

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: April 9, 2021 1100-1200	3. Incident Location: Teleconference via Go To Meeting
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5. Attendees via Go To Meeting: See attached list of organizations represented at the meeting.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Called to order by Natasha Cardinal at 1103
Welcome and introductions Approval of the Agenda	<p>This is National Public Health week! A BIG thank you to everyone who is working so hard during this public health emergency, especially our Public Health partners.</p> <p>Jan Victorson has retired from Bayfield County Emergency Management. She continues to attend these meetings as a representative of the Bayfield/Ashland EMS Committee. Congrats!! The new Bayfield County EM is Meagan Quaderer.</p> <p>Jeff Klatt from St. Croix Sheriff's Office has retired. Congrats!</p> <p>Mary Wienke is the new PHEP Coordinator at St. Croix Public Health</p>
Minutes	<p>Minutes from the February meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. We looked at budget, discussed COVID, discussed challenges and opportunities in terms of vaccine availability and weather-related delays. A couple real events were discussed. We were in process of completing HVA and discussed how we were going to move forward with AAR.</p> <p>Motion to approve minutes: Jan Victorson and Cheri Nickell. Motion approved.</p>
Fiscal Report	<p>Budget Period 2020-2021 Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to support the WING Site Manager at three of our regional locations. Board has approved ongoing support through the end of May, 2021. • Scholarships are still available. Please visit our website to find upcoming training under the "calendar" tab. • We are still awaiting the next grant year funding opportunity from ASPR to "drop". Should be anytime!!
Regional Updates	<p>COVID-19: Open Discussion Vaccine Hesitancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been questions around how the vaccine may or may not impact fertility. Public Health is working hard to get good, reliable, accurate information out to address these concerns.

Challenges/Opportunities?

- Seeing an increase in vaccinators “returning” or “not accepting” vaccines if they don’t think they can use them in the week. Several other vaccinators are trading types of vaccines, sharing, etc. This is encouraged as long as you are notifying the HUB and filling out the appropriate paperwork. Some in the region are still LOOKING for vaccines to help them eliminate their wait lists.
- Several people are wanting to wait for the J & J vaccine so they are “one and done”.
- Public Health Departments are taking a regional approach and discussing how to work with the FEMA site in Eau Claire and AMI sites in Superior and Rice Lake to do a coordinated approach with School Systems and how we can help get our 16- and 17-year-olds vaccinated with Pfizer, especially moving into the summer.
- Some concerns raised with healthcare workers who have tested positive again for the virus. Not sure if this is a break through infection. They are taking precautions.
- Good reminder to please continue with mitigation strategies and get tested with any symptoms!
- Several hospitals and facilities continue to track staff time spent on COVID with hopes of reimbursement and to know the dedicated time and resources spent during this effort.
- Seeing several cancellations and no-shows and struggling to find people for additional doses at end of clinic to avoid wastage.
- Reminder the regional HUB does not make allocation decisions. Several vaccines have been being pushed to booster doses, due to limited vaccines, and shorting on first doses. If you need assistance with vaccine, please reach out to Rick Merryfield, our regional HUB manager or Aimee.

Other REAL Events since December:

- Rich at Osceola shared that they have had two phone system failures from too many outside calls on vaccine appointments. Phones were out a total of 20 hours.

Any upcoming exercises, training, events?

- This week is **WI Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week** – drill is changing this year: since 2012 the statewide drill has included an Emergency Alert System (EAS) live code test, triggered by the National Weather Service (NWS) and relayed to NOAA Weather Radios and Wisconsin broadcast television and radio stations. At 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm anyone near a device set up to receive those alerts would see or hear a message advising them of the drill. Due to concerns about the technical limitations of the drill, a decision has been made by WEM, the NWS, the WI Broadcasters Association and EAS committee to permanently discontinue the EAS live code test portion of the drill. Other aspects of the drill, including associated public messaging safety campaigns encouraging people to practice their plans during the time slots will proceed as planned on April 15th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren – The four Valley Hospitals will be participating in a mass casualty table top exercise. Drilling 50 patients in 15 minutes. • Starting next week St. Croix County will be providing a WING COVID Testing drive-thru site in Hudson, WI at our remote Highway Building starting Thursday April 15th and will be every Thursday from 9am – 2pm through May 27th.
RTAC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fiscal Agent for the RTAC will no longer serve this role after June 30. RTAC is talking with NWWIHERC Board about contracting with the HERC for these services. All close out statements need to be sent to the Non-Profit Helping Hands by June 15, 2021. • There are three Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support courses coming up between now and June 30. They are all listed on the NWWIHERC website calendar. • The PRQ training for the new DHS 118 will be held 0930-1130 May 25. More information coming. This will be virtual training.
Medical Advisor Updates	<p>Unable to attend today. She is participating with the other Statewide HERC Medical Advisors every other week and will be meeting with Aimee and Rob next week to discuss ongoing projects.</p>
Old Business	<p>WISCOM Radio Rollout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently just beginning the implementation phase, starting with Region 7. Katherine is working on another fact sheet for WISCOM to explain the roll out of the new Type 1 radios. There was a brief meeting with the hospitals that currently have Type 2 radio systems to discuss options. More information to come, but if you have immediate questions, reach out to Katherine.johnson@wisconsin.gov or John Kruk at jjkruk@gmail.com <p>Skilled Nursing Facilities on EMResource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the surge this past fall/winter, one best practice identified was have bed capacity awareness for the Skilled Nursing Facilities in the State. All Skilled Nursing Facilities are now listed in EMResource. Katherine presented information on how to get signed up and what information is requested. About 30% of the State’s SNF’s have signed up. We need more to be successful. Hospitals are also encouraged to send names of discharge planners to Katherine so they can have awareness of SNF bed capacity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder from Katherine about the State funded API process of uploading data to HHS tele-tracking directly from a hospital's EMR. If you are interested in this or want more information, please reach out to her at the email listed above. This is for more than just COVID data. There is no cost to health systems at this time.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>AAR Regional Discussion for Pandemic Intervals Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee will be sending out link to join AAR conversation next week to those who submitted feedback for the Acceleration and Deceleration Intervals. Meeting is next Tuesday, 1000-1130. <p>Burn Surge Annex and Training Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of WI has hired a planner who put the final touches on the Burn Surge Plan and Burn Surge Annex for each region. We are in the process of localizing the plan annex. One of the most important aspects of this plan is that in the event of a burn mass casualty incident, some Level 3 or 4 Trauma designated Hospitals will likely need to hold a patient until transfers can be provided, which requires training and supplies. The State and NWWIHERC will be providing many of these opportunities. More information will be coming regarding training requirements and suggestions. Burn Annex to our Response Plan will be posted on website and exercised in the future. <p>COAD/VOAD Grant and Project Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NWWIHERC applied for and was awarded the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant to increase both the number and capacity of existing community/volunteer organizations active in disasters (VOAD/COADs). We will be hiring up to 3 VOAD/COAD project managers to manage the scope of work for \$1500/month for April through September at 20-30 hrs/month, upon which date the contract will be reviewed. Looking into next year that cost would be lower, but we are likely to receive additional grant funds. We are required to post position on our website. Possibly approach MRC up in Sawyer County and other interested individuals for the three positions. <p>Upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No planned in-person meetings until at least this fall, or possibly even later this year. We have been encouraged to follow WI DHS guidance on this. Meetings will continue to take place virtually until further notice.
<p>Upcoming Training</p>	<p>Virtual Training is the best option at this time.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Brittany Fry, seconded by Natasha Cardinal. Meeting adjourned at 1200. Please email Aimee if you called in today so you receive credit. Thank you!</p>

Next Meetings:	Next Meeting: June 4, 2021, 1100-1200
5. Prepared by : Natasha Cardinal and Aimee Wollman Nesseth	6. Approved by (Joint Incident Command):

Meeting Attendance via Go To Meeting: 1100-1200 April 9

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman Nesseth

NWWIRTAC-Robert Goodland

Guest: Katherine Johnson, OPEHC Systems Coordinator

Emergency Management:

- Douglas County Emergency Management-Adam Olson
- Dunn County Emergency Management- Steve Findlay
- Pierce County Emergency Management-Christine McPherson
- St. Croix County Emergency Management-Natasha Cardinal
- Washburn County Emergency Management-Carol Buck
- NW Region Wisconsin Emergency Management-Randy Books and Anita Smith
- WC Region Wisconsin Emergency Management-Lisa Olson-McDonald

EMS:

- Brule Fire-Keith Kessler
- Bayfield/Ashland EMS Committee: Jan Victorson

Home Care/Hospice:

- Mayo Clinic Health System Home Care and Hospice-Bobby King
- Recovery Health-Denise McNeely

Hospitals:

- Hayward Area Memorial Hospital-Mark Manning
- Health Partners Valley Hospitals-Darren Van Blaricom
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Bobby King and Wayne Street
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar-Tara Verdon
- OakLeaf Surgical Hospital-Luke Simington
- Osceola Medical Center-Rich Haider
- River Falls Area Hospital-Ashley Greengard
- Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Hospital-Chippewa Falls-Susan Peiffer
- Spooner Health-Missy Eckburg-Hess
- St. Croix Regional Medical Center-Matt Maxwell
- Western WI Health- Robb Paulson

Public Health:

- Ashland County Public Health-Rebecca Nielsen
- Sawyer County Public Health-Julia Lyons

- Washburn County Public Health-Cheri Nickell
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium-Brittany Fry

Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living/Adult Family Homes

- Christian Community Homes of Hudson-Jennie Orman
- Heatherwood Assisted Living-Eau Claire-Michael Phillips
- Maple Ridge Care Center-Will Wolf
- Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation -Kevin Larson
- Water's Edge-Candi McConnell