

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Called to Order: 6:10 PM

Adjourned: 6:45 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
Daniel Peterson	City Government			x
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
Doug Sherpereel	Private Industry			x
Steve Green	Village Government		X	
Courtney Loebel	Hospital Administration		x	
Wendy Schobert	County Board			X
Tyler Wuestenhagen	Fire Chiefs Assoc			X
<b>Also Present</b>				
Richard Boeshaar	Aurora		x	
Vanessa Depies	ADRC	x		
DiAnna DuPuis	EMS Admin Assistant	X		

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Suzanne M. called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 S. stated the meeting agenda was posted on August 18th, 2025, at 10:00 AM, and is in compliance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 21 2025 MEETING** – Motion to approve by Tom B. Second by Craig S. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Suzanne M. Letter of interest from the Jehovah's Witness of Metropolitan Milwaukee. their hospital liaison committee is reaching out to determine whether or not we carry blood for field use because if we do they would like to provide some appropriate education and training. I will reply to them because currently we do not provide any for field use.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Craig S. shared information released today regarding the inpatient behavioral health services at Aurora Hospital closing in September 2025 and being moved to Aurora Psychiatric Hospital. Emergency evaluations will still be done at the hospital, and intake counselor services will remain.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH UPDATE AND DISCUSSION** – Steve S. We just interviewed three for one position and we had two great applicants.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FALLS AND FALL PREVENTION PRESENTATION – VANESSA DEPIES / ADRC**

Vanessa discussed the fact how falls are the leading cause of injury among older adults, and went on to say that falls can be prevented. She had a slideshow presentation, and talked about the programs she initiated, with regard to recommendations for safer living, activities, and resources that can be utilized for the public. Steve S. requested this information be shared through Suzann M. to the EMS Association to send out to the communities. Vanessa said she will build a flyer for this purpose and share it.

**EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** – Suzanne M. commented that a meeting was not held.

### **EMS LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Joel U. stated WI Act 19 law became effective on 8/10/2025.

**REPORT ON SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION MEETING OF MAY 2025** – Suzanne M. commented that a physical meeting was not held. Based on survey results, there will not be as many in-person meetings, and will be an information sharing process through the Facebook page.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Tom B, seconded by Dan A. to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**The next EMS Council meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, 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



## Hospital Liaison Committee for Jehovah's Witnesses

Milwaukee, WI

Subject: Inquiry Regarding EMS Blood Transfusion Protocols and Educational Collaboration

Dear Sheboygan County EMS Council,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Christopher Burgess, and I serve on the Hospital Liaison Committee (HLC) for Southeast Wisconsin. I'm reaching out to learn more about Sheboygan County's EMS protocols related to prehospital transfusions of whole blood or blood products, which are being explored or implemented in various jurisdictions.

The EMS Council's mission to provide a forum for informed collaboration across emergency services—and to advise the County Board on present and future EMS needs—is one we deeply respect. We believe a dialogue could be mutually beneficial, especially in understanding how these evolving practices may affect Jehovah's Witnesses in emergency scenarios.

We would appreciate any insight into whether Sheboygan County has implemented or is considering such transfusion protocols. To support this conversation, we'd also like to offer a brief presentation titled Medical Management of Jehovah's Witnesses—A Collaborative Approach, with emphasis on Sections 1 and 3. These segments outline our medical position and support network, and are designed to foster informed coordination with EMS personnel.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- Durable Power of Attorney (DPA): Jehovah's Witnesses carry a legally binding advance directive that outlines their medical preferences. Several EMS protocols now include steps to identify and honor this document.
- Educational Support: The HLC is available for follow-up presentations or consultation upon request.
- Clinical Resources: EMS-specific articles are available at [jw.org/medical](http://jw.org/medical), under Medicine and Surgery > Trauma and Emergency Medicine.

We appreciate the Council's dedication to education, coordination, and high-quality service for Sheboygan County residents and visitors. If a brief meeting is feasible—virtually or in person—we would be honored to introduce ourselves and explore paths for collaboration.

CHRISTOPHER BURGESS

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