



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Emergency Medical Services Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

Present 6 - ERIC BAUMAN, ADAM PLOTKIN, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, DON POSTLER, TIM HILLEBRAND, and PATRICK ANDERSON
Absent 3 - MEGAN GUSSICK, MICHELE DOOLAN, and JEFF VAN BENDEGOM

Guests: Danny Sefcik, Paul Hughes
Staff: Carrie Meier, Courtney Morency

B. Consideration of Minutes

EMS COMMISSION MAY 2025 MINUTES

Attachments: [May Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

C. Discussion Items

EMS Annual Survey

EMS Annual Survey results were sent to EMS Chiefs and EMS Commission. Discussion was had about distributing to a wider audience including local municipalities, County Board, and County Executive. Will discuss further distribution at September meeting after topic is brought to EMS Chiefs Association.

District Operational Updates and Studies - Standing Item

Marshall EMS has accepted a contract with LifeStar who will be providing EMS coverage for their area. There have been several other agencies in the news lately regarding possible restructuring. A letter from WEMSA was sent showing support for Cross Plains EMS; Meier will send this to the EMS Commission. Discussion was had about how DCEMS office and EMS Commission can assist local agencies and municipalities to help make an informed decision without overstepping and with respect to Home Rule.

Update from MAS - Standing Item

DCEMS Office is looking at feasibility of starting a pre-hospital blood program. First step is information gathering before actually planning how the program would look. MEP and UW Consortium continue to work on EMS Protocol updates. Looking to expand Buprenorphine induction in the field to agencies outside of MFD, but program would be dependent on having a position established and staffed to do follow up with patients.

911 Update - Standing Item

Hughes reports new building construction has begun. Move-in date is tentatively scheduled for first quarter of 2027, but they are anticipating possible delays. They are also going through a hiring process and hoping to be well staffed soon.

DCEMS Office Update - Standing Item

DCEM office had to make a 4% reduction to the 2026 budget. A position that is currently open was reduced to .8 time, the Falls Prevention funding was removed, and small adjustments to additional budget lines has met that 4% ask. DCEM will be hiring an LTE to get the Hazard Mitigation Plan complete this year into next. Because of a sudden rise in agencies needing an additional ambulance and requesting R30, several agencies on the Annual Survey requested Dane County purchase an additional backup ambulance. Meier stated the request can be added to the 2026 budget as a capital purchase, with the knowledge that it will likely be denied. Harm reduction vending machines have seen great success with over 700 items vended from the machines. I Love U Guys sent two instructors to Dane County in June to train Public Safety and school safety members on School Response Protocols and School Reunification Method. 4 members of DCEM staff were also in Milwaukee last week to assist with damage assessment following severe flooding. DCEMS office has sent an updated IGA to agencies to get reviewed and are hoping to have it signed by first of the year.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Morency.