

MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

At a Regular of the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority held in the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Chambers in the City of Monroe, on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Chairman David Brown, called meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

Present: David Brown, Sara Kandler, Keith Masserant, Robin Miller, James Neorr and R.J. Schall

Absent: James Bennett, Michael Demski and Douglas Steinman (All excused)

A quorum being present the board proceeded to conduct business.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Robin Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by James Neorr, supported by Sara Kandler to approve the September 22, 2021, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (07/28/2021 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Robin Miller, supported by R.J. Schall to approve the 07/28/2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. CENTRAL DISPATCH REPORT—Director Donna Kuti was not present at the meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS COMMENTS—None

IX. COMMUNICATIONS—None

X. OLD BUSINESS—

1. Articles of Incorporation update—Attorney Phil Goldsmith discussed Article 9 which talks about withdrawal from the Authority and how each member of the Authority would have to agree to it. Discussion continued about Articles 7, 11 & 12.

Motion by James Neorr, supported by R.J. Schall to remove Article 11 and Article 12 from the Articles of Incorporation.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion by James Neorr, supported by Robin Miller to strike the last sentence in Article 7.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Goldsmith and Chairman Brown will continue to work on the Articles of Incorporation and once all the changes have been made, they will be sent out to all the members for review. Mr. Goldsmith plans on being at the November 17, 2021 meeting.

2. Air Ambulance Policy—Discussion commenced about early activation so the Air Ambulance crews know they might get called to proceed to an accident scene thereby cutting down the time it takes to get to the scene. Sadie Duncan from Mercy Health LifeFlight (St. Vincent's) and Tim Taylor from MedStar/LifeFlight (Beaumont Hospital) participated in the discussion and answered some of the questions from the members. It was agreed that a Service/Call Tree should be created for Air Ambulance calls. Donna Kutti, Phil Goldsmith and David Brown have a meeting scheduled to work on the policy and complete it.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and vote regarding members whose terms expire on December 31, 2021: Robin Miller, Jim Neorr, Jim Bennett, Doug Steinman and R.J. Schall.

All of the members whose terms expire want to be reappointed.

Motion by James Neorr, supported by Sara Kandler to reappoint Robin Miller, Jim Neorr, Jim Bennett, Doug Steinman and R.J. Schall to the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority for another 2-year term.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders, will draft a letter for approval by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

2. MCA Update—Karl Rock gave the report
 - At the Monroe County Fair there were no major medical incidents

- Bike Team protocol was approved by Med Control—examples of uses for Bike Team are concerts and fireworks displays
- Healthcare & EMS staffing issues nationwide. Frequently the local hospitals are on EMS bypass (Hospitals are at capacity)
- Recruiting 2 EMTs this week
- Unit shortages due to sick calls
- 50 EMT students in the SE Michigan Region. Have received about 30 applications—most are interested in part-time, not full-time employment
- Revision of wage structure being implemented. Entry-level EMT is now closer to \$15.00 hour and everyone did get a little bit of a raise
- Adding BLS unit hours
- Critical Care transport program being launched in October
- Adopted new protocol--Guide on how to deploy a single paramedic (Echo units)
- BLS unit; try to cap employees at 36 hours or less for a 24 hour unit

Discussion commenced.

3. Bedford Township Fire Department Transport Report was given by Chief Adam Massingill.
 - Changing the reporting for Operations Committee
 - Calls increased in July and August
 - Experiencing EMS bypass delays
 - They have 2 full-time ALS units and a 3rd unit that is used either as an Echo unit or a 3rd ALS unit

Bedford Township Fire Department Transport Report		
Month/Year	July 2021	August 2021
Total EMS Responses	199	227
BTFD First on Scene	124	170
Total Transports	14	40
Mutual Aid Requests	1	6
Transport-Extended Responses	3	4

XII. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S AND MEMBER'S REPORT

1. July and August 2021, Operation Reports—R.J. Schall explained the July and August 2021 Operations Reports.

July 2021	
Priority 1-3 Calls	1298
Priority 1-3 Calls Patient Transports	993
Priority 1 Fractile %	91.92%
Average Response Time	7.58 minutes
Responses > 25 minutes w/o exception	0

August 2021	
Priority 1-3 Calls	1399
Priority 1-3 Calls Patient Transports	1011
Priority 1 Fractile %	89.59%
Average Response Time	8.48 minutes
Responses > 25 minutes w/o exception	0

Motion by Robin Miller, supported by Keith Masserant to accept and place both reports on file.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Medical Control Board Report—Chairman Brown read the report from Doug Steinman into the record.
 - Shock protocol and Echo Unit Treatment-Transport Coordination protocol approved
 - Naloxone machine in lobby of Sheriff's Office (Purchased through a grant)
 - Next meeting November 11, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XIV. OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Keith Masserant asked if there is any type of recognition of EMS responder who took care of a neighbor in Newport. Discussion commenced. It was suggested that Everyday Heroes through United Way might be an option to try.

XV. NEXT MEETING—November 17, 2021at 6:00 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by R.J. Schall, supported by Robin Miller to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried. With no further business, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.