

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Chair, Melissa Spielman

“PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING”

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., notice is hereby given to the public that a regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council will be held on

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 1:30 pm

**** Please Note Meeting Location ****

**Village of Ashwaubenon, Board Room
2155 Holmgren Way**

1. Call to Order.
2. Approve/Modify Agenda.
3. Approve/Modify Minutes of January 18, 2012.
4. Discussion re: Versed for seizures – request for IM administration.
5. Discussion re: Head injured patients on Coumadin.
6. Medical Director’s Report.
7. Training and Standards Work Group.
8. Statewide Committees and Task Force – Reports.
9. Other Business.
10. Public Comment and Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
11. Next Meeting – May 16, 2012 @ 1:30 pm.
12. Adjourn.

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Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council** was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at the Village of Ashwaubenon Board Room – 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, WI

Present: **Voting Members:** Green Bay Fire Department – Chair Melissa Spielman, Allouez Fire Department – Neil Cameron, Ashwaubenon Public Safety – Don Riha, De Pere Fire Rescue – Kurt Weyers, NWTC – Cal Lintz, County Rescue – Larry Ullmer, Supervisor Carole Andrews

Non-Voting Members: Medical Director - Ken Johnson MD, Aurora Bay Care – Dawn Brester, Aurora Bay Care/Eagle III – Steve Stroman, MD, NWTC – Dawn Wolfcale

Excused: Supervisor Tim Carpenter, Brown County Medical Examiner – Al Klimek, Bellin – Paul Casey, MD, Brown County Public Safety – Shelly Nackers, Green Bay Fire Department – Dustin Ridings, Brown County Emergency Management – Cullen Peltier.

Also Present: Emergency Medical Solutions, LLC – Tim Nowak

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melissa Spielman at 1:39 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Kurt Weyers to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of November 16, 2011.**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Dr. Ken Johnson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Review Therapeutic Hypothermia Protocol.**

Medical Director Dr. Ken Johnson stated that this protocol is currently at the State awaiting approval. Chair Spielman from GBFD stated that they had received their onboard refrigerators and they are large enough for a few bags of IV fluids. Larry Ullmer from County Rescue Services also stated that they had received their refrigerators.

5. **Medical Director's Report.**

This item was included in Number 6 below.

6. Trainings and Standards Work Group.

Dr. Johnson reported discussions in the Trainings and Standards Committee specific to resuscitation rates with CCR. Data does not show a huge change from prior guidelines or national standards. Accordingly, recurrent training and data tracking on all cardiac arrests will be instituted to determine cause and identify areas of skills practice that can be improved.

Dr. Johnson also reported that there have been a couple of cases over the last 12 years where a patient with a valid DNR expired at a dialysis center and 911 had been called in to remove the deceased patient. This was discussed in the Trainings and Standards Committee meeting and Dr. Johnson had been asked by the dialysis center to consider writing a protocol that would allow them to come and remove the deceased patient and transport to the hospital morgue. The recommendation at Trainings and Standards Committee meeting was for Dr. Johnson to work with Al Klimek to develop a policy for all local dialysis centers. Dr. Johnson stated that one of the sticking points will be working with the agencies and/or Medical Examiner to determine if the agency can charge for transport of a deceased patient. Dr. Johnson felt that this is a rare situation that should perhaps be written off as a community service, but he will look into this further.

They also discussed strokes at the Trainings and Standards Committee meeting and they will do a QA on CPR and stroke protocols to include making sure they are asking the appropriate questions when people call in to dispatch regarding strokes. They also talked about follow up on King LT and Midazolam. If there are any issues that arise with either of those he has asked people to let him know, however so far there does not appear to be any systematic issues.

7. Statewide Committees and Task Force – Reports.

Dr. Johnson stated that WI EMS Advisory Board has not met since the last meeting of the EMS Council but will be meeting on January 20, 2012 at the WEMSA conference. Dr. Stroman stated that the Regional Trauma Advisory Council will be meeting later in the afternoon at Aurora Bay Care Sports Medicine Center and the special guest will be Kevin Kwasny who is the President of Wausaukee Rescue Squad and was severely injured in a shack explosion in November that killed his uncle.

8. Other Business.

Larry Ullmer asked if anyone had encountered any weapons in the field as a result of the concealed carry law, but nobody in attendance had. Spielman stated that they have developed an SOG which had been delivered to the legal department for approval and then to the union who did not make any modifications. She stated that they did add the lockboxes as a last resort and also noted that they are doing training with the Green Bay Police Department with regard to recommendations and responsibilities on the scene. Spielman

stated her understanding from discussions regarding the lockboxes is that if you need to transport it to the hospital for whatever reason it becomes part of the patient belongings. She stated that the Police Department is behind them 100 percent on ensuring that the scene is safe and securing the weapon and it does not sound like they will bring a weapon back to the Police Department except under extenuating circumstances. Dr. Johnson stated that he followed up with St. Vincent and St. Mary's and neither of them have a problem with handling weapons in this manner.

Neil Cameron stated that a question had been raised earlier in the day regarding nursing homes and the flu and he stated that there have been instances lately in which nursing homes call for patients with the flu and they end up transporting to the hospital for non-medical necessity. Dr. Johnson stated that this usually results in a short stay in the hospital and then the patient is released and transported back to the facility. Dr. Johnson stated that if there would be a nursing home that has a norovirus infection going on, they may wish to use respiratory precautions or respiratory isolation when they go in as this is very, very infectious.

Melissa Spielman stated that they had recently received a call to a CBRF section of a nursing home where the caretaker was an LTE and was with a hospice patient who had a DNR and was becoming unresponsive. The caretaker called 911, they responded and picked up the patient, but because she had a DNR the squad staff did not start any type of extenuating or ongoing care, but simply provided supportive measures to keep her comfortable. The patient was dropped off at the hospital and later expired, but the family became very upset because they wanted the patient to pass at the facility she was in and not at the hospital. Spielman stated that she had received several phone calls from the caretaker manager and informed her that their responsibility as EMS responders was to go to the scene and provide care and Spielman advised the facility that they could not provide care at the scene and not transport the patient. Spielman is looking for a clear definition if they have the right to leave the patient at the facility instead of transporting. Dr. Johnson stated that the only way for EMS to go to a scene for someone who is requesting care but not be transported would be if the patient, if competent, or a competent legal power of attorney present advised EMS not to transport. Absent that, Dr. Johnson felt that EMS had an obligation to follow their protocols and transport. Dr. Stroman agreed and stated that he has even seen where a "do not transport to hospital" order has been in writing in the patient records but he opined that if someone who was there caring for the patient requested a transport, the transport needs to be made, even with a DNR order.

9. Public Comment and Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

No public present.

- 10. Next Meeting** – March 21, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m. Trainings and Standards will also be held on March 21, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.

11. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Don Riha to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary