

Adjourned: 7:25 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

NAME:

Dr. Suzanne Martens
Steve Steinhardt
Gerry Isbell
Darrell Kasuboski
Allen Wrubbel
Chuck Butler
Carson Wilkinson
Joel Urmanski
Michael Ogea
Denis Fellows
Julia Nash
Blaine Werner
Steven Zils
Tom Bahr
Craig Schicker
Bob Wallace

REPRESENTING:

Sheboygan County Medical Society
Emergency Management
Private Ambulance Services
First Responders
Village Government
Sheboygan Fire Department
Industry
County Bar Association
County Board
County Fire Chiefs
Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department
Random Lake Fire Dept./Rescue Services
Sheboygan County Medical Society
Member at Large
Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Center
Sheboygan Police Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

NAME:

Robert Kulhanek
Joseph Heidemann
Dan Hein

REPRESENTING:

Consumers Interested
City Government
Town Government

ALSO PRESENT

NAME:

Di Anna Du Puis
Nancy Des Jardin
Dwayne Hendrickson

REPRESENTING:

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department
Town of Wilson FR
CFR PAS

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Martens called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and self-introductions by those in attendance took place.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all persons in attendance.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WISCONSIN OPEN MEETING LAW

Steve Steinhardt stated we are in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. It was posted February 13, 2014.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Tom Bahr and seconded by Darrel Kasuboski, to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Steve advised Dan Hein could not make it to the meeting tonight. He represents Town Government which has meetings on Wednesday nights also, this being the reason he hasn't come to a few meetings in the past two years. Dan wanted to present to the EMS Council if he should be kept on as representative for Town Government knowing he could make one or two meetings a year, or does the Council want to seek an alternate Town Government representative. Suzanne noted in accordance with the rules of membership, Dan is still an active member. Steve will inform Dan that he is still a member and a copy will be sent to Dr. Martins as well.

Suzanne advised she has brought a hand-out with the 2014 EMS Council Duties, Membership information, Recurrent Action Items and a history of member attendance.

Suzanne informed that the Sheboygan County Emergency Medical Services Council Annual Report for 2013 was submitted by Vice President, Member at Large, Thomas Bahr. Thomas read the report verbatim. This report will be submitted to the Law Committee for review.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

UPDATE ON MASS CASUALTY TRAILER

Steve reported that the equipment has been distributed back to the individual transport agencies that had been supporting it financially. The trailer is still in the same location and will be re-tasked at some point.

COMBINED DISPATCH UPDATE

Captain Julia Nash commented that the cross-training of dispatchers has begun and is going well. The first City Dispatcher has almost completed her training at the County Dispatch Center, and will start to dispatch solo this upcoming weekend. The second City Dispatcher will be starting her training in early March. The first County Dispatcher will start at the City's Dispatch Center in mid-March. At the initial meetings, the Police and Spillman protocols were addressed. Questions came up and issues were raised, so we'll be looking to the dispatchers for their input on these issues which will answer the questions about what protocol changes need to be made.

Captain Nash reported that law enforcement agency identification when contacting Dispatch has been made uniform by the identifiers of City, County, Plymouth, etc., Unit #, then Dispatch at the end, i.e. Falls 664 Dispatch. This will make the dispatcher consolidation easier being there are some unit numbers that overlap with other agencies. There was also discussion to consider saying "Dispatch" first, i.e. Dispatch Falls 664, as this is more commonly used by military and other agencies, and may be brought to the dispatcher's attention earlier.

Captain Nash reported that background checks are being performed for the City and County openings which is two in total, and that everything is moving forward. At this point it is unknown how many more will be hired due to retirements and resignations. At full staff there will be 24

dispatchers. There is a meeting tomorrow with the architect regarding his initial proposal for the Dispatch Center plans.

Suzanne noted there were three national incidents recently that made the news, regarding errors in dispatching due to duplicate names of streets, and asked if there was an idea of the overlap in street duplication between the city and county, and if it is a problem.

ROAD AMERICA SAFETY TEAM FIRST RESPONDER APPLICATION

Carson noted he has brought drafts of this application to this meeting, specifically for Tom Bahr to review. With the help of Medical Directors Dr. Martens and Dr. Gaver, it was moved back from being EMT based to First Responder based with advanced skills. The reason for the change was due to Carson, at the smaller events, being the only individual on site and not being able to treat anybody since he is a First Responder and not an EMT.

Suzanne advised this may change, because she has challenged the state ruling on non-transporting EMT staffing requirements as being two, due to not being told as why they needed two if they are not driving.

RADIO UPGRADE UPDATE AND TRAINING UPDATE

Steve advised that Resolution No. 29, funding for the radios, passed the Law Committee, went to the County Board, was referred to Finance, and it passed Finance. As it stands, it will fund 70% - 30% split of responder radios, responders being police, fire and EMS. Resolution No. 29 will go back to the County Board on March 18, 2014. Steve stated that if you want to be heard, register to speak at the meeting ahead of time and attend.

Regarding the training update, Steve advised that the Heads of every agency should have received an e-mail on how the Ad hoc group reformulated the radio training. The three hour initial program from a couple years ago has been shortened to one hour and is more on policy and protocol versus the radio and radio system instruction. Everyone is to go through the training at least once, and preferably in groups. This can be scheduled by contacting Russ Schreiner.

DISCUSS SPECIAL EVENTS AND COUNTY ORDINANCE

Suzanne commented that on Monday, she asked the state coordinator who covers First Responders about the wording of the state rule that only lists, basically only ambulance providers and non-transporting EMT's, and if whether or not the rules apply to First Responders. However, the state coordinator will be on vacation until after this meeting and so she will be revisiting this at the next meeting.

Suzanne commented that a county event calendar should be created due to the amount of events taking place in 2014.

COUNTY ORDINANCE

This is in regard to the number of medical personnel required to be at an event. In the long-standing ordinance, nothing was specified regarding what kind of local response is required.

Steve Zils stated that a recommendation for changes in the county ordinance will need to be made first, after more is known from the state coordinator about the state rule applying to First Responders.

Steve is going to check with Winnebago County to see how their ordinance is written. Most ordinances can also be looked at on-line by visiting the county government website and searching for the specific ordinance.

Joel suggested composing a letter advising of the positives and negatives of the current ordinance along with the requested changes, then forward the letter to the Law Committee for review. Noting the problems with the current ordinance and the benefits in changing the ordinance, whether it's the conflicts, arguments, lack of staff coverage, or adding a check-list of requirements, will help them realize the current ordinance needs to be updated.

Operational plans were discussed.

Suzanne commented this discussion will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT – BOB KULHANEK, DAN HEIN, CHUCK BUTLER

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

Chuck Butler advised he was in communication with Bob Kulhanek and Dan Hein, and it has been agreed upon to offer Chair of the EMS Council, Dr. Suzanne Martens, and Vice-Chair, Tom Bahr, to continue in their current positions. Dr. Martens and Tom Bahr have agreed to serve another year. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we have the current officers offered for re-election and ask if there are any new nominations from the floor.

Dr. Martens called three times for additional nominations from the floor, none were brought forth and the nominations were closed.

Joel made a Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Martens as Chair of the EMS Council and Tom Bahr as Vice-Chair, Darrell Kasuboski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT BY CHAIR TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Legislative Committee – Joel Urmanski.

County EMS Plans and Goals Committee – Tom Bahr, Steven Steinhardt, Bob Kulhanek and Denis Fellows.

Nominating Committee – Chuck Butler, Bob Kulhanek and Dan Hein

Quality of Care Committee - Suzanne Martens, Chuck Butler, Blaine Werner, Gerry Isbell, Darrell Kasuboski and Craig Schicker.

All members agreed to participate again and were all reappointed.

REVIEW EMS AGENCY ANNUAL REPORTS

Suzanne advised this will be tabled until the next meeting due to only about 2/3 of the reports being returned.

Steve commented regarding the ERS, testing started with the Town of Sheboygan last week. So far it is going well, there were only about three times it didn't work and that was related to data entry issues. The vast majority of calls are going through. A fictitious fire unit is being added to every EMS call, for the Town of Sheboygan it was TFSD99. A RFLD99 unit will be

added to fire, then anytime there is an EMS call that unit will be assigned which should generate a fire call as well.

EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Suzanne advised the subcommittee did meet and reviewed training comments. Also reviewed, was an interesting code that was rather challenging. A heart-attack patient coded in the rig, a minute after the First Responders left, while en route to a receiving center, leaving three people in the back to run the code for a half hour. The result of limited manpower, the long-distance, and things needed to help the patient, and options of being able to call ahead for mutual aid, recognizing the area, possibly requesting law enforcement help or borrowing other First Responders (along the route), or getting another ambulance crew to meet and help with chest compressions, were among the options discussed.

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Joel advised that no questions came in so he will discuss a topic from recent headlines. A number of Bills in the Legislature that deal with heroin, one which includes everyone required to have Narcan. Joel printed out the portion of the Bill, Statutory Section 256.15 starting at Sub 8, which was approved yesterday by the Senate; this has not been signed into Law as yet, but is headed that way. What this means for us is that, "A certified first responder is authorized to administer the drug Naloxone if the first responder has received training necessary to safely administer the drug Naloxone as determined by the department." The language goes on to state and defines firefighter, law enforcement agency, law enforcement officer in regard to Opioid related drug overdose. Stating that, "The department shall permit all emergency medical technicians to administer the drug Naloxone to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an Opioid related drug overdose. The Department shall require emergency medical technicians to undergo any training necessary to safely and properly administer the drug Naloxone as specified under Paragraph A in the Statute. In addition, every emergency medical technician who has obtained the training necessary to safely and properly administer the drug Naloxone, shall at all times when performing his or her duties as an emergency medical technician, carry or have available for administration a supply of the drug Naloxone. Next, a law enforcement agency or fire department may enter into a written agreement to affiliate with an ambulance service provider or a physician for the use of all the following purposes. 1) Obtaining a supply of the drug Naloxone. 2) Allowing law enforcement officers and firefighters to obtain the training necessary to safely and properly administer the drug Naloxone to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an Opioid related drug overdose, also law enforcement officer or firefighter who, acting in good faith, administers the drug Naloxone to an individual who the officer or firefighter reasonably believes to be undergoing an Opioid related drug overdose, may not be subject to any criminal or civil liability in connection with the administering of the drug to the individual, if the law enforcement officer or firefighter is acting pursuant to an agreement and any training obtained under this Statute.". That is the language likely to be assigned as an Act.

Suzanne advised that it has been changed a bit, moving the requirement back to EMT level, away from first responder which helps. The previous version included first responders, which would have made it mandatory for every single first responder in the State of Wisconsin to carry or have Narcan available to administer.

Suzanne commented she has collected two years of data from the Sheriff's Department on Narcan use and Suspicious or Drug related codes, and she found that heroin use wasn't as high as thought to be, and believes it went down in the past six months. The city tracks this as well.

There are a fair number of overdoses, very few are heroin that are transported. There are stories regarding people who carry their own Narcan, revive themselves and leave.

REPORT ON SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2014:
Suzanne commented that a video was watched regarding the Aurora, Colorado theater shooting and the issues they had with communication, treatment, transport and moving the patients out, and why so many were primarily transported by squad cars instead of EMS vehicles.

Some portions of the video talked about law enforcement's advancement of self and on-scene tactical training, as far as the medical aspect, extrication of patients out of the hot zone into the warm zone and incorporating EMS. There is a link available to watch the video, it cannot be downloaded.

The question of first responders expanding into blood sugar testing was discussed, which is considered an advanced skill and requires training. Suzanne wrote the training module and is having three people review it and she did get an answer back on the ability to do a regional CLIA Waiver. A lead agency will need to be chosen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne brought an article which recognized the Manitowoc County Dispatch, she attended the Manitowoc EMS meeting and they talked about the article.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Bahr moved to adjourn. Seconded by Darrel Kasuboski. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next EMS Council meeting will be on May 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Steinhardt,
Recording Secretary