

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Brett Frierhood, Vice-President. Meeting was held at MMC in Ashland.

INTRODUCTIONS – All introduced themselves.

FINANCIAL – The financial report was reviewed by Steve Cordes.

Checking	\$13,375.77
Taxi	108.00
Total	\$13,482.77

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Dan Clark, to accept the report. Motion carried.*

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported.

- Issues with the garage
- Influenza is here; get shot, wash hands often.

#### HEMS

- Life Link III – a windsock will be provided to MMC.
- North Air – been busy; offering education to local services; will have a booth at WEMSA.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – John Shultz has been conducting run reviews including intercept issues. EMS is changing rapidly. Documentation is crucial and a significant part of the job.

Future projects:

- 2020 project – work with MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Council) to establish new protocols
- Data collection – discuss potential data sources; need for the right data in and out; establish benchmark vs national standards

WITC – Karen Hogland introduced herself as the new Dean of Public Safety (EMS, Fire, Criminal Justice) for WITC and wanting to listen to concerns and issues. There may be a total revamp of learning and training options. Project EMS Coordinator to be hired January/2020; equipment technician position has been offered. Issues identified included: school does not make it easy to take classes or to upgrade level of training; WITC exist as a community service or as a business; little care for our communities; scheduling of classes with little to no notice; ITV – deliver and training not optimal but does provide opportunity for students to take classes.

Refreshers are scheduled in Red Cliff, Iron River and Mellen.

Advanced EMT class being held recently:

- Told clinicals and ride-alongs could be done in Ashland; Only option is Lakeview/Rice Lake.
  - Quality of instruction/instructors is poor
  - Emphasis on basic skills rather than the advanced needed for the class
  - Several students “pushed out” due to changes. Medical director concerned about a quality product.
- Issues:
- State curriculum to WITC to medical director vs. local protocols.
  - State standard vs. local protocols disconnect
  - Heavy hand of the state

BA PSAP – A reminder from dispatch to state the helicopter you are requesting, and radio communications frequency/talk group upon request of the helicopter.

HEMS – Both LifeLink III and North Air make an effort to send the closest helicopter.

#### PROTOCOL QUESTIONS

Tazer dart/probe removal:

- Tazer probe removal – no protocol; no do; if called – transport to hospital.
- If a skill is not in the protocols, it/you are not covered.
- Law Enforcement may be trained in removal of the probe/darts.

Destination Determination:

- No transport to clinics; ER/hospital receive patients.
- If questions arise, talk to our medical director.
- Critical patient = Basic request ALS intercept.
- Policy wording – include “except critical patients who need stabilization”.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The current officers are willing to continue.

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to continue with same officers for another year:*

*President – Tam Hofman  
Vice President – Brett Frierhood  
Secretary – Jan Victorson  
Treasurer – Steve Cordes*

*Motion carried.*

LUCAS CPR DEVICE – Washburn has used their Lucas in two CPR situations since purchase. It changes the dynamics of the CPR call. Medical Director stated that the Lucas has become a

provider safety device and should be in each ambulance. Cost is a factor, of course.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at Ashland Fire Department training room.

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Steve Cordes	Mason
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Sam Gilbert	Iron River
Tony Huber	Mellen
Lynette Hanson	Red Cliff
Karen Hogland	WITC
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Mary Moore	BA PSAP
Bree Plessel	North Air
Joe Schick	Mason
Matt Spangler	Ashland
John Shultz	Medical Director
Jordan Sjogren	APIS
Jan Victorson	BAEM