



# Milwaukee County

Council on Emergency Medical Services  
Supervisor Deanna Alexander, Chair  
Chief Robert Whitaker, Vice-Chair

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## EMS Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT 06.18.2019

### *Attending*

Supervisor Deanna Alexander, Chief Robert Whitaker, Director Christine Westrich, Chief Mason Pooler, Chief Daniel Mayer, DC Joshua Parish, Lt. Jerry Biggart, BC Daniel Weber, FF/P Ryan Wendt, Chris Anderson, Larry Knuth, Jeff De Los Santos, Mayor Steve Olson, Russell Spahn, Dr. M. Riccardo Colella, Ann Christiansen, Lynn Schubert

### *Excused*

Ryan Wendt, Dr. Tony Thrasher, Jim Terrell

### *Guests*

Chief Adam Remington, Chief Tom Rosandich, Dr. Ben Weston, Jeff Matcha, Linda Mattrisch, Dan Pojar, Dr. Matt Chinn, Lynn Schubert, FF Michael Thurow, James Baker

## Call to Order & Introductions

Supervisor Alexander called the meeting to order at 08:39, and introduced DC Joshua Parish and Jeff De Los Santos to their first meeting as members. DC Parish is the MFD Chief's delegate, and Mr. De Los Santos the new OEM EMS Division Director.

## Approval of Minutes

Chief Mayer moved to approve the minutes of the 12/07/2018 meeting, Chief Whitaker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## Recurring Reports & Past Business

### *Office of Emergency Management*

County has been in one-year process of strategic planning for the next 10 years. OEM internally, we're assessing mission, vision and values. County as whole is looking at racial equity, organizational excellence. In racial equity, all County leaders have had 16 hours of training and will begin another 7.5 hours, towards the County's audacious goal of eliminating racial inequity. Considering the social determinants of health, leaders are looking at where the County has a role in each and how we can make difference. For EMS, we're looking for principal investigator to help us study racial equity in EMS field. The new EMS agreement between County and fire departments goes into effect

1/1/2021, and Chiefs Pooler, Whitaker, Mayer and Rohlfing are working with Director Westrich.

### *EMS Operations*

Working closely with fire departments and MPD to be more efficient in communications, and CAD2CAD will make a difference, and OASIS is achieving 99.9% reliability. Operations-wise, OEM looks forward to serving public through multiple venues and looking to expand a bit to help out where we're needed, eg, as interim lifeguards at County pools. PCC is looking to set benchmarks on patient care and will likely add two new EMS agencies. OEM is quite busy with MPD on DNC2020 preparations, providing a lot of support, starting with WICAMS credentialing, drone support with IR cam and FAA pilots. Largest thing is preparing the City for an emergency management assistance compact (EMAC), to secure support from across state lines for resources like additional law enforcement officers. June 19 is the first meeting with US Secret Service; 27 subcommittees will start meeting in July and August, an emergency declaration should be made before the end of the year.

### *EMS Education*

Continuing the mission to embrace the entire system, including all 800 EMTs. Utilizing ImageTrend with all fire departments. In July, Dr. Liz Angeli from Marquette will provide a lecture on medical documentation, with a focus on narrative writing. Better documentation helps lead to better reimbursement rates. Starting airway focus training as a result of PART trial for airways, an example of CQIP-driven education.

### *Health Information & Data Analytics*

Shannon Gramann joins OEM on 07/15, filling the vacant data analytics manager role.

### *Quality Assurance*

Reviewing every cardiac arrest that comes through our system, since it's the prime focus this year, driving education and training through CQIP. The system earned the AHA Mission Lifeline Gold designation for excellence in STEMI outcomes.

### *Medical Director*

The system was recognized for its success in implementing the LVO stroke protocol by the Coverdell stroke program, recognizing exceptional systems of care and quality for stroke. Analysis of the first year of data from the protocol shows increased access to time-sensitive care and access to thrombectomy, with areas for opportunity in increased sensitivity. Towards racial equity, we're looking at how to increase reporting of race in the ePCR—it's not a mandatory field right now—and other ways to leverage the longstanding academic focus of the system for racial equity. For DNC, involved in MCW Pediatrics' task force on human trafficking, seeing victims who are otherwise

unrecognized. October 1, Dr. Colella will hand the reins over to Dr. Weston after seven years as medical director.

#### *State EMS Board*

Supervisor Alexander requested to move this report to the end of the agenda.

#### *ICC*

Several mayors have expressed interest in the vacant ICC representative position, and a vote will take place at the July meeting to make a recommendation for appointment. The ICC is becoming more politically active, hosting Gov. Evers, Speaker Vos and Sen. Darling to discuss budget, municipalities' priorities and schools. Mayors and Village Presidents are concerned about the financial sustainability of the EMS system after 2020. Franklin and Greenfield are cooperating to share the workload during busy times, and Hales Corners, Franklin, Greenfield and Greendale met with the Wisconsin Policy Forum to explore more opportunities for cooperation without consolidation.

#### *HERC*

Fiscal year closes on 06/30, and by then the budget and marketing plans will be set. Eleven candidates for a regional coordinator position. Completed two exercises: handling a surge and infectious disease outbreak.

#### *MATC*

With three paramedic cohorts running right now, MATC is looking at a fourth with new format. Added two new full-time faculty and might add two more, plus hiring 30 part-time instructors and added a new ambulance simulator. Construction is complete on a six-story training tower and remodeling on the three-story tower; many thanks to Tosa and Milwaukee Fire for helping to get classes through while the tower was down. Introducing interactive training for all three functions. Moving from a college of six schools to eight clusters of "guided pathways," which moves protective services out of technical sciences. High interest in police recruit program from all over Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties; enrollment is up 150% and has a waiting list.

#### *State EMS Board*

CMS is looking to pilot ET3—emergency triage, treat and transport—allowing for transport to non-hospital destinations; awaiting determination from DHS secretary on whether state statute would allow the system to participate. The Board has targeted the law in question as one to change: AB151 was changed with unanimous support, and this statute is prohibitive. Board moving forward on standalone legislation to increase reimbursement rates to meet 80% of Medicare rate; \$15 million would close the gap. Ms. Christiansen added that with measles is at the doorstep, public health officials are working with police and fire to ensure vaccinations.

## Adjournment

Supervisor Alexander adjourned the meeting at 09:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Shermach, OEM Communications Director