

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES

Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center
 West Conference Room / Google Meet
 525 N 6th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081
 Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/eyr-pshk-xnk?authuser=0>

Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Called to Order: 6:04 PM	Adjourned: 6:30 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT	NAME	REPRESENTING
West Conference Room	Suzanne Martens	County Medical Association
West Conference Room	Tom Bahr	Member at Large
West Conference Room	Daniel Althaus	Private Ambulance Services
West Conference Room	Pat Depies	Rescue Services
West Conference Room	Samantha Sejut	County Law Enforcement
Google Meet	Randy Narbatovics	Town Government
West Conference Room	Wendy Schobert	County Board
West Conference Room	Tyler Wuestenhagen	County Fire
Google Meet	Joel Urmanski	County Bar Association
West Conference Room	Mike Lubbert	Sheboygan Fire Department
Google Meet	Nick Broetzman	Private Ambulance
Google Meet	Erin McGlynn	Advocate Aurora EMS
MEMBERS ABSENT	NAME	REPRESENTING
	Courtney Loebel	Hospital Administration
	Doug Sherpereel	Private Industry
	VACANT	Village Government
	Craig Schicker	Nursing Representative
	Steven Zils	Medical Society
	Steve Steinhardt	Emergency Government
	Bob Kulhanek	Consumers Interested
	Tom Hass	Emergency Medical Responders
	Roberta Filicky-Peneski	City Government
	Mike Meeusen	City Law Enforcement
ALSO PRESENT	NAME:	REPRESENTING:
Google Meet	Rick Boeshaar	Aurora EMS
Google Meet	Steve Green	EMT Cascade
West Conference Room	Dan Peterson	District 3 Alderperson
West Conference Room	DiAnna DuPuis	Emergency Management AA

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS - Suzanne M. called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Attendance was taken via Conference Room and Google Meet attendees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WISCONSIN OPEN MEETING LAW – Suzanne M. stated the meeting agenda was posted on Friday, May 10th, 2024, at 3:00 PM, and in compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING – Suzanne M. noted a typo on tonight’s meeting date being the prior meeting date. Dan A. recommended a revision on his presentation of the Orange Cross Ambulance Tiered Response Plan. Motion to approve with corrections by Tom B, Second by Suzanne M., Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Suzanne M. commented on next week being EMS Week and the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of EMS Week. The theme is Honoring Our Past and Forging Our Future.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH UPDATE – Samantha S. commented that Dispatch is fully staffed at 21 total, with 1 dispatcher in training and 1 dispatcher leaving in June. The accreditation numbers are slowly working their way up.

UPDATE ON FIRE AND EMS MCMAHON STUDY PRESENTATION – Suzanne M. commented on the county getting recommendations for long term viability of fire and ems. Bids on the study were received from three different consultant agencies, and McMahon was awarded the contract. They are a Wisconsin corporation and have done this study for multiple other areas. Steve is meeting with the McMahon agency tomorrow, 5-16-2024.

UPDATE FROM SHEBOYGAN FALLS EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS CEASING RESPONSE TO ALPHA CALLS – Samantha S. commented there are no issues for Dispatch. If needed as a resource, they will be requested to respond.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON DECEASED SUBJECTS POLICY – Erin M. this is a work in progress, the goal is to work cardiac arrests on scene when possible, and avoid transport of patients in full cardiac arrest. There have been issues when something occurs at a public place and the patient is put in an ambulance and worked as a cardiac arrest. Many of the patients are transported for ongoing resuscitation, when the patient could have been terminated. At this time, there is not a good policy for where those patients would go if terminated in the back of the ambulance. They are working with the Medical Examiner to potentially transport the patient to the morgue when this occurs. The goal being to have information for the patient’s family to be directed to the right location, and to avoid lights and sirens transport to help keep the community safe. No approval or action is required by the EMS Council.

EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Suzanne M. commented the question was addressed on how to transition a call from OCA private line into the EMD process when it becomes apparent it is an emergent call and more suitable for a 911 response. Upon discussion with CountyCom, the OCA phone provider and legal counsel, it has been reaffirmed to instruct the caller the phone line is not set up to handle emergency medical calls, and to hang up and call 911. The second part is if OCA crew is on a call in the City of Sheboygan and identifies it is a higher acuity call and additional resources are required, it was determined the OCA crew will contact city fire on SFD primary to request resources in an emergent or nonemergent response, and OCA crew is to describe the incident to help determine the additional resources.

EMS LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Joel U. commented on two new laws. The 2023 WI Act 181 effective on 3/24/24 adds two new voting members to the EMS board with requirements made of them. The 2023 WI Act 218 effective on 3/28/24 gives authorization to carry a firearm in otherwise restricted areas while in the duty of your work. A course needs to be taken, as well as prior written approval by the sheriff or chief of police, along with involvement in a tactical team and operating with that tactical team as part of services.

REPORT ON SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2024 – Suzanne M. commented the majority of this meeting was a presentation with a McMahon agency representative. New OSCHA rules were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Tom B. adjourn. Seconded by Samantha S. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next EMS Council meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21st, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room at the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center, or via Google Meet.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Steinhardt, Recording Secretary