



HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Board of Directors	2. Operational Period: February 2, 2024 0830-0930	3. Incident Location: Barron County Justice Center EOC with Virtual Option
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5. Attendance: Aimee Wollman Nesseth (Coordinator), Darren Van Blaricom (Chair), Brittany Fry (WWPHRC-Vice Chair), Jon Schultz (Eau Claire Fire Rescue), Mark Manning (Tamarack Health-Hayward), Bob Lindberg, (Cumberland Healthcare), Dr. Kari Haley (Clinical Advisor), Robert Goodland (NWWIRTAC), Sara Wartman (Bayfield County Public Health), Natasha Brunell (St. Croix County Emergency Preparedness)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 0833, by Darren Van Blaricom, Chair
Additions to the Agenda and Announcements	None. Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Lindberg and seconded by Sara Wartman. Motion approved.
Review of Minutes	The January Minutes were sent out for review. Motion by Bob Lindberg and second by Mark Manning to approve the January minutes as written with one grammatical correction. Motion approved. Minutes will be posted to our website under “Resources”.
Financial Update	<p>Approval of HERC Coordinator Reimbursement Invoices for Travel and Non-Travel Expenses, January, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel and Non-Travel expenses were reviewed. Motion to approve the reimbursement requests by Sara Wartman, seconded by Mark Manning. Motion approved. <p>Review of Budget Period 5 Budget to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed most recent update. Motion to approve the reimbursement requests by Brittany Fry, seconded by Bob Lindberg. Motion approved. <p>Carryover Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revisions to the carryover budget request have been received by OPEHC and approved. The contract amendment has been received and signed by Darren. We are just waiting for the new Purchase Order. Once that is received we will be able to start spending these funds. We will need to make any budget revisions no later than May 1, 2024.
Advisory Group Updates	Darren and Brittany were able to attend the January meeting virtually. Both felt it was a better meeting. There was some reorganization regarding the strategic planning projects. HERC Coordinators were assigned work groups and need to be facilitating these groups for report outs during the next AG meeting.

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Old Business	<p data-bbox="401 180 709 207">Overview of Work Plan</p> <ul data-bbox="449 220 1402 248" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 220 1402 248">• Reminder of HVA conversation scheduled for February 13, 1000-1100.
New Business	<p data-bbox="401 264 1146 292">Long Term Care Representative to the Board resignation</p> <ul data-bbox="449 305 1997 492" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 305 1997 492">• Aimee sent out a request to the Long-Term Care members of the HERC to see if anyone would be interested in serving on the Board. A few people asked questions, but no one indicated their interest. Jackson Bires, Administrator of Water’s Edge had expressed some interest. Mark reached out to him during the meeting and he replied affirmatively. Motion to appoint Jackson Bires to the vacant LTC Representative position on the Board made by Bob Lindberg, second by Natasha Brunell. Motion approved. Aimee will reach out to Jackson to welcome him! <p data-bbox="401 500 1188 527">Tribal Health Clinic Representative to the Board resignation</p> <ul data-bbox="449 540 1997 646" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 540 1997 646">• Aimee received an email yesterday from Gina Benson who is the current Tribal Health Clinic representative to the Board. She is leaving her position with the St. Croix Tribal Health Clinic and therefore resigned her position from the Board. Aimee will send an email to her tribal contacts to try to recruit a new person to serve on the Board. <p data-bbox="401 654 1073 682">April and June Speakers for Membership Meetings</p> <ul data-bbox="449 695 1934 881" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 695 1934 800">• Eric Emery from the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) has asked to make a presentation at the April meeting. We will likely also have representatives from the Chemical Response group at the State regarding the regional Chemical Surge Annex. <li data-bbox="449 813 1923 881">• Aimee hopes to invite the ASPR contact who helped write the RISC 2.0 tool to the June or August Membership meeting. <p data-bbox="401 889 751 917">Hospital Closures Impacts:</p> <ul data-bbox="449 930 1997 1472" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 930 1591 958">• Aimee acknowledged that there are many more questions than answers at this time. <li data-bbox="449 971 1997 1039">• Everyone was caught off guard by the announcement of HSHS hospital closures of Sacred Heart Hospital (SHH) (Eau Claire) and St. Joseph’s Hospital (STJ) (Chippewa Falls) along with 17 Prevea Clinics in the area. <li data-bbox="449 1052 1997 1472">• Key impacts to the NWWIHERC and Emergency Preparedness <ul data-bbox="548 1092 1997 1472" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="548 1092 1997 1279">○ SHH served as the Radiological Response Hospital for the Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant emergency planning. The State REP group is aware of this announcement and is meeting internally regarding next steps. Regions Hospital in St. Paul is apparently the “backup” hospital. Darren asked for the contact names of the State REP group to be involved in that discussion. There is a full-scale exercise in June, 2024, so this is time sensitive. <li data-bbox="548 1287 1976 1356">○ SHH serves as the TB Dispensing hospital for several local health departments in the Chippewa Valley area. This is for adults and children who present with active TB. Another hospital will need to be identified. <li data-bbox="548 1364 1997 1432">○ There are many concerns regarding potential Medical Surge planning and impacts with the loss of significant inpatient capacity. <li data-bbox="548 1440 1398 1472">○ The list of impacts is very lengthy and continues to grow daily.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about doing a condensed “HVA” regarding the impacts to assist with identifying the largest issues to be planning for and thinking about. • Situation Awareness will be shared on an eICS alert that can be accessed through EMResource. A work group has also been created and will meet weekly (minimum) to discuss strategies to mitigate this challenging situation. • Discussion regarding what types of data may be helpful to collect including EMS turn around times, how many patients are having to be boarded in Emergency Departments due to lack of Behavioral Health or detox beds. • Both Mayo in Eau Claire and Marshfield have activated HICS and are actively planning and strategizing on how to increase their capacity.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<p>Motion to adjourn at 0922 by Bob Lindberg and seconded by Sara Wartman. Motion approved.</p> <p>Next Meeting: March 1, 2024 0830-0930 Virtual Only.</p>
5. Prepared by:	Aimee Wollman Nesseth