

Bayfield Ashland Counties EMS Council
Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2014

Introductions – Those in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.

PRESENTATION:

EBOLA – Information on Ebola was presented by Sarah Waby, Infection Control Specialist with MMC. Information included the disease is not airborne. One has to “touch it to get it”. Screening includes identifying patients who may be at risk by asking questions related to travel and possible contact with Ebola patients.

PPE requirements were also discussed. Proper donning and doffing procedures are paramount to protecting caregivers. A video depicting PPE procedures will be forwarded to services by email.

Bleach and water 1/100 solution has been identified as an appropriate disinfectant,

Specific procedures to MMC for ambulances and personnel who transport a suspected Ebola patient were also reviewed.

The information on this subject continues to change. DHS is sending email updates to EMS services as new information is available.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Tam Hofman.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes provided a financial report. The current balance is \$6677.17.

Steve also presented the proposed budget for 2015. No changes from 2014.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Committee) – The MDAC will meet one hour before the next regular meeting – 6 pm on December 4th.

MMC – Ebola planning has taken the majority of time these last weeks. If a service has missing equipment, please report that to Erika Kurtz at MMC.

WITC – Cindy Lazorik reported that there are 13 in the current EMT class. WITC has scheduled a summer class to run June 16th thru August 20th. Twelve students will be needed to run the course.

Lake Superior RTAC – Dan Diamon reported that the 9 trauma regions/RTACs are being incorporated into 7 HCC (Health Care Coalition) regions. Region 1 currently has 3 RTACs. Discussion.

Dan also reviewed other projects:

-Tourniquets for every ambulance, EMR and Law Enforcement

-Falls Prevention – checklist and training

-Trauma Basics – just conducted at South Shore; contact him if your service would like the course.

HEMS (Helicopter EMS) – Jason Dickinson reported that LifeLinkIII has participated in several PR events including Apple Festival, Fat Tire Festival and FireHouse Fifty. EMS A is available in their radio.

North is placing a HEMS at the Siren airport. If LifeLinkIII is called they will find the closest available HEMS.

Upcoming community events were discussed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 4th – 7:00 PM.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Dan Clark	Washburn Ambulance/BASO
Frank Connors	Bad River Fire
Steve Cordes	Mason Ambulance
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield Ambulance
Jason Dickinson	LifeLinkIII
Brett Frierhood	Barnes Ambulance
Dan Diamon	Lake Superior RTAC
Sam Gilbert	Iron River Ambulance
Heather Harrison	Iron River Ambulance
Tam Hofman	APIS/South Shore Ambulance
Eva Kortness	Glidden Ambulance
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Gina LaGrew	Red Cliff Ambulance
Mike LaGrew	Red Cliff Ambulance
Cindy Lazorik	WITC/South Shore Ambulance
Rob Puls	Great Divide Ambulance
David Sonby	Great Divide Ambulance
Scott Thimm	Ashland Fire
Gary Victorson	Iron River Ambulance
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Sara Waby	MMC
Sara Wartman	Public Health
Jewel Yanko	Mellen Ambulance
Diana Young	Mellen Ambulance