



## Clark County Health Department

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### CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Board members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Jason Werle, Norton Clark Hospital; Jeff Dickson, International Board-Certified Paramedic; Shannon Watterson, Jeffersonville Retired Paramedic & Fire Fighter.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 06:23 PM.

Approval of Minutes from November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Approval of minutes from November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting pending.

Old Business:

Current Status Update:

In the previous month, average run times were 8 minutes, 47 seconds; would like to see faster results in a couple spots of the county.

Mr. Werle- "Josh Keywood, Heartland Supervisor, has approached me and they are still in progress trying to speed up triage times and improve process."  
Several months back, Clark switched to using Norton's Transport and have a protocol in place.

Heartland has added another truck doing non-emergency runs, 911 trucks are separate from any transportation, but will assist when needed and if available.

Safety Plan Update:



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Safety Plan has been submitted to Clark County Health Department, undergoing review. Will send to subcommittee members prior to next meeting to hold an open discussion and have a final draft/review.

Dr. Yazel- "one thing we wrote in there is that if you're going to do interfacility transfers or any kind of convalescent runs in the county then they have to be willing to be part of our overall mass casualty plan. It is less restrictive than the old one, but hopefully stands the test of time as we move forward."

### Committee Member Reports:

Mr. Bentfield- "Eighth truck will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 as an ALS truck during the week peak times. New radios are being sent to 911 and Heartland lodging will be their responsibility beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025."

Mr. Owen- "Does the rewrite of the ordinance address interoperability for the privates that are going to be on stand by with 911 or mutual-aid 911, does it talk about interoperability with central or radio communications?"

Mr. Bentfield- "This is something we need to look at and review/add in new Safety Plan Ordinance."

Mr. Owen- "Another point of confusion is the mutual aid agreement between the private provider and county provider or central alarm? who are the parties of that agreement?"

Mr. Bentfield- "It will likely be an agreement between the county provider, Clark County Health Department, and Clark County Commissioner's."

### EMS Provider Reports:

Heartland Ambulance Services not present.



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### New Business:

### HFI Funding:

Health First Indiana funding renews again in 2025. Funding has increased and are looking at several projects. A few of the projects being considered is having Parkview from Fort Wayne to come to our county and provide training for EMS, Fire, tactical, etc. Will have a new blood pilot program, and continue funding for EMS services and Mobile Integrated Health.

Mr. Dickson- "I did reach out to Heartland about Jeff Fire wanting to renew their BLS Contract support. Sent provider letters, but no response."

### Next Meeting:

Meeting will be held at the Clark County Health Department, 1201 Wall Street, Jeffersonville, IN on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 at 6 PM.


### Public Comments:

### Adjourn:

Mr. Jason Werle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Shannon Watterson second.  
Meeting ended at 7:28 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dr. Eric Yazel,  
EMS Subcommittee President

