



HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Membership Meeting	2. Operational Period: October 4, 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 Brittany Fry, Vice-Chair at 0930
Welcome and introductions	Everyone in person introduced themselves. Welcomed several new people to this meeting who were on Zoom.
Additions to the agenda	IV fluid shortages. Allocations are down to about 40-50% due to hurricane impacts at Baxter in North Carolina, which is a large manufacturer of IV solution. Aimee will share information as it becomes available. Motion to approve the agenda by Todd Snyder and seconded by Tom Hall. Motion approved.
Minutes	Minutes from the June meeting was distributed prior to the meeting. Motion by Karla Potts-Shufelt and seconded by Heidi Stewart to approve the June meeting minutes as written. Motion approved.
Fiscal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Period 1, 2024-2025, Base Funding \$152,000. Budget will be submitted this afternoon for final Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care approval. • We have included scholarships, however, the Scholarship Form for 2024-25 cannot be posted until the budget is approved. • Base budget is exactly the same as last year. There will be no carry-over funding this year. New this year is scholarships need to be approved prior to awarding them. Aimee is including a list of conferences and training with the budget and hoping that will serve as approval from OPEHC. • The board chose to contract for the Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE)– all 7 HERC regions will be hiring contractors (and may choose the same vendor) to make the experience similar. We are required to use these systems this year: EICS/EMTRAC/WISCOM/EMResource

Regional Sharing and Updates

REAL Events or Exercises since June

- Heidi Stewart from Pepin County Public Health shared information on a Buffalo County hunter that went missing overnight and was found early the next morning. Ground search was done using K-9 teams, drones, several law enforcement agencies, aircraft, and several volunteers from many agencies.
- Chippewa County Pediatric MCI Incident at Bushel and a Peck Orchard:
 - Wagon rollover during a field trip for 4K and 5K students from a private school in Eau Claire. Initial report was 30 students with several adults including parents and family members of the students.
 - Chippewa Fire District Fire Chief stated the on-scene response time was about 2.5 hours. The response went very smoothly. All individuals who were transported to hospitals have been discharged and are doing well. There were several factors that helped this situation go well including the availability of staff, on scene security due to fencing, coordination between agencies.
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire happened to be doing some training with some providers at the time of incident and routed them to the Emergency Department in Eau Claire.
- The school had a very robust 'Go-Bag' that they send to every event. It was explicitly laid out with names and emergency contacts for all students on the field trip. This was turned over to law enforcement and assisted with reunification efforts.
- The first responders on scene communicated with hospitals immediately which was a crucial step to ensure hospitals were ready to receive this number of patients.
- Aimee was notified quickly by the Chippewa County Emergency Manager and sent out an EMResource notification. She also notified other regions with Pediatric hospitals of the event.
- EMS was very intentional about keeping family units together when transporting to hospitals. This was greatly appreciated.
- Boyd, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Bloomer and Eau Claire Fire Departments all responded– had a very seasoned person on scene, who was able to tell dispatch exactly who they wanted. A MABAS card was not pulled in this situation.
- No unaccompanied minors that showed up at Marshfield.
- The media did fly a drone at the scene. This was concerning since a helicopter was enroute. Education is being provided to the media company because helicopters will not be able to fly in due to drones and impacting and this could potentially compromise patient care and crew safety.
- A Hotwash took place two days after the incident as well as the following week. An AAR will be completed by Aimee to highlight the regional cooperation.

	<p>Hospitals, OPEHC is not collecting MATCH information this year.</p>
<p>Upcoming Training and Education</p>	<p>Regional Exercise January 29, 2025, 0900-1200. “The Flood that Launched 1000 Stomach Upsets”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health and Emergency Management will coordinate invites for virtual/in-person exercise. <p>Training and Education opportunities are posted on the www.nwwiherc.org website under “Calendar”.</p>
<p>RTAC Updates</p>	<p>Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 18, Ladysmith *Change from original date in December Birchwood, TBD *Change from original date in December <p>Next Meeting is held November 5th at the Barron County EOC with a virtual option.</p>
<p>Agency Partner Updates</p>	<p>Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortia (WWPHRC) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The regional exercise on January 29 will have elements for all disciplines. Bayfield County is now a member of the consortium. WWPHRC is required to do their own risk assessment this year due to their Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) deliverables. There will be an email going out soon to hospitals regarding closed Points of Dispensing (PODS). It is a deliverable for each County PH department to understand and collaborate with closed PODS within their jurisdictions. <p>Wisconsin Emergency Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Emergency Managers will be submitting FY25 EMPG and EPCRA annual grants this month and working to wrap up FY24 grants by end of year. WEMA Conference was last week. There was an ask for two additional caucuses: Public Health/Healthcare/EM and EMS/EM related to EMS shortages. Also discussed legislative and advocacy efforts. WI Task Force 1 team are currently in North Carolina assisting in response and recovery efforts due to flooding from the hurricane. Wisconsin Task Force 1 assists in search efforts in North Carolina Wisconsin Emergency Management <p>Medical Reserve Corps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawyer County MRC held a community preparedness sheltering exercise on September 11. It was a fantastic exercise and many lessons were learned for the MRC volunteers as well as raising awareness for the community. St. Croix Valley MRC STTRONG funding has been approved for this year and everyone who applied at minimum were granted 30,000 and new MRCs up to 55,000. We also have 5 flu clinics set utilizing PH and MRC.

- **Eau Claire MRC** has completed several Stop the Bleed training sessions.
- WISCOM**
- Reminded hospitals that the WISCOM radios are intended to be redundant communication systems and therefore should stay on the regional channel (HRCRD01CLE) so communications can be heard.
 - Roll call drills continue. Pretty good response rate. John is working with hospitals to problem solve radio issues.
 - The state is pushing out local/regional training requirements and devised a template that is located in the WISCOM site.
 - Talked about Region 1 leading the charge in terms of utilizing WISCOM to communicate with air medical services to increase the time to prepare for incoming patients. Mayo Clinic Health System has been a leader in this.
 - Training needs survey: <https://forms.gle/GmmcnFvgqdBex7at9>

Old Business

Budget Period 1 24-25 Regional Work Plan Deliverables

BP 1 Activities	Submission Deadline
Governance Document	January 31, 2025
Jurisdiction Information	January 31, 2025
Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)	January 31, 2025
Readiness Assessment	January 31, 2025
Training and Exercise Plan	January 31, 2025
Readiness Plan	March 31, 2025
Training and Exercise Plan	January 31, 2025
Cybersecurity Assessment	June 30, 2025
Extended Downtime Health Care Delivery Impact Assessment	June 30, 2025
Response Plan: Information-Sharing Plan	June 30, 2025
Response Plan: Resource Management Plan	June 30, 2025
Response Plan: Medical Surge Support Plan	June 30, 2025
Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)	June 30, 2025
Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)	June 30, 2025

	<p>The HERC Coordinators are working together to strategize on how to complete the numerous work plan deliverables in a timely manner.</p> <p>Please note a change in the due date for the HVA from June, 30 to January 31.</p>
New Business	<p>Overview of the Administration for Strategic Planning and Response (ASPR) RISC 2.0 tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Shira Winston of ASPR. More information about the tool can be found here: RISC Toolkit 2.0 (hhs.gov) • It is a Hospital Preparedness Program grant deliverable to utilize the RISC 2.0 “to the extent possible”. • This is the tool the NWWIHERC will be utilizing for the regional Hazard Vulnerability Analysis. • All member agencies will be invited to complete the assessment tool and these will be used to create a regional risk assessment. The tool can take up to 3-4 hours to complete, but you can also assign particular elements of the tool to more appropriate subject matter experts. Once it is completed, it can be used for the individual agency HVA as well. • If you have utilized RISC 1.0 your data can be rolled up into the new tool. • This tool pulls information from several objective data resources based on geographical location. This takes much of the subjectivity out of the process and may provide a more accurate and realistic picture of true risk.
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Len Fast, seconded by Karla Potts-Shufelt. Motion approved. Adjourned 11:28AM
Next Meeting:	Next Meeting: Friday, December 6, 2024, 0930-1130 **Barron County EOC with virtual option.
5. Prepared by : Natasha Brunell and Aimee Wollman	

Meeting Attendance in person and via Zoom: 0930-1130 October 4, 2024

NWWIHERC-Aimee Wollman Nesseth

WI DHS Infection Preventionist-Nikki Mueller

WISCOM SME-John Kruk

Guest: Shira Winston, ASPR RISC.2

Emergency Management:

- Barron County-Nate Dunston
- Eau Claire County-Tyler Esh
- Polk County-Lisa McMahon
- Pierce County-Brad Jorgenson and Christine McPherson
- Rusk County-Tom Hall
- St. Croix County-Natasha Brunell
- Washburn County-Carol Buck

EMS/Air Medical

- Chippewa Fire District-Scott Bernette
- Eau Claire Fire Rescue-Jon Schultz
- North Memorial-Peter Tanghe
- Tilden Volunteer Fire-Kathy Shear

Home Care/Hospice:

- Aveanna Home Health: Denise McNeely
- Mayo Home Health and Hospice-Samantha McDonald

Hospitals

- Advent Health-Amanda Brommer
- Amery Hospital-Alisa Lang
- Burnett Medical Center-Todd Snyder
- Cumberland Healthcare-Jamie McCready
- Essentia-Superior-Scott Whitaker
- Indianhead Medical Center-Stacy Kuffel
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ian Fisher
- 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 and Wayne Street
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Chippewa Valley-Travis Klukas
- OakLeaf Surgical Hospital-Chris Kirchman
- River Falls Area Hospital-Ashley Greengard
- Spooner Health-Jenna Green and Rebecca Wallin
- Tamarack Health-Asland and Hayward-Mark Manning
- Western WI Health- Robb Paulson and Karisa Hadley

Local and Tribal Public Health:

- Barron County Public Health- Karla Potts-Shufelt, and Nicole Nelson
- Bayfield County Public Health-Sara Wartman
- Burnett County Public Health-Jessica DeMontigny and Anna Treague
- Chippewa County Public Health- Jenny Lenbom and Brittney Fortuna
- Douglas County Public Health-Cindy Freeberg
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department-Joe Kalscheur and Maddie Kalscheuer
- 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
- Rusk County-Kaylee Bugbee
- Sawyer County Public Health- Joyce Knowlton and Julie McCallam
- St. Croix County Public Health-Mary Wienke
- 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

- Care & Rehab-Barron-Len Fast

- Chippewa Manor-Jill Gengler