

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: December 6, 2024 0930-1130	3. Incident Location: In person at Barron County Justice Center EOC, WI with Virtual Option
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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 Darren Van Blaricom, Vice-Chair at 0931
Welcome and introductions	Everyone in person introduced themselves. Welcomed several new people to this meeting who were on Zoom including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joe Belany with Life Link III -Angel Maloney with Essentia Health-Twin Ports (Duluth and Superior) -James Briseno with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council -Chuck Schlichting with Emergency Department at Mayo-Eau Claire
Additions to the agenda	Aimee would like to add to the agenda – ASPR’s Public Health Cyber-Security voluntary survey that is due December 20th . If you are in public Health please help and fill the survey out: https://aspr.hhs.gov/cyber/Pages/default.aspx
Minutes	Minutes from the October meeting was distributed prior to the meeting. The After-Action Report from the Chippewa County Apple Orchard incident is now available if anyone would like that from Aimee. Motion by Jamie McCready and seconded by Tom Hall to approve the October meeting minutes as written. Motion approved.
Fiscal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Period 1, 2024-2025, was approved very late this year due to the delay in the contracting process from ASPR to recipients. Expenses incurred from July – October, checks/reimbursements are going out this week. • Scholarship Form for 2024-25: Please note we cannot pay for initial license or certifications. OPEHC is now requiring events to be pre-approved. If you do not see your event listed, please inform Aimee. • Scholarships are being restricted to \$500 per person a year, regardless of how many agencies that individual may work for.
Regional Sharing and Updates	REAL Events or Exercises since October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren with HealthPartners: HealthPartners did a very large exercise with all 8 of their hospitals which involved the evacuation of the hospital in Stillwater (60 patients). This exercise took over a year to plan and included several other organizations and coalitions. Used EPIC SUP which allows you to “play” in the electronic health

	<p>record with current census without altering any REAL information. Also exercised their internal EOC, HP Direct, EMS coordination and the MRCC. Many lessons learned and AAR completed. Any requests to view can be sent to Darren.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumberland Healthcare did a two-part exercise including a pre-hospital exercise with community partners involving a school bus vs. car crash and then an internal MCI event at the hospital a few weeks later. Used the HERC mannikins which are available to any agency that wants to borrow them. • Bayfield County held a cybersecurity training/event • There is a current Norovirus outbreak at UW Eau Claire • The Northern MN chapter of the American Red Cross led a hand’s on shelter training in Douglas County for HHS staff. Walked through various states of shelter operations. (registration, cot set-up, food, etc.) The Red Cross is very much still in the sheltering business, however, with the decline in active volunteers, it may take 24-48 hours for them to arrive on scene. Local jurisdictions need to have plans in place to set up the shelter prior to Red Cross arrival. • Price County did an evacuation drill due related to a dam failure. Recognized the need to update shelter agreements with schools. Also had a difficult call within Price County. Reminder to PLEASE provide Critical Incident Stress Management or like services to your emergency responders. • St. Croix Health has had a ton of leadership turnover in the past couple of years. Held a TTX focused on severe winter weather. Had a great turnout and identified many gaps that they can focus on improving programming and opportunities. Jamie did a great job with buy-in to get leadership participating in the training. • Tamarack Health experienced an EPIC outage that impacted their radiology reports and ability to communicate with Essentia. Their plan B failed. Were able to find another way to problem-solve. • Ashland County recently held a decon TTX. • Western WI Health held a training on Cyber-Security. Those who have hired employees from HSHS can learn much from their experience. <p>Hospitals, reminder, OPEHC is not collecting MATCH information this year.</p>
<p>Upcoming Training and Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Ready Chippewa Valley, December 11, 0800-1230, Chippewa Valley Airport – doing a workplace violence exercise. • Regional Exercise January 29, 2025, 0900-1200. “The Flood that Launched 1000 Stomach Upsets”. This is a wastewater/public health led exercise. • Birkie is coming up February 19-22, 2025. Planning has started for this annual event.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decon Training for First Receivers HERC is paying for three courses this year. Right now they are tentatively scheduled to go to Spooner Health, Cumberland, and Burnett Medical Center. Aimee will share more information once dates are set. These will be open to others in the region as well. • Training and Education opportunities are posted on the www.nwwiherc.org website under “Calendar”. • WEM Course Offerings: https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/schedule.aspx • For individuals who have had a difficult time finding local classes or the time to attend them, Washington DC’s Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency’s (HSEMA) Academy and its virtual courses may be a viable option. HSEMA has made all the ICS courses (including ICS-300, -400 and G-191) available as online virtual courses, along with many of the FEMA Advanced Professional Series (APS) “G”-series classes. https://www.hsemaacademy.com
<p>RTAC Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support): Ladysmith, January 18, Birchwood, January 19. • RTTDC (Rural Trauma Team Development Course) are being scheduled. • STAC (State Trauma Advisory Council) was held yesterday. Rob presented on Region 1’s Performance Improvement projects. • On-Line Trauma Education funded by the RTAC is available, very limited seats. There is a survey monkey out to trauma managers to apply for one of these seats. Aimee will resend the link. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2024. All training must be done by June 30, 2025. • Next Meeting will be held January 28th at the Barron County EOC with a virtual option.
<p>Agency Partner Updates</p>	<p>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just completed their HVA. High ranking risks include cyber security and flooding. • Aimee (HERC) and Brittany (WWPHRC) applied for a National Challenge grant that required the development of an Extreme Heat TTX. Considering using this for the 2026 January 27 Regional Exercise. Will find out if we receive a grant in mid-January. • The regional exercise coming up January 29, 0900-1200, not only includes public health measures, but continuity of operations decisions. There will be something for everyone!! • The consortium completes a newsletter each month – if you would like to receive Brittany will include her email in chat and notes and you can request from her. Brittany.Fry@eauclairecounty.gov <p>Wisconsin Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing out EMPC/EPCRA grants and working on the Integrated Preparedness Plan for the next three years. All training requests are due next week. • GETS Cards are all now digital. Information was shared in the annual re-validation emails. <p>Medical Reserve Corps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deadline for funding is next week.

	<p>WISCOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no current updates with WISCOM – programming issues have been completed. • Training needs survey: https://forms.gle/GmmcnFvgqdBex7at9
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>RISC 2.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ran into some issues with the email invitation from RISC to users in the hospitals due to firewall issues. However, you can still go into the tool and register and your email will link you to the appropriate facility. Reminder this is voluntary this year. If you have time, hospitals, please consider testing out this tool before the end of January. This can be used as your facility HVA this year.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>HERC Sustainability and Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each HERC is asking the question of ‘what is the return on investment’ as a member of the HERC? What would you miss as a member if the HERC were not available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training opportunities ○ Communication, collaboration, and situational awareness ○ Support (people/resources) in an emergency response situation ○ Exercise collaboration and exercise planning/expertise ○ Information sharing from State ○ Resource sharing ○ Equipment (STB kits, Tourniquets) ○ Ability to network ○ “Safety net” when we are mostly small rural counties and organizations <p>MRSE Exercise: Aimee is looking for design team members. This exercise needs to include: EICS, EMResource, EMTrack. Will likely take place in May or June. Fire LLC will be assisting with coordination and facilitation.</p> <p>Hazard Vulnerability Assessment: Aimee will be setting a date for the annual HVA review. The deadline for this deliverable is January 31, 2025. So, expect to have about two weeks to review the current HVA and a one-hour virtual meeting toward the end of January. (Tentative date, January 21, 2-3 p.m.)</p>
<p>Guest Speakers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHEPP Emergency Manager Certification: Darren VanBlaricom provided a presentation on AHEPP’s Emergency Management Certification for Healthcare EM and discussed this professional organization. There are several different domains of professional competencies through leadership, diversity, preparedness, response, and recovery. This program really gets into healthcare emergency management. There are different levels of certification (basic/professional/mastery) and includes prerequisites. (See attached slides)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Rubicon Deployment: Val Desio provided a presentation on Team Rubicon and how they are a veteran-led humanitarian organization that helps serve communities before, during and after disasters. She was recently deployed to Florida following Hurricane Helene. (See attached slides)
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn Mark Manning and Marcus Walden. Motion approved. Adjourned at 11:22 a.m.
Next Meeting:	Next Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2025, 0930-1130 **Location TBD
5. Prepared by : Natasha Brunell and Aimee Wollman	

Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130 December 6, 2024

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman

NWWIRTAC-Robert Goodland

WEM REP-Russ Bauer

WI DHS Infection Preventionist-Nikki Mueller

Guest: James Briseno- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council

Clinics:

- Mary Steiner

Emergency Management:

- Barron County-Nate Dunston
- Burnett-Aaron Bentley
- Eau Claire County-Val Desio
- Polk County-Lisa McMahon
- Pierce County-Brad Jorgenson and Christine McPherson
- Price County-Roxanne Kahan
- Rusk County-Tom Hall
- St. Croix County-Natasha Brunell
- Washburn County-Carol Buck

EMS/Air Medical

- Brule Fire/Vacationland Fire and Rescue-Keith Kessler
- Life Link III-Joe Belany
- Mayo Clinic Ambulance-Brian Murley
- Tilden Volunteer Fire-Kathy Shear

Home Care/Hospice:

- Heartland Hospice-Laurice Hillman
- Mayo Home Health and Hospice-Samantha McDonald and Jessica Wayne

Hospitals

- Advent Health-Amanda Brommer
- Amery Hospital-Alisa Lang, Kari Clark, and Darren Van Blaricom
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder

- Cumberland Healthcare-Jamie McCready
- Essentia-Superior-Scott Whitaker and Angel Maloney
- Hudson Hospital-Krista Miller and Darren Van Blaricom
- Indianhead Medical Center-Stacy Kuffel
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ian Fisher
- Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire-Marcus Walden
- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake and Ladysmith-Ien Novak and Sara Barahona
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley-Travis Klukas
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Bobby King, Wayne Street, and Chuck Schlichting
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Northland-Melissa Miller
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Oakridge-Christina Bartholomew
- River Falls Area Hospital-Ashley Greengard
- Spooner Health-Jenna Green
- St. Croix Health-Jamie Paro
- Tamarack Health-Ashland and Hayward-Mark Manning and Christina Eliason (Hayward)
- Western WI Health- Robb Paulson and Karisa Hadley
- Westfields Hospital-Darren Van Blaricom and Liesette Rendell

Local and Tribal Public Health:

- Barron County Public Health- Karla Potts-Shufelt
- Bayfield County Public Health-Sara Wartman and Pete Morrissette
- Burnett County Public Health-Jessica DeMontigny and Anna Treague
- Chippewa County Public Health- Allie Isaacson
- Douglas County Public Health-Cindy Freeberg
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department-Joe Kalscheur
- Pepin County Public Health-Heidi Stewart and Mark Larsen
- Pierce County Public Health-Darby DeGross
- Polk County Public Health-Jason Bosak

- Red Cliff Tribal Health-Natasha Trush
- Sawyer County Public Health- Joyce Knowlton and Julie McCallum
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke and Elle Klasen
- Washburn County Public Health-Mary Slisz-Chucka, Elise Anderson
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium-Brittany Fry

Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living /Adult Family Homes

- American Lutheran Home-Menomonie-Randall Rennock
- Care & Rehab-Barron-Len Fast
- Chippewa Manor-Jill Gengler
- Christian Community Home-Hudson-Jennie Orman
- Glenhaven-Kevin Larson
- Hayward Health Services-Jenny Abernathy