SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES

Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center
West Conference Room / Google Meet
525 N 6th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

November 18, 2026 **Called to Order: 6:02 PM** **Adjourned: 6:25 PM**

EMS Council Membership

Name	Representing	In person	Virtual	Absent
Suzanne Martens	Licensed Medical Provider	x		
Tom Bahr	Member at Large		x	
Steve Steinhardt	Emergency Management	x		
Mike Lubbert	Sheboygan Fire	x		
Pat Depies	Rescue Services	x		
Robert Kulhanek	Member at Large	x		
Samantha Sejut	County Law Enforcement	x		
Vacant	City Government			
Tom Hass	EMR		x	
Randy Narbatovics	Town Government		x	
Dan Althaus	Private Ambulance		x	
Joel Urmanski	County Bar Assoc		x	
Erin McGlynn	Licensed Medical Provider		x	
Craig Schicker	Nursing		x	
Mike Meeusen	Municipal Law Enforcement			x
Travis Feaker	Private Industry		x	
Steve Green	Village Government			x
Courtney Loebel	Hospital Administration			x
Charlette Nennig	County Board	x		
Tyler Wuestenhagen	Fire Chiefs Assoc			x
Also Present				
Cassandra Hardy	Aurora	x		
Richard Boeshaar	Aurora		x	
Jeff Granke	Sheboygan Fire	x		
DiAnna DuPuis	EMS Admin Assistant	x		

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

Steve. stated the meeting agenda was posted on Tuesday, November 10th, at 11:15 AM, and in compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 20TH, 2026 MEETING
Motion to approve by Pat Second by Robert. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE -None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH UPDATE AND DISCUSSION
Samantha commented three are in training now to become dispatchers, with one more opening that will be filled early 2027. Our EMD accreditation numbers are doing very well, our non-compliant was at 4% and the cap is 7%.

UPDATE FROM ORANGE CROSS AMBULANCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TIERED RESPONSE
Dan commented the AEMT are largely being underutilized, most still have paramedic partners and have been sent out first to calls with far less frequency than originally expected. This is largely due to a staffing and deployment structural reality. This will continue to develop over time. Clarification is needed on if they will or won't be sent, and when a paramedic will be sent instead. Comfort level with answers they receive and making a decision with the information known at the time, which is more just their approach.

NEW BUSINESS
CREATION OF EMS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Steve commented that an EMS sustainability committee was created. In July Dan presented to the heads of local government and for transparency his presentation was shared with all. There are some pending issues that take effect in 2027 which will have a big impact on EMS, and not only in Sheboygan County. Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements are already lowered, and early data shows 17% of people that used to have this will no longer have insurance, and the amount of uninsured people will go up. We will start with areas serviced by Orange Cross Ambulance, with one meeting being held so far to present the situation. I am trying to ensure we have transport agencies across the county. We are in the early stages, and at the second meeting on December 15th a representative from the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, who has been involved in many of these discussions in counties all over WI, will be there.

Dan commented that he will go through what he presented at the first meeting to anyone who requests him to.

EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
Suzanne M. commented they did not meet formally. The two topics in 2026 and into 2027 are the expanded use of the AEMTs through Orange Cross Ambulance, and follow blood product use and pattern.

EMS LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
Joel commented there is nothing new to report since the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Tom to adjourn Second by Suzanne. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

The next EMS Council meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17th, 2027, 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