



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE January 28th, 2025

Board members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Mark Furnish, Monroe Township Fire Department; Jeff Dickson, International Board-Certified Paramedic; Gavan Hebner, Clark County Emergency Management Agency Director; Gage Love, City of Jeffersonville Police.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 06:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes from November 26th, 2024:

Jeff Dickson motioned to approve minutes; Mark Furnish seconded. Unanimous Approval

Approval of Minutes from December 10th, 2024:

Jeff Dickson motioned to approve minutes; Mark Furnish seconded. Unanimous Approval

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Current Status Update:

Heartland Ambulance Services received 1,613 requests in December 2025, with a 15% increase in call volume from the previous three (3) months and a 4% increase in response times. They began a 12-hour Monday through Saturday BLS truck, as well as assisting 911 when needed. Heartland Ambulance Services made a \$10,000 donation to Clarksville Fire Department for an Autopulse, which is now in service. They also donated an MDT computer to New Washington; which allows all ambulances/crews to see notes from central. In addition, GPS access will be provided by all units in order to see where all resources are located at all times. Level zero occurrences do happen, but the average duration is six (6) minutes. Heartland is investigating options to carry blood units for enhanced services in the county. Currently Heartland continues the search for an operations location.



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Mr. Gavan Hebner recognized 911, Heartland, and Tri-Township for coordinating amongst themselves and central.

Safety Plan Update:

The revised Safety Plan has been given to EMS Subcommittee; no major changes or concerns. Safety plan will be presented to Clark County Board of Health on the February 5th, 2025 meeting. Following Board of Health approval, it will then be presented to Clark County Commissioner's for final approval. Mr. Mark Furnish made a motion to approve the Safety Plan to be presented to Clark County Board of Health and Clark County Commissioner's, Mr. Jeff Dickson seconded. Unanimous approval.

Committee Member Reports:

EMS Provider Reports:

Fire/Law Enforcement Reports:

Dr. Eric Yazel reported there are two things that need focus. The first is to focus on quality of service to help our citizens and the second is the future of EMS in Clark County. Municipalities' decisions will have an effect on the county. It is necessary for municipalities to communicate these decisions in a timely manner.

Mr. Gavan Hebner reported there are discussions happening and meetings regarding CAD cards and recommendations on how to prioritize calls. Determining the last truck out calls is currently being discussed as well.

Upcoming City of Jeffersonville meetings will be held on February 6th, February 11th, and February 20th with a final meeting on March 13th to vote on the creation of fire territory including EMS.



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Mr. Gage Love reported that all Jeffersonville police officers are BLS and CPR trained, with a few carrying AED's. They will work with Heartland Ambulance services to obtain BBN's and training. Mr. Eric Deich reported an EMT class will begin in May. This will allow them to have an Advanced EMT present 24/7.

New Business:

Dr. Yazel reported that Parkview Hospital from Fort Wayne, IN can provide a SIM Lab. We are contracting with the organization to provide training for EMS, fire, Police, etc.

There is currently a legislative bill addressing alternative destinations, this will impact federally qualified health centers for transport and potential reimbursement.

The Essential Service Bill, similar to previous years reports, requires a plan submission of how Clark County plans to provide EMS service. This bill will also provide a mechanism to fund EMS and improve resources.

Homeland Security MIH grant has also expanded some of the criteria for different entities to qualify for funds, making them more accessible.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Jeff Dickson made a motion to amend meeting times for EMS Subcommittee from 6pm to 1pm, Mr. Gavan Hebner seconded, passed unanimously.

Next meeting date is awaiting approval.

Adjourn:

Mr. Jeff Dickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gavan Hebner seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting ended at 7:11 PM.



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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EB Yazel", is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Dr. Eric Yazel,
EMS Subcommittee President