



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE JANUARY 20th, 2026

Board members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Mark Furnish, Monroe Township Fire Department; Gavan Hebner, Clark County Emergency Management Agency Director; Brad Meixell, Clark County 911 Director.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from December 16th, 2025 pending review.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Current Status Update:

Heartland Ambulance Service reported no current staffing issues. Currently working on filling second supervisor role position. Will work on ID verification on patients.

Safety Plan Update:

Changes and updates have been integrated into Safety Plan and send to attorney for final review. Safety plan will be presented in upcoming Board of Health meeting in February 2026. Gavan Hebner made a motion to redact definition of "Senior Paramedic in Charge" and Section 102.02-part A- "Patient and Scene Management." Dr. Yazel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebner made a motion to recommend approval of safety plan and send to Clark County Board of Health. Mr. Meixell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



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New Business:

Committee Member Reports:

EMS Provider Reports:

Fire/Law Enforcement Reports:

Brad Meixell reported on continuing to work on statistics.

Mark Furnish reported that the average response time for Monroe over the previous month was 9 minutes, 24 seconds. It was noted that response times are currently showing a steady improvement compared to previous response times.

Dr. Yazel stated safety plan will include a 75% attendance plan; he proposed to include a monthly insert, encouraging attendance, which may assist in improving quality issues and operational concerns.

GROW, which is the Rural Health Transformation Act, will allow for opportunities to work and partner with neighboring counties to fund programs. Clark County was considered urban and will not be eligible for direct funding.

Dr. Yazel discussed behavioral health patients and facilities, allowing patients to be taken directly to facilities such as Wellstone or Lifespings, rather than a hospital.

Dr. Yazel and members discussed closest most appropriate unit system in regard to mutual-aid. Matt Owen, Phoenix Ambulance, stated they were willing to participate in mutual aid and closest most appropriate system.

New Business:



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Doug Bentfield reported on Fitch & Associates study proposal that will conduct a comprehensive analysis for county-based EMS, fire-based EMS, and contract-based EMS and help make a decision based on these findings for Clark County.

Mr. Bentfield reported an amended contract proposal from Heartland Ambulance, which includes the following key terms:

- Contract extension until 2030 with a one-time payment of \$114,000 for the first year.
- Both parties must have cause in order to be released from contract.
- Addition of one BLS unit; through FSSA it can add a paramedic into Heartland system.
- Implementation of a blood transfusion program.
- Provision of coverage for large-scale events, such as Thunder Over Louisville, at no additional cost.
- Defined coverage areas to improve transparency.
- Coordination with Tri-Township to define coverage for Borden.

Dr. Yazel stated he will reach out to members for feedback and suggestions as amendment to Heartland Ambulance Service contract is reviewed.

Next Meeting: ·

Next meeting will be held on February 17th, 2026 at 2 PM located at Central Alarm, 309 Lentz Ave. Charlestown, IN 47111.

Adjourn:

Gavan Hebner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brad Meixell second. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 8:11 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17th, 2026



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Respectfully submitted,

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

Dr. Eric Yazel,
EMS Subcommittee President