

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. Meeting was held via zoom.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Dan Clark, to accept the minutes as distributed by Meagan Quaderer. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes reported that the second of four payments for medical direction had been made and Advantix bill of \$190.06 (website) paid. The balance of funds is \$18,518.52.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Brett Frierhood, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jonathan Shultz reported that the protocol group continues the work reviewing protocols. They are working toward new protocols by the first of the year but awaiting the field version of the state protocols.

STATE EMS – Don Kimlicka, Region Director for the State EMS Office introduced Amanda Bates, the new EMS Section Chief. She affirmed her commitment to be available by email or telephone. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Don reported:

- The EMS Office has developed a mission and vision statement to provide direction and goals.
- DHS 110 is still under revision.
- The EMS Office is preparing for the new Community EMS Section that will be staffed, funded through a CDC grant.
- Chris Anderson has been appointed to the EMS Board.
- Next Subcommittee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 7 and 8 and will be held virtually. Public comment is encouraged. The December meetings are planned to be in person with the virtual option available.
- Flexible staffing explanation:
 - EMR as member of a legal crew requires a change to the operational plan.

- ACT 97 - allows more highly licensed personnel to function; register intent with the EMS Office.
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) grant information will be emailed when the budget approved.
- If issues are identified, members are encouraged to take concerns to the Council to resolve before making a formal complaint to the EMS Office. Once an official complaint is made investigations take place through the legal department. (Complaints made have not been confirmed.) Please discuss internally at the Council level rather than making formal complaints. Don could be available to advise on any issues. Medical concerns, including scope of practice, could be discussed with Dr. Shultz.
- The field version of the state protocols will be available on Tuesday, July 6th.

Dr. Shultz commended Don for his assistance and the quick turn around time for Madeline Island to include EMR driver as staffing on their ambulance.

HEMS – Brooke Ahlers of LifeLink III stated no big updates. LZ training and community events are being planned for. Apple Festival request for HEMS support October 2 and 3.

WITC – Tom Renz reported:

- EVOC recently conducted for Marengo.
- Participating in Recruitment event being scheduled for Washburn Ambulance.
- Application has been made for more equipment for Ashland campus.
- Next class: August 9 – Orientation; August 26 – first class (lecture).
- Finding clinical sites for all students remains a challenge. Any of the busier services have an interest contact Tom.
- 63 class slots available; most are already full.
- Vaccination requirements are due to clinical site requirements. Both Ashland and Bayfield Health Departments will provide immunizations. Tribal members may receive the vaccinations free of charge thru the tribal health center.
- Looking for instructors...
- Name change is gradually being implemented.

RECRUITMENT EVENT – Washburn Mayor has been very interested in working for EMS. Committee of Mayor and several EMTs are planning a Recruitment Event for July 20 from 2 to 7 pm at the Ambulance Hall. Demonstrations, “ask an EMT”, displays, etc. will be available. Any

service is welcome to participate. Advertizing thru print and social media being planned. Let Dan Clark know if able to assist.

WISCOM – Jan Victorson reported that the state WISCOM subcommittee discussed the EMS intercept/landing zone talkgroups at their last meeting. Forwarded their consensus to the State Interoperability Committee (IC) to continue use of regional as well as HSEMS1-5 as talk groups for use by EMS in intercept situations.

Discussion related to the OEC (Office of Emergency Communications) recommendation to move WISCOM to the 800 frequency band.

Motion by Dan Clark, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to send a letter from the EMS Council to state legislators suggesting WISCOM be maintained as a hybrid system, making it possible to continue use VHF radios locally. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (BA) – Meagan Quaderer reported on several items:

- USNG (United States National Grid) training will be offered to emergency service agencies. Signs are currently being placed on silent sports trails to identify location using the USNG. Please look for announcement of trainings.
- BA Fair – sign up for EMS coverage at the Fair is being encouraged. Family passes for those who volunteer will be available. Emergency kits will also be distributed thanks to a grant received. Recruitment event being planned for next year.
- WICAM ID cards/photo IDs are being implemented beginning next week. Please submit information for a department as much as possible.

MEMORIAL – Departments will be notified when final arrangements for the service for Ted Callahan, former director of the Iron River Ambulance and initial member of the EMS Council, is finalized. Scheduled date is July 23rd.

GLIDDEN AMBULANCE – Welcome!
Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Lyn Cornelius to pay the first year Council dues for Glidden Ambulance. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, August 5th via zoom.

Agenda items to include:

- Reimbursement for travel for state EMS meetings.

Will consider holding quarterly in person meetings beginning in October with virtual option.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Amanda Bates	EMS Section Chief
Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Kari Broge	Glidden
Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Cynthia Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Sam Gilbert	Iron River
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Michael Lang	Red Cliff
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Tom Renz	WITC EMS
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.