

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2017

The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. Meeting was held at the Ashland Fire training room with treats provided by Erika Kurtz. (Thank you.)  
All present introduced themselves.

#### MINUTES

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick, to approve the minutes of the October meeting as distributed. Motion carried.*

Note: No meeting was held in November.

#### FINANCIAL

The financial report was given by Steve Cordes. There is currently \$108 in the taxi cab fund at MMC.

Expenditures:

\$181.06 to Advantix LLC

Balance:

\$11,909.99

Information: \$108.00 in Taxi account/MMC

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jonathan Shultz has been involved in training with the National Park Service. Good/appropriate run reviews have been requested.

Stroke protocol being updated by MDAC.

Review requested of the Refusal of care and treat and release procedures.

Doc encouraged all providers to keep emotions under check in front of patients.

#### HEMS (Helicopter EMS)

- North Air – new base in Eveleth/Virginia 24/7. All is going well.
- LifeLinkIII – Jason Dickinson has taken a new position as base manager in Anoka, MN. Mindy Olander and Kevin Thill will serve as points of contact for this area.

SERVICE DISCUSSION – Every service in Bayfield County has had mutual aid for back-up during this last year. Discussion.

A meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss where EMS serving Bayfield County sees itself in five (5) years.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE (MIH) – Legislature passed a law related to mobile integrated healthcare/MIH. Model may be a good fit for areas such as Bayfield-Ashland Counties. Intended for patients who may fall through the cracks.

WITC – Joe Belany reviewed training scheduled.

(An email outlining dates and locations will be forwarded to email list upon receipt.)

WITC has trained 35 students to EMR level this fall.

Special note: An EMR class has been scheduled for Iron River beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday and Thursday for nine weeks. Those interested should sign up NOW in order to keep the class scheduled.

WITC Conference is scheduled for March 16, 17, 18 in Rice Lake.

Joe will be retiring from Ashland Fire Department and WITC on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Tim Salo will be the point of contact for WITC after that point.

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MMC – Garage is awaiting building inspection to approve occupancy.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Alzheimer's Guide for First Responders was distributed (received from Human Services). Project Lifesaver, a program for tracking of persons, was reviewed. Bayfield County received positive comments at recent state meetings – both related to opioid program within the jail and WISCOM implementation at the Hillside site. Jan Victorson also reviewed discussions at state EMS meetings:

- FAP – now open to EMR agencies. Impact not known on ambulance funding.
- TRAUMA – discussion continues on need for EMS bypass of non-designated trauma hospitals.
- PSAP – push for dispatchers to give CPR instructions over the phone.
- SCOPE OF PRACTICE – adopted National Scope of practice for all levels to include wound packing and use of tourniquets.
- DNR – consideration to include necklace as well as bracelet for DNR documentation.

Still very little understanding of the realities of rural Wisconsin.

FUTURE – Discussion about possible use of Skype for Business or other program to enable those

unable to travel to attend the meetings. Research continues.

“Stop the Bleed” resources and outreach may be considered in order to expand training offered citizens. RTAC considering this a point of outreach this year.

DNR – Discussion about Do Not Resuscitate tattoo. A tattoo has no legal weight; ask for the paperwork and or bracelet.

ASHLAND FIRE – Ashland Fire has the capability to use RTAC 64 (WISCOM) for intercepts if requested.

HSEMS1 thru 5 – Consideration at the state level as to use of these talk groups on WISCOM. Discussion about designating one for use for intercepts (as RTAC 64 is used by all disciplines for regional coordination).

EMS A – HEMS considers EMS A an appropriate channel for use when coordinating a landing zone.

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC / Ashland
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Matt Jakubik	North Air
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Kevin Thill	Life Link III
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River