



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

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, November 9, 2020

12:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Present 11 - SCOTT ALLAIN, PAUL HICK, KACEY KRONENFELD, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, MIKE LOHMEIER, MEL PEARLMAN, LISA SCHIMELPFENIG, TINA STRANDLIE, CORY HROMOTKO, ERIC LANG, and DR JOHN AGUILAR

- Excused** 5 - TERESA FIEDT, MIKE MANCERA, DAN WILLIAMS, MEGAN GUSSICK, and JEFF VANBENDAGOM
- Absent** 10 - CHRIS CARBON, SHERRY CASALI, DREW DEAN, KRISTEN DRAGER, AMANDA KITA-YARBO, ERIN POLKINGHORN, JEFF POTHOF, ERIN RYAN, DAVID PENA, and ABIGAIL DAHLBERG

*Guests: Jenny Minter, Scott Allain, Brian Goff, Bob Salov
Staff: Carrie Meier, Eric Anderson, Courtney Wassertheurer*

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Attachments: [October Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

C. Discussion Items

Data Update - Anderson

The general call volume has dipped slightly below where we were this time of year in 2019. The last couple weeks have slowed down and the types of calls have remained similar. Anderson has been monitoring the spike in hospital ICU patients. He has not seen this spike mirrored in respiratory/infectious disease calls for EMS. Anderson shares overdose data, specifically opiate overdoses. There has been a 28% increase in 2020 overall. The fatality rate in field is slightly lower despite increase in cases. June of 2020 saw a 9.1% fatality rate. There has been a change in demographics of patients, shifting from white patients to black patients. He has been sharing this data with several committees in the county. There have been fewer responses for low acuity cases and an increase in violent behavior/suicide. Patient population with highest increase is the age range of 60-69 (up 69%). A makeshift task force with Anderson and members from Public Health of Madison Dane County has been assembled to tackle this issue.

Covid-19

Medical Director's are discussing whether we're at the point of recommending non-transport. Based on hospital and 911 capabilities, they are not at the point of recommending this now. As a medical director group, this is discussed regularly, but agencies will be notified when this recommendation changes. Dr. Kronenfeld to write something up stating this from medical director group for Meier to send to providers; will also follow up with Public Health about narrative in the media saying not to go to the hospitals. Goff says that it may be message interpretation, where providers are seeing the headlines in the media and applying it to what they're doing. Will message that providers should be operating under same transport protocols.

The DCEMS office is working with the county and state in support of vaccination implementation plans; waiting for clarification on how the rest of public safety falls into prioritization, but EMS will fall under patient care categories and will be among first to receive vaccinations. Strandlie asked if Dr. Kronenfeld is planning on doing countywide EMS vaccinating as hospitals are finalizing numbers to report. Meier learned today that there are refrigeration plans necessary for the vaccination that we may not be able to support. Meier asks hospitals to continue to think about EMS providers when creating these plans. Unsure how to assign a number to the amount of personnel at this time, but Meier will follow up with Public Health on the best way to go about this. Can be discussed further on Inner-Hospital meeting on Wednesday.

Hospital Communication of Covid Positives

EMS agencies have questions about if hospitals will still be reaching out to crews about patients that are Covid positive. Hromatko reports UW is still trying to send notifications to crews if transport occurred within 30 days of a positive test. Lehmann from SSM Health reports the same. SSM Health has been skimming over patient care report narratives to get an idea if crews suspected Covid based on symptoms. Have had cases where patient's initial test comes back negative, but subsequent tests come back positive. They continue to do their best to follow up with all personnel who have come in contact. Strandlie reports that Stoughton hospital has only had two personnel from hospital able to monitor this, but they continue marking down if patient is brought in by EMS and making every attempt to follow up. They have been able to follow up day-of in some cases due to rapid testing.

ED Visitor Guidelines

Meier shares that a one-sheeter has been put together with help from the hospitals for EMS to give patient's families about visitor guidelines and what number to call for each Emergency Department.

PPE

With increase in community spread, have tightened up PPE requirements for public safety testing sites. Those doing swabbing must wear N95 and face shield, those doing paperwork will wear surgical masks. The hope is to continue this into 2021, but waiting to hear back on funding.

Data/CQI Workgroup

No update, committee did not meet last month.

Vending Machines

The goal is still to go live January 1st. DCEMS office now has software and fingerprinting machine. Wassertheurer and Meier will be going to Fitch-Rona next week to get fingerprinting done. First step is getting agencies and their "silo" within the software set up. If there are any questions, reach out to Meier.

10 Delta Review

Eric Anderson working to get data put together. Physician review still in progress, will likely not have update until early 2021.

MCI Update

No update.

Base Hospital

No update

ESO HDE Update - Lehmann

A few more agencies have interest in switching over and are in process now. For all interested, couple dates will be announced for training, possibly at beginning of December. It will be a virtual meeting for people to ask questions. Reach out to Lehmann if interested in joining or with any questions.

Bloodborne/Airborne Annual Training

Waiting on feedback from Public Health.

EMS Committee/Subcommittee Mission Reviews

Would like to discuss what the several committees should look like - membership and priorities. Responsibilities and membership among committees overlap; would like to look at how all committees can function more efficiently. The organizational chart will be sent to membership to review and be brought back to discuss at next meeting.

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

No December meeting.

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 12:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Wassertheurer.