

Wapello County Emergency Medical Advisory Council

Minutes from the meeting held on June 9th, 2026

- 1.) Roll call: Tim R, Loren M, David C, Mike D, Bryan Z, Amanda H, Mark F, Cindy H, Quincy, TJ M, Lori R, Dr. Pete R,
 - a. Absent: Billy Jr, Athena S, Jean D,
 - b. Others: Richard (ORHC), Preston (IHCC), Gary (Blakesburg) 2 Community Members
- 2.) Approve minutes of previous meeting from May 12th, 2026: 1st Cindy, 2nd Mike all in favor
- 3.) Continue EMS System visioning and design work to define the preferred future model for Wapello County EMS:
 - a. Tim made a **workbook** that we started digging into
 - b. **Page 45** section B.2 we changed the 2024 #s since it printed all the numbers being 57%

Payer Category	Estimated % of Transports 2024	Estimated % of Transports 2025
Medicare	57%	60%
Medicaid	21%	24%
Commercial/ private insurance	12%	9%
Self-pay/uninsured	7%	5%
Other (interfacility, VA, etc.)	2%	4%

- c. **Page 2** moved cost research to between Meetings 2 & 3
- d. **Page 2** set meetings as following:
 - i. Meeting #2 June 24th, 2026 @ 530pm
 - ii. Meeting #3 July 15th, 2026 @ 530pm
 - iii. Meeting #4 July 29th, 2026 @ 530pm
 - iv. Joint meeting #1 with city council and county supervisors tentatively set for August 11th, 2026 time to be announced
 - v. Meeting #5 August 19th, 2026 @ 530pm
 - vi. Joint meeting #2 with city council and county supervisors tentatively set for September 15th, 2026 time to be announced
- e. Tim and David talked about creating a workspace on a platform to be able to upload documents and work that has been done while we move forward on sections assigned to us
- f. Draft Formal Recommendation at the Meeting on September 2nd if we have everything ready by then or before then this date will change
- g. **Page 21** (Emergency medical Dispatch (EMD) Phase 1- Call diversion)
 - i. 911 board does support software changes and the cost that comes with that however they do not support paying for the staff to make the change
 - ii. Police Chief and Sheriff has the ultimate decision on switching to EMD
 - iii. Financially neither department can afford the staffing it would take to become EMD
 - iv. Talk about using the funds we bring in to cover the cost of staffing?
 - v. We will take the work we do in this section to the Police Chief and Sheriff as a recommendation
- h. **Page 23** (5 Pathways for dispatch changes)
 - i. Talk about remote dispatch such as a 3rd party
 - ii. Talk about combining the dispatch center into one instead of the 2 that we currently have

- iii. Ultimately most of the options listed in the pathways comes down to staffing due to having to have a minimum of 2 dispatchers working at the same time which would mean we would need to have 13-14 total dispatchers to cover all shifts with minimum staffing requirements
 - iv. What money do we need to levy to support EMD for OPD and WCSD dispatchers?
 - v. TJ and Brenda Bennet to fill out boxes on page 23 on the 5 pathways what is the cost of each of the pathways?
 - i. **Page 26** (Volunteer EMS and Fire Department Assists)
 - i. Loren, Athena, David and Tim will be working on this section
 - ii. Questions about how can we get the volunteer departments set up to take refusal and what is the protocol for getting refusals
 - iii. Is it just a training or education piece that is missing that we are not getting refusals? Who at what level can obtain patient refusals
 - j. **Page 28** (Community Response and Assist Teams)
 - i. Athena and Bryan will be working on this section
 - ii. United First Aid Teams vs CERT Teams the difference is just a little more training if enough people are interested, we could do this
 - iii. Is this something we can use funds to support
 - iv. Plan on talking to William at Van Burean County to see how their program is going since starting a team down there
 - k. **Page 30** (Alternative and Non-Emergency Transport)
 - i. Cindy and Bryan will be working on this section
 - ii. Jay from 10-15 transit has talked with Cindy and did say he would be interested in seeing the numbers on night time call volume and if the numbers are able to support 10-15 staffing employees at night, he would be interested however he just needs more information before doing this
 - l. **Page 32** (Community Paramedicine/ MIH)
 - i. Tim, David and Amanda will be working on this section
 - ii. What data can we use to figure out how many calls we can “avoid”
 - iii. Des Moines Fire Department does a MIH program can we talk with them to get information on how it is going for them?
 - iv. Planning on a visit to Kirksville Missouri in the near future to talk with Adair County dispatch and ambulance service
 - m. **Page 34** (High-Volume Location Interventions)
 - i. David and TJ will be working on this section
 - ii. How can we provide education to the people at the High-Rise Apartment Complex’s?
 - iii. This can be a piggy back on Community Paramedicine/MIH and Community Response & Assist Teams
 - iv. OFD has been working on getting education sessions set up with the residence (work in progress)
 - n. **Page 36** (Public Education and Access Guidance)
 - i. This section is going to be saved for last so it can be put together once the other areas are set up
- 4.) Other Discussion:
 - a. We need to brainstorm what we want in the long run and what this would cost
 - b. Set up workspace or a Monday.com area
- 5.) Next Meeting will be held on June 24th, 2026 @ 530pm at the EMA office
- 6.) Motion to adjourn at 712pm 1st Mark, 2nd David all in favor