

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: December 2, 2022 0930-1130	3. Incident Location: Virtual ONLY
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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 Bob Lindberg, Chair at 0931
Welcome and introductions	Introductions of those who are new to the meeting were made.
Additions to and Approval of the agenda	Additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Violence CMS Memo • MNA Strike Notice for December 11-30 • emPOWER and Social Vulnerability Index information Motion to approve agenda with these additions made by Brittany Fry and seconded by Jamie McCready. Motion approved.
Minutes	Minutes from the October meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Motion to approve minutes as written by Darren Van Blaricom and seconded by Rich Haider. Motion approved.
EMResource Updates	Transition from Teletracking to NHSN reporting by December 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimee will share a memo with more information. FAQs on Transition of COVID-19 Hospital Reporting NHSN CDC • The action needed is if you need to add individuals to NHSN in order to make corrections and additions to the HHS COVID data (for example, if you missed a day) Please do this sooner than later so you will be ready. All Staffed Hospital Beds Data Element- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS ASPR requesting a weekly update on Wisconsin’s inpatient pediatric and PICU bed utilization, along with emergency department capabilities to monitor pediatric surge due to increased respiratory illnesses. DHS utilizes EMResource to collect this data and to maintain situational awareness. Please continue to report the numbers of immediate beds available. Please reach out to Aimee with any questions and she will help problem-solve. We want to be sure we are reporting accurate data. • Long Term Care: If you need to be added, please email Aimee with name and email of primary contact to be set up as a user.
Fiscal Report	Budget Period 4 Budget update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The \$150,000 base budget has been approved. Special Project Status- (formerly known as Carryover Funding)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care is still creating a process to apply for and receive this funding. A wish list has been submitted to the State to give them an idea of what projects we may consider depending on the timing and amount of funding available to us. <p>Scholarship Form for 2022-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please find the form on our website: www.nwwiherc.org under “Resources”. Please apply soon and PRIOR to your conference or training to make sure money is still available for you. You can apply for up to \$500. Must be emergency preparedness related training. We are subject to state rates. Registration, meals and mileage are all eligible.
<p>High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) Updates</p>	<p>RSV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Flow Nasal Cannula. Please be aware, not every ambulance can do this. If this gets worse, critical access hospitals need to be ready to hold patients if critical transport is busy. State Vent Stockpile: The State purchased over 1,000 ventilators during Covid and many are still in the State warehouse. The warehouse staff is looking into making these vents pediatric capable and available. Ancillary supplies need to be purchased, but can be done so for minimal cost. The state is working on a process. https://Healthcareready.org/pediatric-surge/ - helpful resource Jamie w/Cumberland – several children with RSV, none critical, adolescents and some adults as well. Seeing an uptick in Influenza Type A. Jamie with Allina states in the Metro they are seeing large amounts of pediatric RSV, along with Influenza A. Pediatric wait times to be seen in Emergency Departments is increasing. COVID appears to be declining right now. b Kimberly with Essentia in Duluth. They have activated a pediatric group that meets about 3x/week. They are full, but not unbearable at this time. <p>Ebola:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a current outbreak in Uganda. Individuals traveling to the United States from outbreak areas are being flown into one of five designated airports where they are screened. Local jurisdictions are then notified of the individual for 21 days of monitoring. We do have some monitored individuals in our region at this time. <p>Assessment and Treatment Hospitals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are organizations which are capable of isolating patients, have proper PPE, knowledge of the tests that need to be run/drawn, and work closely with the state and CDC. Assessment hospitals could be expected to hold patient up to 72 hours and pending test results. Our current Assessment hospital for our region is HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire. If treatment was necessary, they would be transferred to a Treatment Facility. Our region Treatment Facility (FEMA Region 5) is the University of MN Medical Center. Partners & Regional Contacts NETEC PPE Recommendations Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Public Health Planners Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease) CDC <p>EMS Transport agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our regional pre-designated transport agency is Mayo Ambulance. Eau Claire Fire Department is looking at additional training. <p>COVID:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A DHS health alert came out yesterday (Health Alert Network Wisconsin Department of Health Services HAN #52 on 12/1/22) All HANS can be found at WI Department of Health Services https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/han.htm. Patients who have tested positive and at risk for severe disease may be referred to the new DHS Telehealth Service to be evaluated for treatment. Patients can access service via online portal or by calling the number 1-833-273-6330

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapeutics- Bebtelovimab is no longer authorized for use in the US for COVID.
Regional Sharing and Updates	<p>Other REAL Events since October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of “swatting” incident at the end of October in Ashland. Both the middle school and high school were impacted during this event which ended up being part of a national and stateside event that day. Phone calls were made to several dispatch centers stating there was an “active shooter” at a particular school. Schools and law enforcement took appropriate action only to discover it was a “false” report. Traumatic for all involved. Lessons learned for all including need for better communication between community partners and the need for additional trauma resources for people who were affected.
Upcoming Training and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Line on-line Decon awareness level seats available for hospitals. Online and self-paced. • ABLS on-line seats still available for non-physician and providers – any EMT/EMS. This is online and self-paced. You have a year to complete once you’ve launched the course. • Thank you to those who completed the Training Needs Survey. This will help inform our regional Integrated Preparedness Plan moving into 2023.
RTAC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New National Guidelines for Field Triage put out by the College of Surgeons. They can be found here: Field Triage Guidelines ACS (facs.org) • Next RTAC meeting will be January 24 , 2023, 1-3 p.m.at Mosaic Technologies, Cameron, WI with a virtual option. • Jess Link-Reeves has resigned from her position at the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care. She is the Preparedness Administrative and Logistics Unit Supervisor and oversees the Trauma Section. • PHTLS: Rob has reached out to Chris Wright who is working on scheduling classes. • If you aren’t on Rob’s RTAC email distribution list, please reach out to him at rtac@nwwiherc.org • He received one report of an outdated car seat that was distributed in our recent purchase. Please check and let him know if you are finding this as well.
Agency and Partner Updates	<p>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties and tribes are still doing some response with communicable disease. • DHS put out a Press Release regarding the name change of Monkey Pox to MPox. • Family Assistance Center Training and Exercise is coming up with the NWWIHERC/NWWHERC/ WEM on January 25, 2023. • Continue work on preparedness campaign that was started a month ago and provide general emergency preparedness information and County alerting processes information. <p>Wisconsin Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Emergency Managers are wrapping up their end-of-year planning grants and beginning to prepared for the new Integrative Preparedness Planning (IPP) process. • Due to match requirements with this year’s grant, the HERC will no longer be able to work with the Volunteer Generation Fund VOAD/COAD Development grant. This will impact work done by the Special Project Managers in the NW WEM Counties/Tribes. <p>Medical Reserve Corps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eau Claire County and St. Croix County MRCs were awarded grants. Sawyer County did not apply for this grant funding. Expecting to receive grant contracts soon and will be moving forward with new projects/purchases for their units. <p>WISCOM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State sent out notice that the old WISCOM radios in hospitals are being opened up for distribution to assist healthcare agencies (can be EMS or partners that work with hospitals). You can request up to 10 through an application process. Complete the survey here: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7107392/Recycled-WISCOM-Radio-Survey. The survey will close on 1/15/23 at 11:59 pm. Any further questions can be directed here: DHS OPEHC Radio inbox. • Drills will start up again next week, likely next Wednesday morning.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Kessler noted the Office of Rural Health EMS Sustainability survey that closed on December 2, 2022 did not include EMR level providers. This is problematic since many of our services are first responder level only. He has expressed his frustration and Aimee will also reach out to the Office of Rural Health to emphasize the importance of capturing information from the EMR level.
New Business	<p>Erica Kane-EMS for Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erica provided a presentation on Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin. • She provided information on several links in their online newsletter for the pediatric surge we are all experiencing. (see attached in email) <p>QSO-23-04 Hospitals/LTC & Workplace Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note this memo. https://www.cms.gov/files/documents/qso-23-04-hospitals.pdf • Joint Commission already has certain requirements for Workplace Violence Training and some states also have legislation. <p>MNA strike notice for December 11-30, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Jamie Fitzgerald McNelis and Kimberly Johnson provided information. The Metro Hospitals and the Duluth area hospitals have all begun contingency planning and plan to hold community partner meetings. If you would like to be included in the meetings held by Twin Ports, please email Aimee and she will forward to Kimberly Johnson. There are ongoing negotiations scheduled, so it is hoped the strike can be averted. <p>emPOWER and Social Vulnerability Assessment Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The more detailed information regarding what type of equipment is being utilized has been requested. Currently, July 2022 is latest info. Available at www.nwwiherc.org under Resources. <p>Preview of Work Plan Calendar Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have several items coming up the second half of the year including a Communication drill, Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (Regional), Medical Resource Surge Exercise (MRSE) Exercise, and a Radiological Surge Annex Facilitated Discussion/TTX.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1130.
Next Meetings:	Next Meeting: February 3 , 0930-1130, in person with a virtual option. Additional meeting dates: April 14, 2023, and June 2, 2023.
5. Prepared by : Aimee Wollman Nesseth	6. Approved by (Joint Incident Command):

Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130 December 2, 2022

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman Nesseth

NWWIRTAC: Robert Goodland

WISCOM SME: John Kruk

Guest: Erica Kane-EMS for Children

Rural WI Healthcare Cooperative: Cheryl DeVault

Community Health Centers:

- Lake Superior Community Health Centers: Mary Steiner

Emergency Management:

- Barron County: Nate Dunston
- Eau Claire County: Tyler Esh
- NW WEM: Randy Books
- Pepin County: Maria Nelson
- Pierce County: Christine McPherson
- Polk County: Lisa McMahan
- St. Croix County: Natasha Cardinal

EMS/Air Medical

- Bloomer Ambulance-Jay Young
- Brule Fire and Vacationland EMS Association-Keith Kessler
- Clear Lake Ambulance: Misty Wood
- Eagle Point Fire: Tonya Greger
- Eau Claire Fire Rescue-Jon Schultz
- Iron River Ambulance and Bayfield/Ashland EMS Council-Jan Victorson
- Life Link III- Brooke Turner and Ty Wiegman
- Maple Fire Department: Mike Lundeen
- Marengo Ambulance: Kurt Blakeman
- North Memorial-Peter Tanghe and Tim McConnell
- Tilden Volunteer Fire Department-Kathy Shear

Home Care/Hospice:

- Aveanna Home Health: Angela Kjelberg

- Heartland Hospice-Laurice Hillman
- Mayo Clinic Home Health and Hospice- Samantha McDonald and Jessica Wayne
- Regional Hospice: Pam Frost
- Spooner Home Care: Kathy Dettle

Hospitals:

- Advent Health-Amanda and Angela Jacobson
- Amery Hospital-Alisa Lang
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder
- Cumberland Healthcare: Jamie McCready and Bob Lindberg
- Essentia Health-Superior: Kimberly Johnson
- Hayward Area Memorial Hospital-Mark Manning and Angela Johnson
- Health Partners Valley Hospitals: Amery, Hudson, Westfields: Darren Van Blaricom
- Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire-Shawn McCarthy
- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake-Ian Fisher and Sarah Barahona
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith-Ian Fisher
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Bobby King and Wayne Street
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Northland-Melissa Miller
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Oakridge- Darrell Courtney
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar-Tara Verdon
- Memorial Medical Center-Doug Jennings
- River Falls Area Hospital- Jamie Fitzgerald-McNelis, and Mike Nicholson
- Oak Leaf Surgical Hospital: Brian Hedrington and Kate Schian
- Osceola Medical Center-Rich Haider
- Spooner Health-Penny and Rebecca Wallin
- St. Croix Health-Matt Maxwell
- Western WI Health- Shonda Helgeson and Robb Paulson

Local and Tribal Public Health:

- Ashland County Public Health- Elizabeth Szot
- Barron County Public Health-Laura Sauve, Karla Potts-Shufelt, and Nicole Nelson
- Bayfield County Public Health-Sara Wartman and Michelle Crowell

- Burnett County Public Health-Anna Treague and Jessica DeMontigny
- Chippewa County Public Health-Allie Isaacson and Jenny Lenbom
- Douglas County Public Health-Cindy Freeberg
- Eau Claire County Public Health-Joe Kalscheur and Jackie Krumenauer
- Pepin County Public Health-Meghan Sickel
- Pierce County Public Health-Madigan Peterson
- Red Cliff Tribal Health-Natasha Thrush
- Sawyer County Public Health- Julie McCallum
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke and Kelli Engen
- Washburn County Public Health-Cheri Nickell
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium-Brittany Fry and Tori Lammar

Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living /Adult Family Homes

- American Lutheran Home-Menomonie-Randy Rennock
- Baldwin Care Center-Alex Kummer
- Chippewa Manor-Jill Gengler
- Spring Valley- Kevin Larson
- Villa Marina: Jerry
- Water's Edge-Candi McConnell