

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: December 8, 2023 0930-1130	3. Incident Location: In person at Mosaic Technologies, Cameron, WI with Virtual Option
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5. Attendees in person and via Zoom: See attached list of organizations represented at the meeting.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Called to order by Darren Van Blaricom Chair at 0931
Welcome and introductions	Everyone in person introduced themselves. Welcomed several new people to this meeting who were on Zoom.
Additions to and Approval of the agenda	Only addition to the agenda is the bi-annual emPOWER and Social Vulnerability Index information for the region.
Minutes	Minutes from the August meeting was distributed prior to the meeting. There was no meeting in October due to the Fall Regional Workshop held on October 3, 2023, at Northwood Tech College. Motion by Jamie McCready and seconded by Robb Paulson to approve the August meeting minutes as written. Motion approved.
Fiscal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Period 4 Carryover Funding Request was approved by the Board this morning. The request will be for six unique projects for a total of nearly \$41,000. The request will be submitted for review and approval by OPEHC later today. • Scholarship Form for 2023-2024: Please remember scholarships are available up to \$500 for training and education related to Emergency Preparedness. The State changed the reimbursement guidelines on November 1, 2023, to the following: \$10/\$12/\$23 for breakfast/lunch/dinner and \$98/night per hotel room. (Some out of State travel and some counties in WI have different limits).
Regional Sharing and Updates	REAL Events since August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident occurred last week at Tamarack Health-Hayward. Individual was being “chased” by law enforcement. Parked in the hospital parking lot and ran into the building. Resolved with individual being taken into custody. Raised many issues for conversation and further discussion.

- Incident at manufacturing company in Cumberland that turned out to be a “false alarm”. Initial call can in at 1256 and the first ambulance was staged just minutes later. Incident was posted to Social Media immediately and several employees of the hospital were aware of the “potential incident” before the Emergency Department became aware. There was an extended period of “clarifying and verifying” and large law enforcement presence in part, due to a meeting of State Patrol officers and the time it took to clear the building.
- There was a school bus rollover incident in the Chippewa Falls school district. This involved elementary school children. Some children were taken to the hospital for evaluation directly from the scene, or the day following the incident. School district was able to manage reunification at the school without assistance from County, however, discussion regarding if county partners could have or should have been notified for situational awareness or other assistance.
- University of Wisconsin River Falls has experienced several losses this first semester. The Chippewa Valley Emergency Support Service, Inc. has been providing some staff support. Pierce County Public Health is considering a WEAVR request for additional Mental Health service support and for non-clinical case management for students.
- Eau Claire County Emergency Management hosted a large Emergency Operations Center exercise this past week. This exercise took nearly two years to plan. Exercise scenario was a long-term power outage due to an ice storm and started on Day 4 of the incident once critical infrastructure was impacted and additional resources were needed such as water and fuel. Tested the following lifelines: Health and Medical, Safety and Transportation, Food, Hydration and Sheltering, and Utilities. Very well attended and split into two “shifts” so there was a transfer of information to additional people. Learned that the County can communicate well internally, but have challenges sharing situation awareness outside of county agencies such as with the utility companies, HERC, etc. Need additional training on ICS forms. Need to update resource lists.
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire held an Active Shooter Exercise. Focused on communication, personal safety and HICS. Held in the auditorium and had representatives from all disciplines throughout the hospital. Scenario involved a disgruntled individual who came into the hospital off the street and proceeded to the cafeteria area. When confronted the individual injured 5 people with a concealed weapon. Well received. Moved to the ED garage following the exercise to work with clinical staff and mannequins to review.

- Western WI Health did an active shooter drill last year focusing on someone entering the building and being apprehended. Following the October Fall Regional Workshop, did a follow up exercise focusing on the Recovery period following an active shooter event. Good lessons learned.
- HealthPartners Valley hospitals held an Extended Utility Failure exercise due to power lines being cut. Lessons learned included the need to be aware of what elements of the infrastructure are on back up power and what aren't, especially following remodeling or additions. Know the burn rate, for example, how fast does it get too hot, cold or humid in various parts of the building. Consider what happens when you don't have back up to your back up power? What does your policy state, such as "don't start any new surgeries if you are on back up power". Learned that the concept of moving surgery patients to another hospital isn't as easy previous thought due to insurance and pre-authorization issues.
- HSHS System Cyber Incident. There is a request for After Action Report to learn from this experience. Phil Caughey said he will ask what he is able to share and provide follow up. Lessons learned included need to increase familiarity with downtime procedures, use of pen and paper, quality of paper charting, depth of skills without technology.

New Hospital Names in Region

- Be aware of two hospital name changes: Memorial Medical Center-Ashland is now Tamarack Health-Ashland. Hayward Area Memorial Hospital is now Tamarack Health-Hayward.

Fall Regional Workshop Feedback

- Overall perspective was positive. Thankful for the presentations, resources shared and opportunity to network with new people.

Lessons Learned from the National Healthcare Coalition Conference

- Darren Van Blaricom, Mark Manning, and Aimee attended. Darren found the FEMA Region 5 meeting with members from all levels of the Healthcare Coalitions within Region 5 to be the most helpful. Will share additional resources in the coming weeks.

Match Survey for Hospitals

- Please don't forget to complete the Hospital "Match" Survey when you hold an Emergency Preparedness Exercise or experience a real event. The survey link is here: [WI Hospital Preparedness Program Exercise and Real Event](#)

	<p>Report F-02007 (11/2023) (alchemer.com) and can also be found on the www.nwwiherc.org webpage under “Resources”.</p>
<p>Upcoming Training and Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 9-10 offering of MGT319 – POD/MCM in Milwaukee. Deadline to register December 21. In danger of cancellation. Registration Information: Wisconsin Emergency Management (trainingwisconsin.org) • Nursing Home Incident Command System (NHICS) trainings are available! If you are interested in being a host site, please let Aimee know. Course is 2 ½ hours long and includes a brief exercise. • Wisconsin Center for Nursing Excellence is now accepting scholarship applications for “Nurses Respond Now” priority training. Apply Now for the Nurses Respond Now Priority Training Tuition Scholarship https://nationalrn.com/nurses-respond-now-scholarship/ Six hour, on-line, self-paced course to be completed between January 2-31, 2024. Another cohort will start in February. • Virtual Operations Coordination Regional Exercise, January 31, 2024. 0900-1200. Collaboration between many jurisdictional partners. Please reach out to your Local or Tribal Public Health Department if you have not already been invited to this exercise. Exercise “play” will take place in your local jurisdiction. Target audience: Public Health, Human Services, Emergency Management. Will be focusing on Joint Communication, Mass Care and MARC. • PIO and the Media Training, April 16, 2024, (new date) all day. Location TBD. Registration coming after the beginning of the new year. • Polk County HAZMAT Exercise in conjunction with the EPA in Dresser. Planning team is just getting started.
<p>RTAC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) courses have been completed in Durand and Red Cliff.
<p>Agency Partner Updates</p>	<p>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sawyer County has joined the Consortia. Now covering 20 Counties and two tribes. <p>Wisconsin Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Regional Director for NW WEM region. James Williams comes from the Wausau area and has experience with WEM at the State level. • Wrapping up their grants as their fiscal year now coincides with the calendar year. <p>Medical Reserve Corps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sawyer County completed their Fentanyl Awareness Training and reached 2200 people. About half of that total came from presentations at Middle and High School students. They have applied for the Operational Readiness

	<p>Grant and are hoping to use this for a sheltering exercise next September. The National MRC Conference is being held in Chicago, unsure if they plan to attend as the Under One Roof Conference is at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Croix County has applied for the same Operational Readiness Grant. <p>WISCOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John presented information regarding hospital participation in WISCOM drills. Discussion regarding scheduled vs. unannounced drills. Discussion regarding need to share results so hospital Emergency Preparedness coordinators can help problem-solve internally. Recognized need for training. Please take time to complete this survey to assist with planning for training in the new year. https://forms.gle/GmmcnFxgqdBex7at9 Please contact John at jjkruk@gmail.com with any additional questions. Reminder that there are training videos on our website for WISCOM radio operation.
Old Business	<p>EMResource Bed Counts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to be sure your event notifications are up to date in EMResource. Recognize additional training would be beneficial as well. Please check out the EMResource webpage where many “cheat sheets” and resources exist. EMResource Wisconsin Department of Health Services
New Business	<p>emPOWER and Social Vulnerability Index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimee shared the most up to date information by County for emPOWER (attached). This information is likely an underestimate of the total number of residents per county who have electricity dependent medical devices. <p>New Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant Capabilities as we move into the new Cooperative Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Capabilities announced at National Healthcare Coalition Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foundation for Healthcare and Medical Readiness ▪ Health Care and Medical Response Coordination ▪ Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery ▪ Medical Surge Moving to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incident Management and Coordination ▪ Information Management ▪ Patient Movement and Distribution ▪ Workforce

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resources ▪ Operational Continuity ▪ Specialty Care ▪ Community Integration
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Lindberg shared that the “old” Cumberland hospital is vacant and could be available for the next 3-4 months for training for Active Shooter, Rescue Task Force, or Search and Rescue Training. Please reach out to him at blindberg@cumberlandhealthcare.com • Question regarding what is being done at the State level regarding the critical EMS shortages. Many different board and committees working on this, but no simple solution. HERC and RTAC help sponsor training to get high school students excited about EMS. • Avian Influenza has been identified in Barron County. The second case was identified this week.
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Jamie McCready and seconded by Laura Sauve. Motion approved. Adjourned at 1131.
Next Meeting:	Next Meeting: Friday, February 2, 2024, 0930-1130. TEMPORARY NEW LOCATION Barron Justice Center, <u>1420 State Highway 25 N, Barron, WI 54812</u> Emergency Operations Center (due to remodeling at Mosaic Technologies)
5. Prepared by : Aimee Wollman Nesseth	

Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130 December 8, 2023

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman Nesseth

John Kruk-WISCOM SME and Baldwin EMS

Guests: Lauri Maki III, Hospital Preparedness Program Manager, OPEHC, WI
DHS

Clinics:

- Lake Superior Health Center-Mary Steiner
- Prevea-Robin Stahlbusch

Emergency Management:

- Barron County-Nate Dunston
- Eau Claire County-Valerie Desio
- Pepin County-Maria Nelson
- Polk County-Lisa McMahon
- Pierce County-Christine McPherson
- Price County-Roxanne Kahan
- Sawyer County-Nicole Ripszinski
- Washburn County-Carol Buck

EMS/Air Medical

- Bayfield/Ashland EMS Council-Jan Victorson
- Birchwood Four Corners EMS
- Eau Claire Fire Rescue-Jon Schultz
- LifeLink III-Ty W.

Home Care/Hospice:

- Aurora Community Health-Candace Kapperman-Wolf
- Aveanna Home Health: Denise McNeely and Donna Shellenberger
- Heartland Hospice-Laurice Hillman
- Mayo Home Health and Hospice-Samantha McDonald
- Pro Medica Hospice (formerly Heartland Hospice)-Charlotte Hudgins

Hospitals:

- Advent Health-Amanda Brommer
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder
- Cumberland Healthcare-Bob Lindberg and Jamie McCready
- Essentia-Superior-Kimberly Hanson

- HealthPartners Valley Hospitals (Amery, Hudson and Westfields)- Darren Van Blaricom and Lisa Lang
- HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's-Phil Caughey
- Indianhead Medical Center-Bobbi-Topper
- Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire-Amanda Alcantar-Kistner
- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake-Ian Fisher and Sarah Barahona
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley-Travis Klukas
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Wayne Street
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Northland-Melissa Miller
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Oakridge-Christina Bartholomew
- Oak Leaf Surgical- Kate Schian
- Rehab Hospital of Western Wisconsin-Emma Flury
- River Falls Area Hospital- Clinton Maxson, Matt O'Sullivan, Ashley Greengard
- Spooner Health-Rebecca Wallin
- Western WI Health- Shonda Helgeson and Robb Paulson

Local and Tribal Public Health:

- Ashland County Public Health- Elizabeth Szot
- Barron County Public Health- Karla Potts-Shufelt, Nicole Nelson, Laura Sauve
- Bayfield County Public Health- Peter Morrisette
- Burnett County Public Health-Jessica DeMontigny
- Chippewa County Public Health- Jenny Lenbom
- Douglas County Public Health-Cindy Freeberg
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department-Joe Kalscheur
- Pepin County Public Health-Heidi Stewart and Mark Larsen
- Pierce County Public Health-Darby De Gross and AZ Snyder
- Polk County Public Health-Jason Bosak and Michelle Fontanille
- Red Cliff Tribal Health-Natasha Trush
- Rusk County-Lisa Wick
- Sawyer County Public Health- Julie McCallum and Joyce Knowlton
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke, Kelli Engen
- Washburn County Public Health-Cheri Nickell and Mary Slisz-Chucka
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium- Brittany Fry

- WI DHS Infection Preventionist-Nikki Mueller

Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living /Adult Family Homes

- American Lutheran Home-Menomonie-Randall Rennock
- Baldwin Care Center-Alex Kummer
- Chippewa Manor Nursing and Rehab-Jill Gengler
- Christian Community Homes-Hudson-Jennie Orman
- Ellsworth Health Services-Rhonda Blodgett
- Hayward Health Services-Jenny Abernathy
- Kinnic Health and Rehab-Kristin Herum
- Plum City Care Center-Carla Hutter
- Spring Valley- Kevin Larson
- Tamarack Health-Water's Edge-Jackson Bires and Mitch Gordon
- Water's Edge-Kerri O'Bel

HHS emPOWER map

<http://www.phe.gov/empowermap/Pages/default.aspx>

Over 3 million Medicare beneficiaries rely on electricity-dependent durable medical and assistive equipment (DME) and devices to live independently in their homes, and some of those individuals also have health care service dependencies. Severe weather and other emergencies, especially those with prolonged power outages, can be life-threatening for these individuals. The HHS emPOWER Map is updated monthly and displays the total number of at-risk electricity-dependent Medicare beneficiaries and other at-risk combination data layers for those who rely on DME and four essential health care service(s).

Map users can select different geographies, as needed, to identify at-risk populations and download selected data results to inform their emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation public health activities. Users can also access near real-time natural hazard data layers to anticipate and address the needs of at-risk community members in emergencies. For more instructions and information, review the detailed job aids in the top right corner.

How to request IDENTIFIED data:

1. A request must come from a Health Officer who can initiate this request by calling the WI DHS 24/7 number: 608-258-0099
2. The WI DHS Secretary's Office coordinates with the Health Officer's request with HHS.
3. It can take approximately 24 hours to get the data in hand, so when it is evident that there is a sustained power outage in your community, request this information early.

County	Electricity Dependent Residents 12/1/2022	Electricity Dependent Residents 6/14/2023	Electricity Dependent Residents 12/07/2023
Ashland	192	197	198
Barron	555	561	543
Bayfield	156	158	161
Burnett	281	302	306
Chippewa	657	672	693
Douglas	444	444	442
Dunn	388	418	436
Eau Claire	866	884	887
Pepin	53	58	57
Pierce	350	357	337
Polk	558	561	563
Rusk	182	180	188
St. Croix	532	499	524
Sawyer	227	236	238

Washburn	157	166	177
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Social Vulnerability Index

[CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\) | Place and Health | ATSDR](#)

Latest data 2020

SVI provides an estimate of the access and functional needs in a community across four domains derived from the Census and the American Community Survey: **Socioeconomic status**(below the poverty line; unemployed; low income; adults without a high school diploma),**Household Composition & Disability** (elderly; children; civilian with a Disability; single parent households), **Minority Status & Language** (minority households and speak English ‘less than well’), and **Housing & Transportation** (individuals in group homes; high density housing; mobile homes; high density households; and households without vehicles).

Overall Vulnerability

