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### ***Meet Your Northeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (NEW HERC) Board Members- Part 2***

#### **Eric Braun – NEW HERC Secretary**



**Eric Braun** serves as the Director of Facilities and Support Services at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center in Manitowoc. In that role he oversees 9 departments as well as construction projects and facility planning. In addition, he is responsible for the Environment of Care and Emergency Management for Joint Commission. Eric has been at Holy Family for four and a half years. Prior to Holy Family Eric worked at Orion Energy Systems, Manitowoc and Faith Technologies, Sheboygan Office as a Construction Project Manager. Eric started working in Health Care sixteen years ago as a construction electrician and continued to focus on Health Care after being promoted to Project Manager. Eric is also a member of the Whitelaw Volunteer Fire

Department in Manitowoc County. He has been on the department for 23 years and currently the President as well as an Assistant Chief. Eric is excited to bring his experience in healthcare and volunteer fire fighting to the HERC as secretary of NEW HERC.

#### **Genny Willemon – NEW HERC Treasurer**



**Genny Willemon** serves as the EMR Coordinator and Safety chair for the Brown County Community Treatment Center. In this role she oversees development of the software systems for the building as well as all of the emergency preparedness functions needed for state regulations. Genny is responsible for running all the training and exercises for emergency preparedness as well as the electronic medical records software systems. She has been a part of the HERC since 2016. Prior to working at the BCCTC she was a 911 dispatcher for Brown County for 5 years.

#### ***Thank You Del***

The NEW HERC would like to thank Del Zuleger for his years of service as the coalition's WITRAC/WISCOM Subject Matter Expert! His efforts are reflected in all the good reporting that goes on behind the scenes daily with our coalition's two primary communication platforms.



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Del will remain part of the NEW HERC as the coordinator of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Trauma Advisory Council (NEW RTAC).

### ***WITRAC/WISCOM Testing and Training***

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care has hired a new Wisconsin Tracking, Resources, Alerts and Communication (WITRAC) and Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) radio system coordinator. Eric Anderson has moved over from the state Trauma Division to fill this role. Eric will be doing some updates to the WITRAC system starting this month. He will also be taking over the monthly WITRAC MCI Bed Counts and Bed Availability Drills and eventually will be conducting WISCOM Radio Drills.

Mike Tedeschi will be doing WITRAC and WISCOM testing and training on behalf of the NEW HERC starting in November. He will be developing a testing schedule by November 1 and will be starting site visits checking on WITRAC and WISCOM at the hospitals and providing training on both systems as requested.

WITRAC is one of the coalition's primary daily communication systems and WISCOM is a key secondary communications system. Testing and training of both is a grant requirement from our federal funding partner. A goal of the NEW HERC is to make the use of these systems more robust so they can be utilized for many exercises and responses through-out the year and have the WITRAC system used daily by all hospitals and EMS in the region. Testing and utilization statistics of both will be reviewed at each month's coalition meetings.

### ***NEW HERC Meeting Schedule rest of Budget Period (2019-2020)***

Your NEW HERC Board has approved a meeting schedule with dates, times, and locations starting in October 2019 through June 2020. Important changes that you need to be aware of are as follows; monthly Coalition meetings will take place every month of the Budget Period, monthly meetings will take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month EXCEPT December and in November when hunting and Thanksgiving take place. These two months the meetings will be held the week prior. Time of the meetings will remain the same. Locations will rotate between a central location "urban and rural". The meeting schedule will eventually include all NEW HERC Committee Meetings and NEW HERC Coordinator/Board meetings. We will start to include focus group meetings within our monthly meetings starting in January, more information on this will be included in the November Newsletter. A copy of the Consolidated Meeting Schedule can be found at this link <https://tinyurl.com/yyp935ag>



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### ***New HERC Conference Call in Line***

Be aware the conference line ***(1-866-635-7855) will no longer be used*** for NEW HERC and NEW RTAC meetings. The state has funded each HERC region a shared GotoMeeting account. This new virtual conference system will be used for all coalition meetings and it will become part of our Response and Communication Plans. GotoMeeting has a robust audio, webcam, and screen share features however the webcam feature will not be activated or used for most meetings. GotoMeeting is fairly intuitive but we highly recommend all members take some time to visit the GotoMeeting support webpage which can be found at this link <https://support.logmeininc.com/gotomeeting> The GoToMeeting phone number for the monthly coalition meetings is 872-240-3212 Meeting ID is 817-544-917. ***There will be a different phone and meeting ID number for RTAC meetings.***

### ***Election of Class A Voting Members***



A reminder that the election of NEW HERC Class A voting members will take place early during the October 23 coalition meeting. Class A members are explained in the bylaws the following way:

*“Class A members will be voting members. They will represent their entity regionally. Class A Members: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospital Representative, Public Health Representative, Menominee Tribal Representative, Oneida Tribal Representative, Fire Representative, EMS Representative, Law Enforcement Representative, Emergency Management Representative, Long Term Care Representative. The Chair will only vote in case of a tie vote”.*

These 13 NEW HERC members will have voting rights and should cast their votes in a way that will represent their specific discipline. ***Please consider running for one of these positions if you qualify. Nominees for these positions need to be present in person the day of the meeting.***

All NEW HERC members please make every effort to attend our October 23 meeting to elect your representatives!



### ***Cyber Training and Exercises***

Cybersecurity is in the top five of the 2019-2020 NEW HERC Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis (HVA). At the October NEW HERC Meeting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Region V Cybersecurity Officer will be presenting on the extensive resources that DHS Region V has to offer

to healthcare, public health, and public safety most of which are free. This training will be open to ***all*** healthcare and public safety agencies types. It is highly recommended each member of the Coalition bring with them at least one IT staff from their facility.



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October is national Cybersecurity Awareness Month and the October Coalition meeting will be a perfect way for the NEW HERC to wrap up the month. Watch for additional Cybersecurity training and exercise opportunities through-out 2019 and well in 2020.

### ***Coalition Surge Test***

Preparations are underway for the annual NEW HERC Coalition Surge Test (CST). The Coalition has secured a new vendor to assist us in conducting an HSEEP complaint training and there will be some changes from the last two years. The Coalition will be hosting an Initial, Mid and Final Exercise Planning Meetings in addition to a few trainings prior to the day of the CST Functional Exercise. We hope to have a couple of these completed before the new year.

This year's CST will focus on the evacuation of several rural hospitals. For those hospitals that are not the designated evacuating hospitals we will be asking for Exercise Evaluators and other possible players to assist at the evacuating hospitals. Many more details to follow over the next several months. The timeframe for the CST Functional Exercise will be early May.

### ***ATTENTION ALL NEW HERC MEMBERS! NEW HERC Training and Exercise Committee***

NEW HERC will hold its Training and Exercise Committee Kick-Off meeting on Tuesday Oct 8, 2019 at St. Vincent's Hospital from 8:00am – 10:30am. We are looking for at least one member from hospitals, Fire, LE, EMS, Public Health, Emergency Management, long term care, dialysis, home health/hospice. Please email [coordinator@newherc.org](mailto:coordinator@newherc.org) if you are interested.

### ***\*\*\* Upcoming "Joker" Movie Prompts Violent Online Threats by Involuntary Celibate Community***

This is to inform partners that individuals have been sharing threatening online posts calling for unspecific mass shootings at showings of the movie, "Joker." "Joker" ***is scheduled to open in theaters 4 October***, although some theaters may have screenings the evening of 3 October. The FBI received tips of threats posted on multiple social media platforms since at least May 2019. The FBI has no information indicating specific, credible threats to locations or venues. If specific threat information is collected, the FBI will respond accordingly.

(Shared by HERC Region 6 FV HERC. Source Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center)


### ***Healthcare and Public Health Training for DNC***

The NEW HERC has been given an opportunity to take part in trainings for the Democratic National Convention to be held in Summer of 2020 in Milwaukee through the WI Department of Health Services. Please find a copy of the email related to is state trainings [here](#) and an email for Wisconsin DNC Training Week at Center for Domestic Preparedness [here](#).



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### Upcoming Coalition, RTAC and Caucus Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
NEW HERC Training and Exercise Committee	October 8, 2019	8:00am –10:30am	St. Vincent's Hospital Heritage Rm C 3rd Floor
 RTAC Monthly Meeting	October 16, 2019	10:00am -12:00pm	St. Vincent Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	October 23, 2019	8:30am –11:30am	<i>St. Mary's Hospital Conference Rm C - Basement</i>
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	<i>November 20, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds before Hunting Season and Thanksgiving</i>	8:30am –11:00am	<i>St. Clare's Memorial Oconto Falls, Assisi Rm A</i>

### Upcoming Training & Exercises

Course Name	Course Dates	Location
Patient Decontamination Awareness Training for Hospitals	Currently Open - Online	Please contact Shawn for more details <a href="mailto:Metzner.hercregion3@gmail.com">Metzner.hercregion3@gmail.com</a>
Cyber Security Awareness w/Dept Homeland Security Region V	October 23, 2019	After the October Coalition Meeting at St. Mary's Hospital Conference Rm C Basement
Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management – <i>This course is only open to those who have taken a Basic CISD Course</i>	Friday Nov 1, 2019	Manitowoc EOC – Register on Eventbrite at this link <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yyppu4uz">https://tinyurl.com/yyppu4uz</a>
<a href="#">Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course</a>	Wednesday Dec 4, 2019	Aurora Bay Care Green Bay – Registration will open in the next few weeks



# Advanced Debriefing Practice and Techniques for Critical Incident Stress

**November 1, 2019**

**8:00am – 4:00pm**

**Manitowoc**

**Register at Eventbrite**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cism-advanced-debriefing-practice-and-techniques-tickets-70023198271>**



## Health Emergency Preparedness

### Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

#### Call for Abstracts

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC) invites you to submit an abstract for the 2020 Health Emergency Preparedness Conference which will be held **January 22–23, 2020** at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Abstracts can be submitted through our [Call for Abstracts](#) survey.

The theme for the 2020 conference is *A Clear Vision for Preparedness*. To align with the theme, we are accepting abstracts that address the following topic areas:

- Disaster behavioral health
- Local response to recent incidents (2019–2020)
- Integrating access and functional needs into preparedness activities
- Cross-sectoral coalition partners working together
- Innovative approaches in preparedness, response, or recovery
- Tribal health emergency preparedness
- Pandemic Influenza and/or other special pathogens
- Data collection and surveillance during disasters and emergencies
- EMS leadership in preparedness activities
- Effective communication strategies in emergencies
- Incorporating disaster volunteer services into response and recovery efforts

In addition to full-length abstracts, the conference organizers will also accept poster presentations from recipients of the Opioid Public Health Crisis Mini Grants and Functional and Access Needs Mini Grants. This opportunity will provide mini grant recipients with a chance to showcase the work conducted with the associated funding. A separate link for the poster submission will be sent via email to the mini grant recipients. *Note: recipients of these grants are not obligated to present a poster, and are still more than welcome to submit a full-length presentation abstract.*



The proposal submission deadline is **Friday, October 11, 2019, 11:59 p.m. CT**. Abstracts will be reviewed and authors of selected abstracts will be notified by Friday, November 15, 2019.

If selected for presentation, speakers agree to:

- Submit PowerPoint presentations to OPEHC by Friday, January 10.
- Present information in an objective manner.
- Allow the abstract submission information to be used in conference materials including the PDFs of electronic presentations and marketing materials.
- Allow the presentations to be reproduced and made publicly available.

If you have questions regarding abstracts or the submission process, please feel free to contact [Svea Erlandson](#), Training and Exercise Coordinator for the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care.

Please do not respond to this email. If you have questions, please contact Svea Erlandson at [charlotte.erlandson@wi.gov](mailto:charlotte.erlandson@wi.gov)