



# Dane County

## Minutes - Draft

### Emergency Medical Services - Medical Advisory Subcommittee

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, October 12, 2020

12:00 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm.

**Present** 11 - CHRIS CARBON, KACEY KRONENFELD, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, MIKE LOHMEIER, MEL PEARLMAN, LISA SCHIMELPFENIG, DAN WILLIAMS, MEGAN GUSSICK, ERIC LANG, JEFF VANBENDAGOM, and DR JOHN AGUILAR

**Excused** 1 - CORY HROMOTKO

**Absent** 19 - GRAHAM ADSIT, SCOTT ALLAIN, WILLIAM BALLO, SHERRY CASALI, DREW DEAN, KRISTEN DRAGER, TERESA FIEDT, PAUL HICK, AMANDA KITA-YARBO, MIKE MANCERA, ERIN POLKINGHORN, JEFF POTHOF, ERIN RYAN, PATRICK RYAN, TINA STRANDLIE, DAVID PENA, XANDY LEHMANN, SARAH CUMMINGS, and ABIGAIL DAHLBERG

*Guests: Aurora Lybeck, Brandon Ryan, Casey Jesberger, Chris Dennis, Scott Russell*

*Staff: Carrie Meier, Eric Anderson, Courtney Wassertheurer*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

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#### C. Discussion Items

## Data Update - Anderson

*Anderson updates committee on the 10 Delta process from a data perspective. The data acquisition period took place from April 6 to October 6 and tracked all paramedic and non-paramedic activations. Out of 140 responses for non-paramedic, 48 were flagged for physician review. Dr. Kronenfeld, Dr. Aguilar, Dr. Mancera, and Anderson did a review panel for those 48 incidents. Anderson is also keeping a close eye on EMResource data for emergency department admissions; number of Covid positive patients has been increasing. He will be pulling and monitoring respiratory/infectious disease data more regularly. Anderson also shares that 93 summaries for cardiac arrest review have been sent to agencies, with 9 additional pending. They will be looking at these over a period of time to see what areas to focus training on.*

## Covid-19

### *Hospital Communication of Covid Positives*

*Lehmann asks if anything has changed in other hospitals' follow-up procedures for public safety who had contact with Covid positive patients. Carbon reports that Meriter only follows up with positive cases, not negative. Lehmann also asks if Madison Fire still wants the same follow up procedure in place with the increasing number of cases. Carbon confirms that the follow-up is still beneficial when determining if personnel who contract the disease qualify for worker's comp.*

### *ED Visitor Guidelines*

*All area hospitals have restricted visitors to the Emergency Departments (EDs). Meier asks members to remind their providers that family/friends cannot be transported to EDs with a patient except under specific circumstances.*

### *PPE*

*Meier shares concern about first responders who arrive on scene prior to EMS not wearing the proper PPE. They have seen an increased number of public safety personnel testing positive for Covid-19. She asks agencies to help with reaching out to public safety members to reinforce and encourage the correct usage of PPE. The Dane County EMS (DCEMS) office has also restarted the Public Safety call taking place twice a month.*

## Data/CQI Workgroup

*Dr. Kronenfeld informs committee that the Data/CQI group has now met several times to start developing CQI processes that are in conjunction with and support state processes of development and improvement. They are looking at how this can be implemented for countywide benefit. Previous meetings had been in person, but will be shifting to virtual. Members who are interested in participating are encouraged to join virtually.*

## Vending Machines

*Meier reports that the goal is to have this program live by January 1st, 2021. The plan is to have fingerprint readers available to get people in the system starting November/December. Madison Fire will be assisting with this process and transition. DCEMS office will continue to do monthly orders until the end of the year. As medications are expiring in next few months, Meier asks that requests go through DCEMS office so that vending machine stock isn't immediately depleted. County Corp Council is reviewing the IGA; Meier to have it out to agencies by end of month for their legal councils to review. Lang asks if there are more options going forward for grant funding so agencies don't have to pay for the software after 2021. Meier says this can be looked into.*

## 10 Delta Review

*Nothing more to add to Anderson's update.*

## MCI Update

*Operating Practices Subcommittee had been working on re-doing the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) kits. Stacey Hanson from the DCEMS office received input from the agencies and worked to get these kits thrown together for each agency. They are completed and ready for pick up.*

## Base Hospital

*DCEMS office is still conducting 2 base hospital drills a month, one planned and one unplanned. They continue to find some issues, primarily with communications, but continue to be optimistic that the system can be made better. Hospitals are being notified earlier about MCI's, so that should be recognized as an improvement. The process will continue to be perfected going forward.*

## MEP Resource - Dr. Aguilar

*Dr. Aguilar reports that agencies are getting their phones programmed with the number to call. In the last month they have fielded only a couple calls. No other updates otherwise. Meier asked if this can be a standing agenda item, at least quarterly, to update committee on how the process is going, what type of calls are being received, how many, etc. Dr. Aguilar says this is possible and that MEP will be internally reviewing the process in January and can share the information with the committee as well. Dr. VanBendagom asks what they see the purpose and usefulness being, and also how it is funded. Dr. Aguilar shares that he came from a system that had a 24/7 physician on call for entire county. The idea is that the hotline is means for EMS to have a direct line to a physician familiar with that agency's protocols and personnel. Dr. VanBendagom asks how this is more beneficial than reaching out to medical control. Dr. Aguilar says they found EMS crews are more comfortable reaching out to physicians that have familiarity with them and their level of service; medical control does not always know level of service and abilities. Jesberger adds that physicians have also been able to talk to patients directly. Meier adds that if MEP agencies do utilize this route for advice, the crew still gives a radio report to the to the receiving facility. If something outside of protocol is given according to physician, the hospital is informed of that.*

## ESO HDE Update - Lehmann

*Lehmann reports that there are now several agencies signed up for the program and that it is going well. They have paid for a certain number of agencies to get on board, and are giving other agencies until the end of the year to decide if they would like to sign on. 14 are already signed up and are fully functioning. McMullen says they will be pursuing this for Monona EMS/Fire. Lehmann will send documents to him. If there are any questions, Lehmann encourages people to send her emails. Lang asks how other hospital systems will be integrating into this. Carbon reports that there is nothing in Meriter's plan for it right now and that there is no budget for it. Meriter was previously open to the conversation and would be willing to listen and consider it for the future. Meier volunteers to help pull together hospitals to have that conversation and asks Lang for his help with that. Lang agrees to assist.*

## Bloodborne/Airborne Annual Training

*Training documents will be going out by end of the month. Public Health will review before it is sent out, despite the busy year they have had.*

## D. Presentations

*None*

## E. Reports to Committee

*Madison College - Bailey reports that clinical site access is being regained. They have moved on to their contingency plan to simulate clinicals as approved by medical board. There are approximately 220 members, and spring semester expecting to offer full capacity. Do not anticipate any delays in education at this time. MATC approved 2 academic hires as full time faculty through June 30th next year.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next meeting will be held November 9th.*

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None*

## I. Adjourn

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Wassertheurer.*