



**HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES**

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> NWWIHERC Board of Directors	<b>2. Operational Period:</b> March 1, 2024 0830-0930	<b>3. Incident Location:</b> Virtual Meeting
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**5. Attendance:** Aimee Wollman Nesseth (Coordinator), Darren Van Blaricom (Chair), Brittany Fry (WWPHRC-Vice Chair), Jackson Bires (Water’s Edge), Mark Manning (Tamarack Health-Hayward), Dr. Kari Haley (Clinical Advisor), Robert Goodland (NWWIRTAC), Sara Wartman (Bayfield County Public Health), Natasha Brunell (St. Croix County Emergency Preparedness).

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 0832, by Darren Van Blaricom, Chair
<b>Additions to the Agenda and Announcements &amp; Review of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve the February minutes and March agenda with the addition of the scholarship request for Bayfield County to old business by Brittany Fry and seconded by Natasha Brunell. Motion approved. Minutes will be posted on our website under “Resources”.
<b>Financial Update</b>	<p><b>Approval of HERC Coordinator Reimbursement Invoices for Travel and Non-Travel Expenses, February, 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel expenses were reviewed. Motion to approve the reimbursement request by Natasha Brunell, seconded by Brittany Fry. Motion approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Review of Budget Period 5 Budget to date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed most recent update. Discussion regarding the addition of one First Receiver Decon Training to be held at Tamarack Health-Hayward if a date can be found within this budget period. Motion to amend budget to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> class made by Brittany Fry and seconded by Sara Wartman. Motion approved. Motion to approve the budget report made by Natasha Brunell and seconded by Brittany Fry. Motion approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Carryover Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase order for the carryover budget has been received and Aimee has made about half of the purchases to date. We will need to make any budget revisions no later than May 1, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory Group Updates</b>	Darren and Brittany were able to attend the February 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. There is a Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Advisory Group that reports to the Public Health Council. Brittany is the chair of the PHEP Advisory Group. They have identified seven different areas of focus after a review of submitted COVID After Action Reports. A couple of these directly correspond to some of the Strategic Planning objectives with the

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	HERC Advisory Group such as: 1) Strategic effort to align planning across PHEP, HERCs, WEM and RTAC and 2) Work collaboration and equitable distribution of resources during a public health emergency.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p data-bbox="401 269 951 302"><b>Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Finalization</b></p> <p data-bbox="401 306 1850 339">Seven people sent in comments by email, with very good representation by agencies during the conference call.</p> <p data-bbox="401 344 678 376">Points for discussion:</p> <ul data-bbox="453 381 1997 849" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="453 381 1997 613">• Air Quality and Water Quality were grouped together – discussion on separating them regarding wildfire discussion. Darren – did some research and the new risk tool does divide those in the 2021 model (RISC Toolkit 2.0 by ASPR – takes risk identification and removes subjectivity. It is an objective, data-driven all-hazards assessment to inform emergency preparedness planning, risk management activities, and resource investments), with the recommendation of dividing. Darren also sat in a session on HVA’s this week at the AHEPP conference and is hearing that we often tend to put a higher number on local planning events that create healthcare services impacts.</li> <li data-bbox="453 618 1997 695">• Should we combine extreme heat and extreme cold? They are split out in the Kaiser tool. Recommendation to keep split.</li> <li data-bbox="453 699 1997 776">• Workforce shortage on EMS: a great deal of work has been done on this already, although the surge is still on the high side. Don’t change.</li> <li data-bbox="453 781 1997 849">• Approval of HVA: Motion by Mark Manning to approve HVA with changes. Seconded by Sara Wartman. Motion approved.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="401 854 972 886"><b>Tribal Representative to Board of Directors</b></p> <ul data-bbox="453 891 1997 1005" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="453 891 1997 1005">• Natasha Trush with Redcliff Public Health does environmental health and is willing to fill in until end of term. She is not a tribal member, but willing to represent tribal nation. Motion to approve representation until June by Sara Wartman and Mark Manning. Motion approved.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="401 1010 619 1042"><b>Chemical Annex</b></p> <ul data-bbox="453 1047 1997 1320" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="453 1047 1997 1161">• Reviewed current status of the annex. A draft is due to the CAT Tool by April 1, 2024. Highlighted areas under ‘Logistics’ needs more attention and clarification. Aimee will continue to work on this and ask for subject matter expertise.</li> <li data-bbox="453 1166 1997 1320">• FYI. St. Joseph’s in Chippewa Falls did have ChemPack. This will be loaned to the SE side of the state for the duration of the Republican National Convention (Milwaukee) and Democratic National Convention (Chicago). Aimee has advocated that this be moved to a more central part of the region when the conventions are done. The current ChemPack will be moved March 12.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="401 1325 703 1357"><b>Scholarship Discussion</b></p> <p data-bbox="401 1362 1976 1438">Discussion regarding Bayfield County’s request for a scholarship to provide required training for dispatchers. Decision was this request falls outside the scope of the scholarship.</p>

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<b>New Business</b>	<p data-bbox="403 178 827 207"><b>Hospital Closure impacts and HERC</b></p> <ul data-bbox="449 217 1990 324" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="449 217 1990 246">• MRSE Exercise – possibly use HSHS closure as a real event in place of this exercise. Not sure it will meet the criteria.</li> <li data-bbox="449 256 1990 324">• A work group has also been created and has been meeting weekly to discuss strategies to mitigate this challenging situation.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment Next Meeting</b>	<p data-bbox="403 337 1642 367">Motion to adjourn at 0934 by Jackson Bires and seconded by Mark Manning. Motion approved.</p> <p data-bbox="403 418 1915 490">Next Meeting: In person with virtual option April 5, 2024, 0830-0930 <b>NOTE: In person will be held at Barron Justice Center EOC</b></p>
<b>5. Prepared by:</b>	Aimee Wollman Nesseth