



## HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	<b>2. Operational Period:</b> June 6, 2025 0930-1130	<b>3. Incident Location:</b> 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
<b>Call to Order</b>	Called to order by Brittany Fry, Vice-Chair at 0930
<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Everyone in person introduced themselves. Welcomed all on Zoom. Encouraged anyone new to the meeting to introduce themselves. Brian Cockerham is now the NW WEM Regional Director.
<b>Additions to the agenda</b>	None. Motion to approve the agenda by Karla Potts-Shufelt, seconded by Ian Fisher. Motion approved.
<b>Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes from the February meeting was distributed prior to the meeting. There was no April meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Karla Potts-Shufelt and seconded by Ian Fisher to approve the December meeting minutes as written. Motion approved.</p>
<b>Fiscal Report</b>	<p>On track for spending down the majority of this year's base budget \$152,000</p> <p>Budget Period one ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sitting on about 12K currently. We are strongly encouraged to spend-down, due to uncertainty of carryover. We will likely purchase additional Bleeding Control Kits and tourniquets in addition to making sure our MCI trailers are stocked for large scale events throughout the region.</p>
<b>Regional Sharing and Updates</b>	<p><b>REAL Events or Exercises since February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Partners had a water leak at Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater, resulting in closing of the hospital to new patients and going on EMS divert while leak was fixed overnight. The EMResource alert went out at the request of HealthPartners Emergency Preparedness staff to notify any hospitals in WI that transfer to Lakeview.</li> <li>• May 15<sup>th</sup> Severe Weather/Tornado Warnings: several hospitals and LTC facilities took shelter. St. Croix County had a confirmed EF2 tornado that tracked for 8 minutes and covered 4.1 miles, with peak winds at 120 mph. There were no injuries and minimal damage. Most the tornado activity was within farm fields. There was some follow-up from school districts looking for assistance with emergency plans for bussing, because some ended up at random shelters and were out driving during the warning. A best practices document was created and shared with schools.</li> <li>• Rusk County had an apartment fire in Ladysmith and building was evacuated with an ARC shelter opened for 4 days while emergency placement for everyone was found.</li> <li>• WEM SEOC partially opened ahead of the two rounds of severe weather</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Lutheran Homes had notification that water would be shut off for 8 hours due to street project and they activated ICS</li> <li>Hailstorm/Tornado Warning in Altoona: Statewide tornado drill month before proved beneficial as prior to that drill they didn't know where the designated shelter was.</li> <li>Hailstorm/Tornado Warning in Altoona. Led to damage to many vehicles in our lot and some minor damage to facility, but no patient services effected. Statewide Tornado Drill we did in April helped to prepare staff on our policies and procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback Regarding the Medical Response Surge Exercise: Held June 3 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It gave us the chance to use eICS and have new staff participate in Incident Command. Plus Sawyer County Public Health Emergency Coordinator was in the room with us so the coordination was great. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on using EMTrack being 'too disjointed' and how it we should be able to connect the patient to the person they were reunified with, not just enter each as a separate record and leave them there. Difficult and unrealistic that hospital personnel will enter information in there. Encouraged to bring an Administrator to this virtual meeting if possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Spooner had set a couple of goals pre MRSE. 1 was to trial our mass communication SendWordNow system. We did find a few flaws.</li> <li><b>Reminder: AAR</b> Report Out for the MRSE Exercise is Wednesday, June 25, 0900-1000. Encouraged to bring an administrator along to this meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming Training and Education</b></p>	<p><b>It's music and all things festival season.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 26-29 in Eau Claire/Chippewa Valley there are three major events at the same time: Blue Ox, Hoof Beats (formerly Country Fest) and the Air Show.</li> <li>Spooner Rodeo is in July.</li> <li>Hospitals don't really staff up anymore- already at capacity. If anything happens they will activate their med surge plans.</li> <li>Please use EMResource as needed and keep one another apprised of situational awareness and other necessary information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exercises:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several agencies stating they are doing Measles table tops with jurisdictional partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Question for the group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings esteemed colleagues. Kevin Larson, Administrator, Glenhaven senior living campus in Glenwood City. We would like to purchase multiple AEDs for our campus. If anyone in the group would have information on AED requisitioning/purchasing information would be most appreciated; grants, funding sources/programs, recommendations, etc. Please drop me a line. Would love to hear from you. K.Larson@glenhaveninc.com THANK YOU!!!!</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Training and Education opportunities are posted on the <a href="http://www.nwwiherc.org">www.nwwiherc.org</a> website under “Calendar”.</b></p> <p>WEM Course Offerings: <a href="https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/schedule.aspx">https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/schedule.aspx</a></p>
<b>RTAC Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiscal year ending June 30</li> <li>• Board gave executive council authority to spend down rest of money (approximately 14k)</li> <li>• First annual NWWIRTAC trauma conference is scheduled! Friday, November 7, 2025 at Northwood Tech College, Rice Lake.</li> </ul>
<b>Agency Partner Updates</b>	<p><b>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles planning</li> <li>• Still unsure on funding allocations for next year. Proposed budget has cuts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wisconsin Emergency Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an identified need to learn more about the chempack program. Polk and St Croix counties EM and PH are meeting to see if we should do something collaborative since we both have chempack hospitals. Dispatch centers and local EMS are not familiar with the program. Chippewa County is doing the same. Discussion with Barron County regarding relocating the chempack that had previously resided at St. Joseph’s in Chippewa Falls. Polk County is also rolling out our public campaign for Everbridge this summer to increase our Opt in numbers, and adding some opt-in groups such as public health newsletter and EM newsletter.</li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Reserve Corps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eau Claire County- Provided a lifesaving skills and preparedness training to community and volunteers last week. Offered CPR, STB, opioid training, personal and family preparedness training, and a guest speaker from UW Stout who spoke about the stress response during emergencies. Most all trainings offered by our MRC instructors or connections through the health department. Event was well received and had lots of positive feedback. Had over 40 people in attendance and continue to see people asking about it.</li> </ul> <p><b>WISCOM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training needs survey: <a href="https://forms.gle/GmmcnFvgqdBex7at9">https://forms.gle/GmmcnFvgqdBex7at9</a></li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Budget Period One Deliverables Complete and Submitted.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board has approved all other deliverables for this grant year.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hospital Preparedness Program has been funded through June 30, 2026. Unknown how restructuring at HHS and federal budget will impact program moving forward.</li> <li>• New Bariatric Bed reporting in EMResource. If you are hospital, click on your name and scroll down until you see new field. The request for this data point was the result of a real event and needing to find transportation and a bed for a patient whose weight exceeded most hospital beds in the region.</li> <li>• Call for nominations for NWWIHERC Board members:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital: Bob Lindberg (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term)</li> <li>• Trauma: Wayne Street (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term)</li> <li>• At-Large: Brittany Fry (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term)</li> <li>• Mark Manning (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term)</li> <li>• <b>Public Health: Vacant</b></li> <li>• Long Term Care: Kaiya Shrader (1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term) has been completing term.</li> <li>• Voting will take place via Survey Monkey starting Monday, June 9-23.</li> </ul>
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	<p><b>Sara Thul and Gabby Hoflock</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA Region V RESPTC at University of MN Discussion about new Special Pathogen Plans. (See attached PPT at the end of these minutes).</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	Motion to adjourn Elise Anderson and Mark Manning. Motion approved. Adjourned at 11:31 a.m.
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Next Meeting: Friday, August 1 , 2025, 0930-1130 at Barron County EOC, 1420 Hwy 25, Barron, WI with Virtual Option</b>
<b>5. Prepared by :</b> Natasha Brunell and Aimee Wollman	

## **Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130, June 6, 2025**

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman

NWWIRTAC-Robert Goodland

WI DHS-Nikki Mueller

WI DHS-Anna Marciniak

WEM REP-Russ Bauer

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center-Jim Briseno

Guests: Sara Thul and Gabby Hoflock, FEMA Region 5 RESPTC

### **Emergency Management:**

- Barron County-Nate Dunston
- Douglas County-Adam Olson
- Eau Claire County-Val Desio
- Polk County-Lisa McMahon
- St. Croix County-Natasha Brunell
- NW WEM Regional Director-Brian Cockerham

### **EMS/Air Medical**

- Vacationland Fire/EMS and Brule Fire-Keith Kessler
- Northwestern Municipal EMS-Nicki Gullickson

### **Home Care/Hospice:**

- Aveanna Home Health-Denise McNeely
- Interim Healthcare of Western WI-Lea Ebensteiner and Laurie Mayfield
- Mayo Home Health and Hospice-Samantha McDonald

### **Hospitals**

- Advent Health-Amanda Brommer
- Amery Hospital- Kari Clark
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder
- Cumberland Medical Center-Jamie McCready
- Essentia-Superior- Scott Whittaker
- Indianhead Medical Center-Stacy Kuffel
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ian Fisher

- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake and Ladysmith-Ien Novak
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley and Northland-Travis Klukas
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire- Bobby King
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar-Tara Verdon
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Oakridge-Karla Pride
- OakLeaf Surgical Hospital-Chris Kirchman
- River Falls Area Hospital-Jake Olinske and Ashley Greengard
- Spooner Health-Jenna Green and Penny Sedivy-Bemis
- St. Croix Health-Jamie Paro
- Tamarack Health-Ashland and Hayward-Mark Manning
- Western WI Health- Karisa Hadley and Jolene Gustafson

**Local and Tribal Public Health:**

- Ashland County-Liz Kulbacki
- Barron County Public Health- Karla Potts-Shufelt, Laura Sauve, Nicole Nelson
- Bayfield County Public Health- Michelle Crowell
- 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
- Polk County Public Health-Jason Bosak and Helen Swanson
- Rusk County-Kaylee Bugbee
- Sawyer County Public Health- Joyce Knowlton
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke
- Washburn County Public Health-Jennifer Gilbertson, Elise Anderson
- Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium-Brittany Fry

**Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living /Adult Family Homes**

- American Lutheran Home-Menomonie-Randall Rennock
- Chippewa Manor-Morgan Anderson
- Christian Community Homes-Hudson-Jennie Orman

- Ellsworth Health Services: Rhonda Blodgett & Doug Tembreull
- Glenhaven-Kevin Larson
- Meadowbrook of Bloomer-Kaiya Shrader
- Pioneer Health and Rehab-Erica Salsbury
- The Deerfield-Tim Coenen

### **Surgical Hospitals**

- Advanced Surgical and Restorative Care-Abby Reilly