



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?

Monday, May 10, 2021

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by phone.

A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 12:10pm.

- Present** 18 - SCOTT ALLAIN, CHRIS CARBON, PAUL HICK, KACEY KRONENFELD, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, MIKE LOHMEIER, MIKE MANCERA, MEL PEARLMAN, LISA SCHIMELPFENIG, TINA STRANDLIE, DAN WILLIAMS, MEGAN GUSSICK, CORY HROMOTKO, ERIC LANG, JEFF VANBENDAGOM, BRANDON RYAN, GREG BAILEY, and AURORA LYBEK
- Absent** 13 - SHERRY CASALI, DREW DEAN, KRISTEN DRAGER, TERESA FIEDT, AMANDA KITA-YARBO, ERIN POLKINGHORN, JEFF POTHOF, ERIN RYAN, DAVID PENA, ABIGAIL DAHLBERG, DR JOHN AGUILAR, JOSH ROSS, and CHRIS WALTERS

Guests: Patrick Anderson, Jerry McMullen, Joe Pulvermacher, Jen Roman

Staff: Carrie Meier, Eric Anderson, Courtney Wassertheurer

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B. Consideration of Minutes

MEDICAL ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE APRIL 2021 MINUTES

Attachments: [April Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

C. Discussion Items

Countywide CARES Data

Eric Anderson sums up 2020 CARES data. Survival from hospital discharge at 16.7%, down slightly from last year but not as dramatically as survival nationwide. County data has third highest survival rate in country. Kronenfeld thanks Anderson for the work he's been doing and to the providers for continuing to provide excellent service. Lang asks if CARES allows them to compare themselves to departments of the same size. Anderson asked for this, but there is no way to get that data right now. National data based on agencies with at least 200 cardiac arrests a year. Lohmeier asks about the age demographic and how much younger, Anderson shares approximately 4 years younger. Lohmeier says HPCPR should definitely be continued but was wondering if there is more work that can be done for preventative messaging - better diet, more exercise, etc. Kronenfeld highlights the importance of bystander CPR and its effects on survival. Lohmeier asks about sharing this data with PD since they are often first on scene. Kronenfeld adds that DCEMS office is working on expanding the network of AEDs.

Protocol Update - Stroke/Stemi OHCA/Trauma Coordinator Meetings

Thought it would be a good idea to meet with Stemi coordinators, thought it would be good to start regularly meeting with stroke and trauma coordinators as well. Meier asks EMS liaisons on the call to send her contact information for who those people are within their organizations. For general protocol update, first meeting with medical directors went well. Another two meetings coming up to get through discussion on all the medications. The goal is to have all the same medication in each protocol. Ultimate goal is consistency to have medications the same, but Dane County EMS goal is still to have one protocol for county agencies. The question is if DCEMS office should still have the goal of protocol updates being finalized by January 1st of next year. WI scope of practice updates will be coming out also, do we postpone to around July to include those changes. Goal is to have updates finished by first of year, but decide based on state whether or not to publish right away. Kronenfeld adds that the state discussion she's heard have significant changes, would not want to publish protocols and then be behind state updates. Meier shares that there is a link that has gone out to providers to give feedback and there will be two town hall meetings for providers to share their thoughts.

Radio Report Update

Conversation came up to combine 800 radio and VHF radio in hospitals to avoid radio reports coming in over each other. Instead, decision was made to train providers and hospital staff first. Want to train providers to give same information over radio consistently and quickly. DCEMS office reached out to hospitals EDs and asked what information they would like to get over the radio. Meier shared the general guidelines of what was agreed on. Alert colors were removed because it was determined that providers interpret the colors differently and caused confusion. Conversation was had about different trauma alerts vs color alerts and emphasis on training so all providers understand the different levels. Meier to go back to work group to see if something other than "red" would alert the ED.

EMS Week Update

DCEMS sat down with different hospitals and because of Covid decided to do a modified acknowledgement for EMS personnel. Hospitals will be contributing funds to send a gift card to every registered EMT in the county with a thank you card. Paul Hick asks if hospitals are doing anything like treats or drinks. Meier says they are not, they all agreed to go in on this one gift to send a unified message.

Committee Structure Update

Subcommittee chairs met with EMS Commission leadership again. Vision is to have commission help develop objectives and goals for any subcommittee activities. More conversation to be had.

RAD57

Lang reached out to Meier to ask about the Rad57s in the hospital ED departments. A grant allowed the purchase of these for the hospitals several years ago, but realistically they have not been used much and likely forgotten. Questions was if it made more sense to have those in the rehab trailers, so Meier asked hospital liaisons to find the Rad57s in their ED's. Meier asks subcommittee if that makes sense to have them relocated. Schimelpfenig asks if there has been any outreach to EMS agencies to see if they need the devices first. Meier says the plan is to ask about them in the annual survey, and maybe prioritize getting them to agencies before putting them in rehab trailers. There are 6 total units. Lang adds that if they go in the rehab trailers they would be happy to take them to any scene.

Coverdell Partnership

Lohmeier reports stroke team at hospital asked for Coverdell to get mentioned again to refocus it in conversations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Wassertheurer.