

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2014

The EMS Council meeting was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice-President of the Council.

MINUTES.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Joe Schick, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Steve Cordes reported a balance of \$7895.31 after paying for ads in the Bottom Line and the Daily Press for upcoming classes, website invoices, and receiving payments from dues and NCEMS Cooperative.

Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Joe Belany, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz reported on several items as follows:

- NARCAN – the pilot project is discontinued due to statutory changes; those services approved for the pilot project may continue using as trained.
 - Heroin use is on the upswing; dangerous versions of the drug are making their way in
 - Encourage all services to move forward to be approved in use of Narcan as able.
- Virtual link for meeting – doc is working with Steve Cordes for future possibilities.
- Call reviews:
 - Receiving ER may kick a call to doc for review if there is any question
 - Work under protocols / docs license. If protocols are confusing refer to MDAC for review.
 - Create an atmosphere of continuous improvement.
 - Never acceptable to have non-provider providing patient care in an ambulance.
- Spinal clearance in the field – clearance protocol
 - Document prehospital decisions very, very carefully.
 - Document extenuating circumstances.
 - Pad the board.

MDAC consider scheduling protocol discussions and review.

MMC – Dr. Patton's contract was not renewed by MMC. Dr. Asplund is not the ER medical director. Several new docs are working there as well.

Office spaces have changes including the EMS room/computer.

Merrilee Carlson is retiring from MMC after 40 years as a nurse. October 24th is a party for her; retirement is October 30th.

WITC – Cindy expressed her appreciation for the ads as awesome! 10 are registered for the fall class at this time.

Discussion about possible different class offerings – including daytime, summer, etc. Revisit in January.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported on projects.

- “Law Enforcement Tourniquet Project” will be finalized this next fiscal year. Tourniquets have been ordered for local law enforcement agencies in the RTAC area. A train the trainer course will be offered October 23rd for the region where tourniquets will be distributed along with training materials related to tourniquet use and self-care.
- Falls Prevention materials – request a train/trainer class thru Dan Diamon.
- HCC/Health Care Coalitions – Dan presented information on the medical surge tier system received through HCC partners. Planning both regionally and statewide continues.
- Trauma Basic scheduled for October 6th – 6 pm with South Shore Ambulance.
- Mock crash scenario being conducted in Washburn on October 8th with follow-up for law day in the spring.
- Next RTAC meeting – September 17th – MMC.

HEMS (Helicopter EMS) – Life Link III's thanked all for participation in the landing zone class held at Great Lakes Visitors Center on August 12th. There was good participation from agencies throughout the area. Radio communications ground to air is EMS A until further notice.

ANNUAL MEETING – Joe Belany announced that the annual dinner/meeting will be held at The Platter in Ashland on Friday, September 19th. More information will be send through the email list. Please share with all.

FACEBOOK PAGE – Request for pictures for the Council Facebook page – ambulances, etc.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – There was discussion about the cost of providing EMS for community events. Goal to think about ways to educate community groups, chambers and members of departments as well.

- FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – September 13 and 14
- APPLE FESTIVAL – October 2 thru 5
- WHISTLE STOP – October 11

NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Twin Islands meeting rooms.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Joe Schick, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	Ashland
Merrilee Carlson	MMC/Ashland
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Dan Diamon	Lake Superior RTAC
Jason Dickinson	Life Link III
Kelly Everson	MMC
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Tony Huber	Mellen
Eva Kortness	Glidden
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Cindy Lazorik	WITC / South Shore
Mark McCool	APIS
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Annette Soborowicz	MMC
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Jewel Yanko	Mellen