



## Introducing the Dane County Medical Advisors!

Dane County Emergency Management (DCEM) is proud to announce the appointment of Kacey Kronenfeld, MD, Michael Lohmeier, MD and Jeff VanBendegom, MD to serve as the Medical Advisory Team for Dane County EMS. These physicians bring a wealth of knowledge from a combined 30+ years in prehospital medicine and have each served local EMS agencies through collaborative efforts including pandemic response, STEMI program implementation, protocol development, and 911 diversion guidance. Each are board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Carrie Meier, Deputy Director of Dane County Emergency Management, explains how this partnership will benefit both EMS agencies and patients in our community: "Our movement towards joint Medical Advisors reflects the collaborative nature of our EMS community. The EMS agencies in and around Dane County continue to support and elevate one another in the interest of better patient care. Dr. Kronenfeld, Dr. Lohmeier, and Dr. VanBendegom are well respected among the EMS and Hospital communities and have extensive knowledge in adult and pediatric emergency medicine. In addition to each of our new Medical Advisor's extensive medical expertise, they bring a wealth of experience from previous joint initiatives in Dane County. We look forward to their continued assistance to help us meet the constant changes in healthcare, provide compassion for members in our community, maintain good communication, and to meet our goals as an EMS system," Meier said.

A few key roles of the Medical Advisory Team include:

- Coordinate on-line Medical Control and EMS communication system with contracting EMS Districts and area hospitals to help ensure standardization, accuracy, efficiency and quality at all levels of prehospital care.
- Develop and/or review community-based, patient-centered protocols and procedures for all prehospital care levels provided by local EMS Districts.
- Act as liaisons with the state medical director, service medical directors, service directors, local hospitals and local prehospital EMS providers to promote the highest quality of emergency care.
- Evaluate effectiveness of prehospital care and make recommendations for improvement, including evaluating the efficacy and applicability of new prehospital practices and procedures.
- Develop and review system-wide quality improvement programs and mechanisms for individual case review.
- Assist in the development of EMS mass casualty and disaster services planning and exercising.
- Assist with and review the effectiveness of and makes appropriate recommendations regarding new and existing prehospital training and continuing education programs.

