

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>

November 15, 2023	Called to Order: 6:02 PM	Adjourned: 7:23 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT	NAME	REPRESENTING
West Conference Room	Suzanne Martens	County Medical Association
West Conference Room	Tom Bahr	Member at Large
West Conference Room	Pat Depies	Rescue Services
West Conference Room	Bob Kuhlhanek	Consumers Interested
West Conference Room	Samantha Sejut	County Law Enforcement
West Conference Room	Tom Hass	Emergency Medical Responders
West Conference Room	Roberta Filicky-Peneski	City Government
West Conference Room	Steven Steinhardt	Emergency Management
Google Meet	Randy Narbatovics	Town Government
Google Meet	Wendy Schobert	County Board
Google Meet	Steven Zils	Medical Society
Google Meet	Rory Beebe	County Fire
Google Meet	Joel Urmanski	County Bar Association
MEMBERS ABSENT	NAME	REPRESENTING
	Mike Lubbert	Sheboygan Fire Department
	Doug Sherpereel	Private Industry
	VACANT	Village Government
	Mike Meeusen	Elkhart Lake PD/Law Enforcement
	Craig Schicker	Nursing Representative
	Nick Broetzman for Dan Althaus	Private Ambulance Service
ALSO PRESENT	NAME:	REPRESENTING:
West Conference Room	Erin McGlynn	Advocate Aurora EMS
West Conference Room	DiAnna DuPuis	Emergency Management AA
West Conference Room	Calvin Kesweder	City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Dept
West Conference Room	John Albright	City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Dept
West Conference Room	Amanda Myszewski	City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Dept
West Conference Room	Tina Kesweder	City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Dept
Google Meet	Rick Boeshaar	Aurora EMS

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS - Suzanne M. called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, November 10th, 2023 at 8:45 AM, and is in compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2023 MEETING – Motion to approve by Tom B., Second by Tom Hass; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – City of Sheboygan Falls Mayor Randy Meyer’s letter, see New Business topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT – City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Department representatives, see New Business topic.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – Samantha S. commented that Dispatch is fully staffed until January, when a dispatcher moves to the Patrol Division. Currently they have 10 applications for another candidate. In October they were 3% above where they want the EMD non-compliant rate to be, which is on par. EMD software is being updated and should be completed by the end of this year. There is a new Google form for questions/concerns on calls that come in relating to Dispatch and EMS. The link for the Google form was distributed through appropriate channels, but can be sent to anyone who needs it.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL STUDY OF FIRE AND EMS SERVICES IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY – Steven S. stated at the direction of the County Board Chairman, a group has been chosen to put together a RFP to hire a consultant to do the study on Fire and EMS in Sheboygan County. The committee has met, as well with Fire Chiefs, and with local government to go over issues, and a brief presentation asking for input. Bernie Rammer, the County Purchasing Agent, is on the committee and has made a draft RFP for a consultant. The committee meets on 11/16/2023 when the RFP will be reviewed before it goes out in December, with the aim of having a consultant in January to start the process.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CEASE RESPONDING TO ALPHA CALLS – Suzanne M. narrated a letter addressed to EMS Council Members from City of Sheboygan Falls Mayor Meyer regarding this topic. Calvin K, City of Sheboygan Falls Fire Department Assistant Chief, gave detailed information and data regarding their request to cease Alpha Calls due to the level of calls they receive and current staff. This request was supported by the Council. Follow up to assess the outcome was requested.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE PLYMOUTH MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT EXERCISE – Rory B. commented this took place at the Sheboygan County Fair Park, the day before the County Fair. Four events were run, the police department had three active shooter exercises. Medical transport with 20 patients went to Aurora. Education is needed in triage, incident command, and communications. The After Action Report (AAR) will be released. Attendance in training for the exercise beforehand was poorly attended. Steve S. stated Tabletop exercises specific to mass casualty were completed in the planning of the exercise. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) training had minimal participation from Sheboygan County. The knowledge gained from this training was hugely helpful for this exercise.

EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT–Suzanne M. informed the subcommittee did not meet. She spoke on BioSpacial (free program to public service agencies) a useful statistical tool that creates reports, and uploads three times a day. BioSpacial abstracts not only the demographic data, it abstracts data out of report narratives.

EMS LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT–Joel U. discussed three new Laws and two Bills of interest to the Council. 2023 WI Act 12, Shared Revenue, Personal Property Tax Elimination; 2023 WI Act 27, Epinephrine Delivery Systems; 2023 WI Act 3, Supplemental Reimbursement for Ambulance Services. Pending Bills are 2023 Assembly Bill 296 and 2023 Senate Bill 420.

REPORT ON SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2023 – Suzanne M. and Tom H. stated they went over the after action report, and discussed EMR.

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Tom B.to adjourn, Seconded by Tom H. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

The next EMS Council meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 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