



HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Board of Directors	2. Operational Period: November 5, 2021 1200-1300	3. Incident Location: Teleconference
5. Attendees: Aimee Wollman Nesseth (Coordinator), Rob Goodland (RTAC Coordinator), Brittany Fry (WWPHRC-Vice-Chair), Randy Books (NW WEM Regional Manager), Candi McConnell (Water’s Edge), Darren Van Blaricom (Health Partners Valley Hospitals: Amery, Hudson, Westfields), Sara Wartman (Bayfield County Public Health), Wayne Street (MCHS-Eau Claire, Trauma), Jon Schultz (Eau Claire Fire Rescue), Natasha Cardinal (St. Croix County Emergency Manager)		

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1203 by Brittany Fry.
Additions to the Agenda and Announcements	Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Budget Guidance Document and information about a “cease and desist letter” trend, made by Randy Books, seconded by Natasha Cardinal. Motion approved. Aimee announced an opportunity to support the Kaczmarek family at a benefit on November 9 th .
Review of Minutes	Aimee presented the September and October Board of Director Minutes for approval. Motion to approve the September minutes made by Darren Van Blaricom and seconded by Wayne Street. Motion approved. Motion to approve the October minutes made by Randy Books and seconded by Natasha Cardinal. Motion approved.
Financial Update	Approval of HERC Coordinator’s (Aimee’s) October Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Natasha Cardinal to approve the expense report with the addition of the Allegra printing cost of \$157. Second by Wayne Street. Motion approved. Budget Guidance Document released from OPEHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee provided general overview and some of the restrictions. We have not run into any significant issues with this. NWWIHERC has been careful. Any questions refer to document or Aimee. Aimee will forward the document to you all. BP 3 Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee just received the financial report prior to this meeting and has not had time to reconcile with our records. Will share at the next Board of Director meeting.
Advisory Group Updates	The October Advisory Group for the State Program was held. Aimee has shared the written reports. The State has hired a consultant, Wakesfield-Brunswick, to assist with strategic planning in what is being call the “Extreme Makeover-HERC addition”. This was requested due to lessons learned during COVID with hopes to make some changes prior to the next Request for Application for HERC Coordinators which will happen again as we begin Budget Period 4. (Aimee and other HERC Coordinators will have to reapply for their jobs next Spring). State was finalizing carryover numbers prior to making additional Advanced Burn Life Support seat purchase.
Old Business	Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Seats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initial purchase for our region of 23 Physician seats and 50 non-physician seats are being allocated. Only 16 Physician seats left and 1 non-physician seat in the original purchase. Waiting for second allocation (hopefully in the next two weeks)? Aimee is keeping a waiting list for those interested. If the need exceeds the available seats, we as a region can consider making additional seat purchases at the reduced rate. Wisconsin National Guard (WING) Testing Resources:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brittany/Ashley put together a flyer each week with community testing sites. Flyer can also be found on HERC and DHS website, and some can be found on County social media/COVID websites. • The WING Community COVID testing sites are approved through December 13, 2021. The HERC is supporting site managers in at the NWWIHERC Regional Testing site at Jacob’s Well in Lake Hallie, St. Croix County (Deer Park and Baldwin), Pierce County (Ellsworth) and Rusk County (Ladysmith). An extension of WING resources has been requested, but will be up to the Federal Government. <p>Next Steps for Regional Incident Management Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation for this conversation comes from the fact that this part of the State does not have an IMT and the DNR is looking at ways to narrow their IMT’s mission. The hope would be to create an all-hazards team that would be available as a regional resource. An initial meeting was held with interested members of the NWWIHERC and Ed Janke and Chris Hohol who have been very active in the IMT in the SE and Eastern parts of the State. They shared their “manual” and discussed initial steps to consider. Another meeting has been scheduled to discuss next steps with the small group in NWWIHERC. Discussion about the intention of an IMT team. It is not to come in and “takeover” any local incidents. Rather, it is intended as a resource of regional experts who can assist local government, public service agencies, hospitals and public health departments set up Incident Command AS REQUESTED. The hope is by building a regional IMT with regional experts, this will be more inviting and more utilized than requesting teams support from other parts of the State. <p>COVID Concerns: Pediatric Vaccines and Boosters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some hospitals have chosen to not provide the Pediatric vaccine, not because they are against the vaccine in any way, but because they have not handled Pfizer in the past and feel there is adequate access to the vaccine through neighboring clinics, pharmacies or public health agencies. • AMI, a vendor which provides vaccines and State funded, will be opening a clinic at the current NWWIHERC testing site at Jacob’s Well in Lake Hallie. They will be providing ALL vaccines, including pediatric, four days a week. There is discussion about the possibility of utilizing this team as a mobile resource on days they are not already committed at Jacob’s Well. More to come on this as well. • Some schools are allowing public health or other partners to come into the school to do mass vaccination. Others are very reluctant and are not allowing this. Very dependent on the local County. <p>CMS Vaccine Mandate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was released on November 4th for all healthcare providers as listed in the document. Discussion that in some ways this is a help to healthcare providers because there is now a “level playing field” instead of individual hospitals or systems creating their own deadlines, some of which went into effect prior to this ruling. While there is much discussion about this mandate, the concern that a large percentage of staff would leave due to the mandate has not been experienced in the hospital setting as much as it has been experienced in the Long-Term Care setting. <p>Cease and Desist Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Cordova (DHS) sent out an email out this morning regarding a letter that is going around with cease-and-desist orders that are being distributed to hospitals/healthcare providers. If anyone receives a letter of this kind, please reach out to Aimee or Joe.

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New Business	<p data-bbox="338 172 1100 199">Project Work Plan and Schedule for the rest of Budget Period 3</p> <ul data-bbox="386 207 2003 414" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="386 207 2003 414">• Aimee reviewed this outline that she put together listing the grant deliverables and timeline to complete the activities. There is a lot of work to do in a short amount of time. ASPR presented the “revamped” Coalition Surge Test which they are now calling the MRSE: Medical Response and Surge Exercise last week in a webinar. This will require a lot of work and assistance from HERC partners. Aimee will be recruiting help from key partners. ASPR has made it clear that they do not intend to waive this requirement this year because they have waived this type of exercise for the past two years. It is clear we need to focus on additional aspects of Emergency Preparedness and not just COVID. Aimee will share this document following the meeting. Please review.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<p data-bbox="338 423 1461 451">Motion to adjourn at 1301 by Randy Books, seconded by Natasha Cardinal. Motion approved.</p> <p data-bbox="338 459 942 487">Next meeting to be held the week of December 1.</p>
5. Prepared by:	Aimee Wollman Nesselth and Natasha Cardinal