

NORTHEAST WI Regional Trauma Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012  
Aurora Baycare – Green Bay, Wisconsin

Guest Speaker: Kevin Kwasny, President of Wausaukee Rescue Squad. Kevin was injured in a house explosion on November 18, 2011. He suffered multiple 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns. Kevin shared his experience regarding his BLS ambulance care, a visit to St. Vincent's local trauma center, multiple air-medical transports and final care at St. Mary's Burn Center – all in less than 4 hours.

General Membership Meeting

The Executive Council (7 present for a quorum) and general membership meeting of the NEW RTAC was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Steve Stroman.

Meeting Notes

- Mark Madigan made a motion to approve the meeting notes from October
- Sue Kanack seconded the motion
- The motion was approved

Old Business

- Elections were held at the last meeting. The executive council is secure and the full cycle of terms has started.
- Funding requests
  - Seven individual and 2 group requests for WEMSA funding were approved through email voting.
    - Dave Taylor will meet with the requestors and set expectations to share information at a future meeting.
    - There will be less funded than originally requested. The final dollar amount will be available after the money is distributed.
  - There were outstanding funds from an Oconto County request from last year due to a Northwood's EMS conference being cancelled.
    - Funds have now been realigned within the budget
  - Michelle Hoyer received a funding request for the flight conference and will be attending an upcoming meeting to give an educational presentation.
- Voting Information
  - The group discussed the by-laws regarding the voting process
    - There are five days of discussion allowed which includes weekend time to capture everyone's thoughts. Then the vote is open for 72 hours. Even if your opinion is stated within the first 5 business days of discussion you still need to vote during the actual voting period of 72 hours.

Reports

- STAC
  - The group is still figuring out funding and subsequent meeting schedules
  - Reviewing ACS recommendations
  - Considering the budget and the system set up

- There are good things to come
  - Some problems will be alleviated
    - There are big projects from the trauma systems to the first responders
  - Staffing is not full yet, there are still 2-3 positions to be filled
  - The next meeting is in February
    - Will review the ACS document
    - Funding is a priority
    - State Attorney to speak to the most current legislator document
  - RTAC is waiting for STAC direction/deliverables from the state
  - Marianne is working on hospital visits
    - Bay Area had their visit
      - Surgeon involvement is a focus area and seems to be across the board from the state
        - Level 1 call in, level 2 standby, level 3 and 4...less. There is not enough volume at level 3 and 4 to pay to be on call.
- WHEPP
  - Lost all of management – loss of tribal knowledge, hope to rectify soon
  - The new director starts at the end of January
  - Patient tracking project
    - Will meet to select training dates then schedule exercise
    - Exercise Icebowl
      - Conducted today
      - Water airplane crash with hypothermia
        - 51 passengers
          - 30 dead on shore
          - 21 left
            - Paper patients
            - 1 moved through the system real time
        - Y Track/radio communication used
        - Cold start
        - Real time response
        - Unified command
          - Land-Kewaunee, Water-Brown
        - Egos were left at the curb
        - Organized
        - Coast guard was impressed
        - Issue with HIPPA understanding during mass casualty incident
          - Have the ability to share name and basic information but all the system is not on the same page.
      - The exercise is once every 3 years and is sponsored by Homeland security, Federal money and probably the airlines
- Treasurer's Reports
  - \$49,911 budget for FY 2012
    - Obligated: \$24,710
    - Remaining: \$15,458.83
    - Deposits: \$14,078

- Expenses: \$12,070
  - Checking Balance: \$2,327.83
- Reminder that funds need to be spent within the fiscal year which is July 1-June 30
- There are no outstanding checks at this time

### New Business

- Funding Requests
  - Education and injury prevention focus per our contract
  - Done well in the years past to fund different objectives
  - Tom will verify if there are any guidelines around funding with respect to organizations that get money from other means or if there is restrictions on funding
  - Needs are different based on location
  - Ideas
    - Pediatrics
    - Rural areas
    - Supplies
    - Ideas may come from performance improvement plans
      - Falls are the number one mechanism of injury
    - Participation in the RTAC is the goal
      - How do we get the hospitals involved
    - Green Bay Fire – fall prevention
    - ADRC for Brown County is an identification and referral service working toward a total solution
    - Life Line
    - Bariatric
    - Right call 911 stickers
    - Large employer emergency management
    - Burn training
    - Host an EMS conference
    - Elderly
    - Airbags
- Informational
  - Hospitals are designated in one RTAC
  - EMS can pick which RTAC to be involved in
    - Only restriction is they can't be on the executive council of two RTACs
  - NEW RTAC Logo
    - Purchased and have ownership of it to use
    - If there is money left over at the end of the year the council can consider funding shirt for the executive members
  - WEMSA RTAC Booth
    - Six boards of information shared
- Next Meeting
  - The next meeting will be on April 18, 2012. The location will be announced at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm