



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 16, 2023

5:30 PM Attend in person at the Fitchburg Fire Station #1, 5791
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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: Morency.courtney@countyofdane.com

A. Call To Order

Called to order at 5:31pm.

- Present** 6 - ERIC BAUMAN, MEGAN GUSSICK, MICHELE DOOLAN, TIMOTHY HILLENBRAND, ADAM PLOTKIN, and STEPHANIE LEHMANN
- Excused** 2 - Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, and KACEY KRONENFELD
- Absent** 1 - GARY ZIEGLER

*Guests: Tabitha Smith, Che Stedman, Danny Sefcik, Charles Tubbs
Staff: Carrie Meier, Eric Anderson, Courtney Morency*

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Attachments: [May Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

C. Discussion Items

Dane County System Vision Support

EMS has evolved significantly since DCEMS office was established, and it is being recognized that the needs from our office have changed. County has a supportive role, but no authority. DCEMS office met with Milwaukee County to evaluate their system and how certain aspects could be implemented in Dane County. DCEMS staff have been putting together a "Value Added" document on what is provided to the agencies. Will bring this document to the next EMS Commission meeting to evaluate if there are any gaps. Will also send the 2023 EMS Annual Survey report to Commission ahead of next meeting.

Follow Up on CARES and DCSO Mental Health Team

County Board and DCSO had conversation to get approval on the new jail building, but including expansion on DCSO mental health team. Unsure where it currently stands - deputies had been pulled to be part of the team but then were returned to general duties. CARES team finally on-boarded new Journey crisis coordinator and civilian community paramedic so they can expand hours into the weekend. Will hopefully open up a third team in a couple months with current budget. 2024 budget will probably include one more of each position. CARES met with Dane County Cities and Villages last month and there was a lot of interest in having team expand into jurisdictions surrounding the city. Service area currently includes all of Madison and the small jurisdictions served by City of Madison. Will continue to have this topic on the agenda regularly to get updates from CARES and the DCSO Mental Health team. This Commission could formally support budgeting for the DCSO program when County Board starts talking about budgets. Human Services has also done a big push on their 24/7 mental health support phone number.

Budget Priorities

DCEM will hopefully be in their new building by the end of the year; it will be partial occupancy for just staff to use until the rest of the technology is up and running. An Opiate Prevention Specialist has been hired, and she's already building great relationships with partners. Opiate settlement money for 2024 will go towards existing initiatives; also exploring the possibility of having a safe place to use. DCEM is in the process of re-hiring a half time Community Crisis Coordinator. Budget will be presented to County Board September 11th then go to the other committees. DCEM has been working with Executive's office on getting support for cost of expanding data system of EMS; existing money for system is running out.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is September 20th at 5:30pm.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Sefcik asks for clarification on Dane County System Vision Support discussion; Meier clarifies that they are not looking at a countywide system, just trying to identify any opportunities the office has to support the system as a whole as it evolves.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Morency.