

## Pierce County EMS Committee Meeting

Law Enforcement Building - 555 W Overlook Drive

EOC Room – Ellsworth, WI 54011 7:00 pm - Thursday, August 4, 2022 Meeting Link

**Members present:** PCSO Herm Krieg, PC Public Health AZ Snyder, PCEM Christine McPherson, Medical Advisor Ashley Greengard, Spring Valley EMS Tod Jorgenson, Allina (RF & Prescott) Matthew Bouthilet, Ellsworth EMS Jessi Willenbring, Elmwood EMS Collin Gilles

**Members Absent:** Plum City/Maiden Rock EMS Tim Hanson, PC Board Melissa Petersen

**Guests:** Pierce County Dispatch Krista Loyas

Call meeting to order at 1901

Establish Quorum-Quorum established

Public Comments (Non-Agenda items)-Consider having LifeLink III at the airport for flood run. PCSO would be responsible for request. Christine will handle this.

Approve Agenda M/S JW/MB to approve as written. Motion carried

Public Comments on Agenda-none

Elections of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and secretary

M/S Jessi Willenbring/Tod Jorgenson to appoint Christine McPherson as temporary chair for elections.

Motion Carried

M/S Jessi Willenbring/Matthew Bouthilet to appoint Tod Jorgenson as Chair

Unanimous voice vote to appoint Tod Jorgenson as Chair. Motion carried.

M/S Jessi Willenbring/Christine McPherson to appoint Tim Hanson as Vice Chair

Unanimous voice vote to appoint Tim Hanson as vice-chair. Motion carried.

M/S CM/MB to nominate Jessi Willenbring as secretary

Unanimous voice vote to appoint Jessi Willenbring as Secretary

Review Bylaws of PCEMS-Bylaws are 4 pages. Corporate counsel advised to make bylaws align with statute and County code. CM updated committee on changes as directed by Corporate Counsel. Amended bylaws attached to minutes.

M/S CM/JW to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors to amend County Code to add Pierce County Communications Center and representatives of each county EMS agency to the Special EMS Committee.

M/S JW/MB to amend the bylaws to read that “the Committee will meet no less than quarterly, time and date to be set by the Chair”

Treasurer’s Report \$800 total budget. \$500 was directed to I am Responding. \$300 remains.

M/S JW/MB to spend up to \$100 on supplies needed for the Fair Booth

Set date for next meeting-October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the EOC.

Emergency Management updates/Training-Radiation exercise was completed this week and last week. Christine would like to do a larger scale drill in Ellsworth next year.

Public Health Updates/training opportunities-AZ updated on COVID and Monkey Pox. Recent increases in COVID cases. Pierce County remains in the yellow designation. PC is still providing COVID vaccinations. Anticipating that there will be a seasonal COVID boosters. Prepared to resume mass vaccinations if indicated. Anticipating updated CDC quarantine guidance. Regarding Monkey Pox, it has been declared a national health emergency. Cases in MN and WI have been reported. Also reported to be community spread. It is spread mostly via skin-to-skin transmission. Also noted the possibility of fomite spread and possibility of droplet spread. Pierce County and Eau Claire County are the only Western WI counties with available vaccine. We do have PUI in the area but no confirmed cases. We may also be getting a new type of fit testing machine in the area. More updates to come.

Dispatch Updates-Christine reported that dispatch is back to fully staffed. Eric VanHorn was recently hired. Recently had some issues with IaR. For those with concerns please contact the IaR rep. Colin talked with Tyler from IaR. Appears that there is some issue with settings regarding verbiage to protect information. Colin will report back if his 'fix' is working.

Education Updates -Ellsworth providing (5) \$1,000 scholarships. One lives in El Paso and one near Elmwood. Collin reached out to Katy Frey at WEMSA to see if they can help with accommodating smaller numbers of students or people that need remote learning. Hot Topics Conference in November. Contact Lifequest if interested. Jessi would like to start talking about 2023 PC EMS Conference. Will be placed on the agenda for Oct. meeting.

Sheriff's Department Updates-Struggling with staffing. 3 open patrol positions. Jail is also short on staff but looking forward to new personnel. PCSO has new body cameras.

RFAH Updates-Ashley Greengard is now the patient care manager for the RFAH ED. Mike Nicholason will be taking over as Trauma program coordinator. Working on stop the bleed trainings. Some interest streamlining EMS reports and possible utilization of radio for reports.

### **Old Business:**

COVID updates-Given above by AZ.

### **New Business:**

Pierce County fair booth-Ellsworth-Thurs, Allina-Friday, Elmwood and PC-Saturday and Sunday-Spring Valley. Christine requesting items for demo and recruitment info.

### **Service Updates:**

Upcoming Events Ellsworth-Fundraiser Sept 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Matt advised that UWRF Rodeo is Sept 9-10. Prescott days Sept 11. Elmwood FD Chicken Dinner Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Elmwood EMS has a new streamlined application system with QR codes. Spring Valley Dam Days Sept 16-18<sup>th</sup> Flood Run Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Chilli Feed Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

Open Discussion-

Collin has some concerns regarding phone access for reports, medical control etc. Looking for a AT&T contact to help with resolving connection issues.

Adjourn Meeting

M/S JW/MB to adjourn at 2024. Motion carried.