

AGENDA

EMS Working Group

Videoconference OR

**Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room C2063
Jefferson, WI 53549**

May 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

EMS Working Group

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Kim Cheney, Drake Daily (City of Lake Mills), County Board Supervisor Bruce Degner (Town of Ixonia), Kyle Ellefson (Village of Johnson Creek), John Kannard (Town of Sullivan), Travis Maze (Sheriff's Office), County Board Supervisor, Dwayne Morris (City of Watertown), Laura Payne (Town of Oakland), Bruce Peterson, MABAS Member (City of Fort Atkinson), Jenifer Quimby (City of Waterloo), Tanya Reynen (City of Watertown), Ron Wegner, MABAS Member (City of Jefferson), Dr. Chris Wistrom, Medical Director.

Others Present: Steve Nass; Amy Rinard, Michael Luckey, Heather Rupnow, Matt Zangl, Megan McBride

3. Certification of compliance with open meetings law

Luckey certified that we are in compliance.

4. Review of Agenda

5. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the committee on specific agenda items must register at this time)

Amy Rinard, Town of Ixonia, spoke on item 9.

6. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Morris/Ellefson to elect Bruce Degner Morris/Ellefson. Motion passed 12-0

Motion by Peterson to nominate Wegner. Wegner declined.

Motion by Payne/Kannard to nominate Morris.

Motion by Reynen /Wegner to nominate Peterson.

Morris declined.

Peterson was elected vice chair. Motion passed 12-0.

7. Introduction of UniverCity Alliance

Megan McBride introduced herself and provided some background on their program. No action taken.

8. Discussion and possible action on division of responsibilities between UniverCity Alliance and Jefferson County

Luckey gave a brief description of the responsibility of the county and UniverCity Alliance. He thanked the City of Waterloo for the work on the grant that was received. Megan talked about the role of UniverCity Alliance. No action taken.

9. Discussion and possible action on scope of work and goals

Luckey shared reports, possible models and background information. Wegner said he had been working with Ben Wehmeier on this. Their focus was to consider the “library model” for funding and other financial and contract issues.

The group talked about issues that the EMS Working Group could look at as part of the scope of work and goals. They included consistent map lines, collaboration, differences in cost of service levels, upgrades to vehicle software to notify other departments closer to the scene, not just by territories, businesses and skilled care facilities paying their share, Jefferson County dispatch testing app to share information, concerns with risk of smaller municipalities being diverted to other calls and not being available at their home station, municipalities are paying different amounts, people should receive the same service no matter where they live, consistent protocols.

Dr. Wistrom manages several of the units and they have consistent protocols. Wistrom talked about the EMD program that provides physician level service at the scene. Currently, there are three EMD vehicles in the region that respond to scenes and provide 24/7 medical direction via phone calls.

Motion by Payne/Kannard to focus the initial scope of work on financials and territories. Motion passed 12-0.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding next steps, timeline, and other miscellaneous matters.

Nass addressed the group and encouraged everyone to take a bigger view than just the financials. Reynen asked if we could build our dream system and end goals and see what we can do to accomplish them. Wistrom suggested figuring out what we currently have and then look at our dream system and end goals. UniverCity will send out a survey to collect data. No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule, location, and agenda items

The meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Morris/Ellefson to adjourn. 11:01 a.m. Motion passed 12-0.