

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES of September 10th, 2026, 9:00 am
Marshfield Medical Center & Tele/videoconference

Members Present: Jamie Armbruster, Krissy Binversie, Jenny Blenker, Gina Brandl, Julie Christiansen, Dr. Michael Clark, Dawn Evenson, Joel Fetterer, Adam Finn, Michael Fraley, Robin Geiger, David Graveen, Jamie Haring, Andrea Hebert, Del Horn, Sue Janquart, Chris Keller, Don Kimlicka, Liz Kracht, Andrea Krantz, Anthony Luchini, Ken Marg, Rachel Milkey, Kari Rickert, Andrienne Schroeder, Sara Steen, Tina Stephanus, Lucas Stoflet, Amanda Tabin, Linda Vollmar, Julie Williams, Kayla Ziembo

Others present: James Small

Chairperson: Sara Steen

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Adam Meshak

Introduction and Welcome	Sara Steen welcomed attendees.
Presentation	James Small the Rural EMS Outreach Program Manager from the Office of Rural Health provided a presentation called EMS FORWARD. This is an initiative that their office is working on to evaluate and strengthen EMS throughout Wisconsin. James can be contacted via email at small5@wisc.edu or via phone at (608) 265-8221 for further information.
May Meeting Minutes	Motion by Horn to approve the September 10, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Hebert. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	None
NCW HERC Update	• State contract was received and signed today. • HERC budget has been submitted. • The HERC is working with hospitals in our region to purchase radio antennas and adapters for the WISCOMM radio system transition to the 700/800 mhz system. • The HERC is working to get Adam a debit card to make purchasing easier in the future.
State Trauma/ STAC	• STAC met on Wednesday, September 2nd • A presentation was provided on eBike & eScooter data at STAC. This is an emerging concern throughout the state. Discussion was had about the different types of eBikes and the importance of the term eBike or eScooter needs to appear in hospital and EMS charting. • Amanda Tabin shared some resources regarding eBikes • New RTAC coordinators were announced at STAC. • Various updates were made to the Data Dictionary. Dr. Clark did not feel there were any significant changes. • Next STAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2026
State EMS Update	• Don Kimlicka, Dr. Clark & Adam provided updates

	• The funding assistance program is open for application. Services need to submit their application by Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4pm. This is open to both ambulance services and EMR groups. • The license renewal period has closed. EMS providers can still submit for late renewal. • EMS for Children's pediatric readiness survey showed an increase in hospital participation. • NEMSIS 3.5.1 will be rolled out soon. EMS services should plan to update their documentation software to the new standard. • The physician advisory committee has approved additional usage of ultrasound in EMS. The updates will come in the 2027 EMS scope of practice.
RTAC Coordinator	• Adam has been training with Michael. • We have had two state coordinator meetings. The focus has been initial orientation and gaining a better understanding of expectations. • Adam announced he would like to attend hospital trauma surveys if there are any coming up in the future. • Adam announced he will be reaching out to hospitals and EMS services to get a better understanding of their operations and needs.
Process improvement committee	• Preparing for school Stop the Bleed classes this fall. Discussion was had on the need for help in Marshfield. • Andrea Hebert reviewed the results of the Pediatric Readiness Survey from our region. • All were encouraged to make sure their hospitals and EMS services have a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) assigned. Survey results are highest from services that have a PECC. • Andrea Hebert provided a case review.
Out of Hospital Committee	• No updates. The committee will be meeting after the general meeting is complete.
Injury Prevention Committee	• September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Fall Prevention Month. • Amanda Tabin provided a presentation on suicide awareness and falls. She reviewed data in both presentations. • A discussion was had on fall resources, specifically a magnet that individuals could place on their refrigerator to help remind them to perform appropriate exercises.
Conference Planning Committee	• Adam will send out a request for members to join the Conference Planning Committee. • Reminder was provided to mark calendars for our conference being held on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at North Central Technical College.
Other business	• Adam will be working with the HERC to move our joint storage unit to Plover from Woodruff. • A tour of the Aspirus Wausau ER was provided for those interested after the completion of the meeting.
Future Agenda Items	• None
Announcements/ Training	• None

	See Calendar at NCRTAC-WI.org for more events and details
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, November 12th, 2026
9:00 am – Noon
Marshfield Medical Center & Zoom