

## **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

**Called to Order: 6:07 PM**

**Adjourned: 7:32 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Suzanne Martens, Sheboygan County Medical Society; Steve Steinhardt, Emergency Management; Gerry Isbell, Orange Cross Ambulance; Darrell Kasuboski, First Responders; Allen Wrubbel, Village Government; Carson Wilkinson, (ROA) Industry; Chuck Butler, Sheboygan Fire Department; Jim Schwinn for Dan Hein, Town Government; Bob Wallace, Sheboygan Police Department; Joel Urmanski, County Bar Association; Bob Kulhanek, Consumers Interested; Denis Fellows, County Fire Chiefs; Kristy De Blaey for Julia Nash, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Schicker, Nursing; Blaine Werner, Rescue Services; Steven Zils, Medical Society; Tom Bahr, Member at Large; Michael Ogea, County Board; Joseph Heidemann, City Government.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Di Anna Du Puis, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Martens called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 May 9th, at 10:30 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion by Darrel Kasuboski, seconded by Jim Schwinn to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

## OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

### COMBINED DISPATCH UPDATE

Sgt. Kristy De Blaey reported the progress is moving forward. It's a process right now, we're still working on the actual merger of the personnel which is the biggest thing to get through yet and that has to go before the Law Committee and Human Resources before we can do anything.

A number of site visits have been performed at other joint dispatch centers.

We are doing a dispatcher exchange program, where they are spending time at our Comm Center and we're spending time at their Comm Center. We are trying to bring the training programs together early.

Actual expansion and construction activities will not begin until next year.

### ROAD AMERICA SAFETY TEAM FIRST RESPONDER APPLICATION

Suzanne Martens reported the process is that it should go through Plans and Goals to review and bring forward.

Carson Wilkinson reported it's not changing how anything is done, it formalizes it.

### UPDATE ON THE MASS CASUALTY PLAN

Darrell Kasuboski reported the Adhoc Committee was waiting for the Fire Departments and EMS agencies to complete the update of their MABAS cards before going forward with the planning process. A draft should be ready by our next meeting.

### FIRST RESPONDER CITIZEN ASSIST POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Suzanne advised this was discussed at the EMS Association meeting and she didn't hear too much feedback until the day after that meeting. She was advised of a call that could have been an issue if it was taken by a First Responder Agency. That was not the case so this will continue to be monitored.

## NEW BUSINESS

### UPDATE ON STATE CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Steve reported WEM (Wisconsin Emergency Management) is pushing a credentialing system for all responders in the state. It is not mandatory but they really want us to go ahead with it. It's actually a hard card credentialing, photo ID with little card reader scanner on the card which is embedded with all your information. Additional information will be supplied at our next meeting.

### DISPOSITION OF THE COUNTY MCI TRAILER

Suzanne reported it has been brought up a couple times that the MCI trailer is pretty, it sits there and we've never really used it. So, finding out what it's for, what's in it, how to use it, how to take care of it, who pays for it, all of those issues. The proposed counterpoint from the EMS Association is to get rid of the MCI trailer, figure out what is really needed, throw it in a first response truck or have available to move to the scene possibly in a smaller container and go forward.

## REAPPOINTMENTS

Suzanne reported that those up for reappointment have all been approved.

## NATIONAL EMS WEEK

Suzanne reported that next week is our National EMS Week. We have various events and announcements going out. Departments either have open houses or they have fund drives, dinners or whatever.

## EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Suzanne: I didn't have a formal meeting, there's a couple things that are being followed. One is the Sheriff's Department has asked me to look into the use of Narcan in the county. I know they asked the fire department same thing for in the city.

## EMS LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Joel reported he received a number of questions and we're short of some bodies in the D.A.'s office this week so I didn't have the time to look in depth at everything.

One of the questions was about the lovely shield that is HIPAA, and what can be communicated and cannot be communicated based on HIPAA. There are a number of things HIPAA is not the big shield that everyone is concerned that it is and you can't say a word about anyone's medical condition or status ever. There are exceptions to HIPAA and Wisconsin Statutes. Obviously, if there's a court order, a subpoena, any type of order signed by a judge that says give me these things, communicate this or that, you are allowed to do that.

If it's a response to a law enforcement officer's request to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, there is limited information that can be disclosed.

In a case where Law Enforcement is calling the hospital looking for patient information you need to determine if it is related to a suspect or a victim. If you think they're a victim of a crime and you either cannot get consent from them based on their injuries and law enforcement says this is important or we're not going to use it against them as a victim, then I think you have a good-faith argument that we could provide this information.

One of the other questions I was asked was about being involved in the peer review process and whether there's any immunity, if you will, privilege basically that says, I don't have to disclose either of these documents or the nature of what I've learned from this peer review process. The question was asked whether Wisconsin has any statutory law on whether there is a privilege that applies, and in fact Wisconsin does. For those that care, it's Section 14638, it's called Health Care Services Review Confidentiality of Information.

In regards to our QA process it may not be protected and it may be discoverable.

## PLANS AND GOALS

No report.

## REPORT ON SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION MEETING MAY 2013

Suzanne reported we had a speaker from the Department of Aging and Social Services who did a presentation on the Fall Prevention program that exists in the area and hopefully we will be able to make some referrals and utilize their services. The other things that were covered, applying the fire rehab protocols for our local agencies, the citizen assist calls we talked about.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve advised the group about an ongoing public health response.

Carson advised there will be a press release coming out for Flight for Life in the near future regarding Orange Cross Ambulance and the Road America Safety Team are receiving one of the Flight-on-Scene call awards of the year for a cardiac arrest that we had during a touring session Labor Day Weekend at Road America.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Suzanne move to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Steinhardt. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m..

**The next EMS Council meeting will be on August 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Steinhardt,  
Recording Secretary