



Clark County Health Department

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CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE May 20th, 2025

Board members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Jason Werle, Norton Clark Hospital; Mark Furnish, Monroe Township Fire Department; Shannon Watterson, Jeffersonville Retired Paramedic & Fire Fighter.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jason Werle motioned to approve minutes from January 28th, 2025, meeting, Dr. Eric Yazel seconded.

Mr. Jason Werle motioned to approve minutes from March 11th, 2025, meeting, Dr. Eric Yazel seconded.

Motions carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

EMS Provider Reports:

Josh Keywood (Heartland Ambulance) would like to propose an addition into the safety plan for the first right of refusal for interfacility transfers. This would give Heartland the first option for interfacility transfers and subacute runs, unless they are unable to cover runs within a 30-minute timeframe. If Heartland was unable to make the 30-minute window the next available provider would be requested. This would also provide additional ambulances for the 911 system at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Heartland believes this will improve outlying area response times.



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Dr. Eric yazel motioned to formally submit a position statement on behalf of the EMS Subcommittee regarding first right of refusal for Heartland Ambulance Service. The statement will be sent to Clark County Board of Health, Clark County Commissioner's and Clark County Council for final decision. Mr. Jason Werle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Keywood requested the EMS Subcommittee to incorporate new criteria for evaluating the ambulance service in Clark County other than response times. Often, there are no criteria to determine how well an ambulance service is performing based on the quality of the service. It is important to have this as a metric in conjunction with response time data.

Safety Plan Update:

Safety plan awaits first right of refusal decision.

Committee Member Reports:

Fire/Law Enforcement Reports:

Mark Furnish thanked Dr. Yazel and Clark County Health Department for the new Lucas automated device, a chest compression system for providers.

Heartland Ambulance Service reported on their protocol for running code. Ambulances are expected to run at the speed limit but can go over 10 mph if needed depending on type of call.

Employee safety is a top priority, with full stops at red lights, stop signs, etc.

New Business:

EMS Subcommittee Vacancy:

Dr. Yazel nominated Brad Meixell to be a member of the Clark County EMS Subcommittee. A formal recommendation will be presented to the Clark County Board of Health. Jason Werle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



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Adjourn:

Jason Werle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Eric Yazel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 2:25 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 17th, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dr. Eric Yazel,
EMS Subcommittee President