

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: February 2, 2024 0930-1130	3. Incident Location: In person at Barron County Justice Center EOC, 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 0932
Welcome and introductions	Everyone in person introduced themselves. Welcomed several new people to this meeting who were on Zoom. James Williams is the new Northwest Regional WEM Director, Elle Klasen is the new interim health officer with St. Croix. Kay Mittelstadt-Lock and Curtis Hedman will be presenting during the last half of the meeting on the SNS and ChemPack program.
Additions to and Approval of the agenda	None
Minutes	Minutes from the December meeting was distributed prior to the meeting. Motion by Mark Manning and seconded by Jan Victorson to approve the December meeting minutes as written. Motion approved.
Fiscal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Period 5 to date – we are in great form with our budget. Revisions will be made in the spring and any new funding requests will be addressed at that time. • Budget Period 4 Carryover Funding Request Revisions were approved by the State. We are waiting on the revised purchase order and then we will be able to make purchases. Aimee expects to see the purchase order in the next week or two. • Scholarship Form for 2023-2024: We’ve only given out about half of the budgeted scholarships for this fiscal year. Please remember scholarships are available up to \$500 for training and education related to Emergency Preparedness.
Regional Sharing and Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No REAL events noted since December.
Upcoming Training and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional HVA Conversation: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 1000-1100. • PIO and the Media Training, April 16, 2024, (new date) all day. Location Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley. Registration here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGWRHTR • Medical Response & Surge Exercise: Wednesday, April 17, 2024. 0830-1130. Primarily a hospital exercise. • Cyber-Security Workshop: Likely June 11-12, 2024, location UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI. Audience is intended to be IT and Cyber professionals for Day 1. Day 2 will focus on Business Continuity. More to come. • Training and Education opportunities are posted on the www.nwwiherc.org website under “Calendar”.

<p>Agency Partner Updates</p>	<p>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC) – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Wisconsin Emergency Management: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Medical Reserve Corps: Nothing to report.</p> <p>WISCOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Training needs survey:</i> https://forms.gle/GmmcnFxxgdBex7at9 <p>WISCOM at state level is working on a contract that will be put out soon. Working off significantly less funding.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Pediatric Survey Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see attachment. <p>HSHS Hospital and Clinic Closures</p> <p>On January 22, 2024, HSHS announced they will be closing St. Joseph’s Hospital in Chippewa Falls on March 22nd or sooner, and Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire will be closing April 21st or sooner. This includes the closure of 17 Prevea Clinics. Aimee has had communication with the incident commander for the HSHS transition team. He reiterates that HSHS “will continue to provide care to the people of the Chippewa Valley as long as they have the staff to continue to provide safe and quality care”.</p> <p>These past two weeks Aimee has been collecting information regarding the impact on the hospital and clinic closures. (not an all-inclusive list).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient Behavioral Health beds – Sacred Heart (SHH) has the only regional adolescent beds (5). The unit stopped taking referrals and is already closed. • SHH is on divert for STEMI and stroke care, they are accepting inpatient transfers from other hospital emergency departments. • LE Phillips, the regional detox and substance abuse treatment center has stopped taking referrals and will close by end of the week. • One challenge is the misinformation and rumor mill. • There are many staff impacted by this, so we can expect staff to leave and begin new employment elsewhere. • Both Marshfield and OakLeaf Surgical Hospital have held job fairs and are hiring. Mayo is also looking at ways to fully staff an open beds at all sites. • SHH was a provider of lab services for many local hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and public health departments. tremendous lab care issues, continuity of care concerns. • Home Health and Hospice associated with St. Joseph’s is also closing. • SHH providers have provided medical direction for many area EMS agencies as well as pharmaceuticals and supplies. • The Western WI Rehab hospital is no longer accepting referrals and will be closing February 25, 2024. • A significant number of infusion therapy patients and dialysis patients are looking for new providers. • Discussion regarding triage and how to educate the public that taking an ambulance to the hospital does not guarantee being seen sooner than others. • Discussion regarding why this is happening in the first place. • Law Enforcement concerns regarding Chapter 51 holds, blood draws, etc. • Questions regarding how to implement telehealth and community paramedicine to help ease hospital census.

- Significant concern that patients won't take the time to find new providers and may delay care resulting in more acute or emergency visits to the Emergency Department (similar to what happened during COVID).
- As a HERC, and trying to stay in our lane of Emergency Preparedness, what are our concerns?
 - Sacred Heart has been our radiological hospital for our region. The State WEM REP team is currently working on identifying another hospital for our region.
 - Infectious Disease – many local PH departments have relied on SH for TB dispensary services for pediatrics and adults.
 - St. Joseph's Hospital is one of our regional ChemPack sites.
 - Overall emergency preparedness and medical surge – SHH typically has about 50 available beds daily, along with their surge capacity. We are losing a very significant amount of capacity. Medical Surge plans need to be revised. As regional hospital prepare to hold onto some patients longer than usual, their ability to surge will also be impacted.
 - Many concerns about EMS turn around times once SHH's and STD's EDs closes. If Mayo and Marshfield are at capacity, rigs may have to go further to find open beds.
 - Please keep data regarding increases you are seeing in turn around times in the ED, census numbers, increased volumes, etc.
- Oakleaf Medical Network announced that they have made an offer to HSHS to begin a conversation of a potential purchase to create a community hospital and clinics. No other information is known at this time.

Aimee has been sharing information to the WI DHS OPEHC office. At this time, this is a private business decision with a large public impact, but it is not an emergency that would prompt a response from emergency resources. Aimee has pulled together a work group including Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn County Emergency Managers, Public Health, EMS agencies, and hospitals to share information and best practices. They are currently meeting weekly.

SNS & ChemPack Updates

See PPT attached.

Kay Mittelstadt-Lock – WI DHS Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator
 Curtis Hedman, Research Scientist – Toxicologist with WI DHS

Overview on SNS and CHEMPACK program and operations

State is an oversight agency with HHS/ASPR (Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response).

Large supply of medication and supplies, and medical equipment

Designed to mitigate a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or exposure (CBRNE) incident and is highly focused on anthrax.

Federal Medical Stations (FMS)- essentially think of a hurricane and the assets that are brought in to treat critical care patients.

Requires medical personnel and space .

SNS Push Packages – what is located in warehouses and put on air carriers or trucks to designated impacted areas within a 12-hour window.

CHEMPACK Program

Est. in 2002 and is the only SNS asset that is forward deployment, meaning it is sustained in our state.

It enhances the state's capabilities to respond to nerve agent incident.

Federally owned, locally stored and managed.

Initial response with EMS/Fire, and secondary response is the "golden hour" with 1 hour or less response time.

EMS Containers – geared to first responders, 85% auto-injectors, 23 EMS containers in WI, 454 treatments

Hospital Containers – geared for clinical care environment

	WI CHEMPACK sites – 31 sites and 37 containers. 23 EMS, 14 Hospital
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Jamie McCready and seconded by Laura Sauve. Motion approved. Adjourned 11:27 AM
Next Meeting:	Next Meeting: Friday, April 5th, 2024, 0930-1130 **Location will be Barron County Justice Center, Emergency Operations Center, Barron, WI, due to construction at Mosaic Technology.
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HELP US LEARN ABOUT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN RURAL AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS TODAY!

Our study is funded by [Region V for Kids](#) to improve disaster response capabilities for children in the United States.



WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT?

You are being asked to take part in this study because you work at a rural or critical access hospital in the six state area (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) of Region V for Kids. This study will help us learn from rural and critical access hospitals about preparedness for the care for children during disasters or hazard situations and inform future interventions.

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

If you choose to be in the study, you will be asked to:

1. Complete a demographic survey
2. Participate in a 90-minute focus group
3. Complete a brief follow up survey.

We estimate that about 15-18 hospital representatives will take part in this study. You may skip any questions you do not want to answer. However since this is a focus group complete anonymity cannot be guaranteed. All survey and focus group data will be presented in aggregate.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

To get started, please complete the demographic survey by scanning the QR code and completing the survey. Our study team will reach out to you with an invite to participate in a focus group at a later time. After the focus group, you will be asked to complete a brief follow up survey.

Your participation will last through the brief follow up survey. You will be paid a **\$50 electronic gift card** for taking part in this study.

SCAN THE QR CODE



If you have any questions please reach out to our research coordinators at zeguzman@luriechildrens.org or abowie@luriechildrens.org

This study is titled, "Rural and Critical Access Hospitals Focus Groups, Children's IRB # IRB 2023-6340.

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Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130 February 2, 2024

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman Nesseth

NWWIRTAC-Robert Goodland

Rural WI Health Cooperative-Cheryl DeVault

WEM REP-Russ Bauer

WI DPH Regional Infection Prevention-Nikki Mueller

WI DHS OPEHC-Lauri Maki

WISCOM SME-John Kruk

Wisconsin Hospital Association-Jon Hoelter

Guests: Kay Mittelstadt-Lock, SNS and Medical Countermeasures Coordinator, WI DHS

Curtis Hedman, BEOH, WI DHS

Clinics:

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

Emergency Management:

- Barron County-Nate Dunston and Mike Judy
- Eau Claire County-Valerie Desio
- NW WEM-James Williams
- Pepin County-Maria Nelson
- Polk County-Lisa McMahon
- Pierce County-Brad Jorgenson and Christine McPherson
- Price County-Roxanne Kahan
- Rusk County-Tom Hall
- WC WEM-Lisa Olson-McDonald

EMS/Air Medical

- Bayfield/Ashland EMS Council-Jan Victorson
- Brule Fire Department-Keith Kessler
- Eau Claire Fire Rescue-Jon Schultz
- LifeLink III-Ty Wiegman
- Mayo Clinic Ambulance-Brian Murley and Kirk Gunderson
- Tilden Volunteer EMS-Kathy Shear

Home Care/Hospice:

- Aurora Community Health-Candace Kapperman-Wolf

- Aveanna Home Health: Denise McNeely
- Heartland Hospice-Laurice Hillman
- Interim Healthcare-Laurie Mayfield and Lea Ebensteiner
- Mayo Home Health and Hospice-Jessica Wayne

Hospitals:

- Advent Health-Amanda Brommer
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder
- Cumberland Healthcare-Bob Lindberg and Jamie McCready
- Essentia Health-Superior-Macy Ecklund
- HealthPartners Valley Hospitals (Amery, Hudson and Westfields)-Darren Van Blaricom
- Indianhead Medical Center-Bobbi-Topper
- Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire-Amanda Alcantar-Kistner and Marcus Walden
- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake- Sarah Barahona and Ien Novak
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley-Travis Klukas
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Joni Gilles and Bobby King
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Northland-Melissa Miller and Lacey Huset
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Oakridge-Tammy Knudtson and Christina Bartholomew
- Osceola Medical Center-Britt Sager
- Rehab Hospital of Western Wisconsin- Anne Sadowska
- River Falls Area Hospital-Ashley Greengard
- Spooner Health-Rebecca Wallin
- St. Croix Regional Medical Center-Carolyn Christensen
- Tamarack Health-Hayward-Mark Manning
- Western WI Health- Jolene, Robb Paulson and Shonda Helgeson

Local and Tribal Public Health:

- Ashland County Public Health- Elizabeth Szot
- Barron County Public Health- Karla Potts-Shufelt and Nicole Nelson
- Bayfield County Public Health- Sara Wartman
- Burnett County Public Health-Jessica DeMontigny
- Chippewa County Public Health- Jenny Lenbom, Allie Isaacson and Brittnay Fortuna

- Douglas County Public Health-Cindy Freeberg
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department-Joe Kalscheur and Marisa Stanley
- Pepin County Public Health-Heidi Stewart and Mark Larsen
- Pierce County Public Health-Darby De Gross
- Polk County Public Health-Jason Bosak
- Red Cliff Tribal Health-Natasha Trush
- Rusk County-Kaylee Bugbee and Talhia Lueck
- Sawyer County Public Health Joyce Knowlton
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke and Elle Klasen
- Washburn County Public Health-Elise Anderson and Dawn Brost
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium- Brittany Fry

Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living /Adult Family Homes

- American Lutheran Home-Menomonie-Randall Rennock
- Barron Care and Rehab-Len Fast
- Christian Community Homes-Hudson-Jennie Orman
- Christian Community Homes of Osceola- Heidi McGeehan
- Cornell Health Services- Eden Lewan
- Ellsworth Health Services-Nancy Shafer
- Meadowbrook at Bloomer-Kaiya Shrader
- Oakwood Health Services-Jon Richardson
- Spring Valley- Kevin Larson
- St. Croix County Health Center-Sandy Hackenmueller
- Water's Edge-Jackson Bires