

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. A hybrid meeting was held via zoom and in person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Chris Pribek, to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes forwarded the financial report with the meeting agenda.
Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Mark Hill, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- Renewal period is complete. Service directors should check rosters to assure all personnel taking call are credentialed. Late renewal is possible until 12/31/23 with \$50 fee.
- FAP questions should be directed to Corey.
- FLEX grant initial and second report should be submitted.
- Forms are being revised to credential nurse, PA, NP and drivers. Will be available online.
- Looking to relocate to this region as Karla (wife) has been hired as a full-time paramedic with Sawyer County.
- Budget Bill will increase FAP by \$25 million.
- Budget Bill also eliminates the National Registry exam requirement for EMRs.
- MCI Plan has been revised; final release after approval at EMS Board meeting in September.
- Any questions contact Don at Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

NORTHWOOD TECH – No report.

MMC – Doug Jennings

- Construction continues. ER remodel scheduled for completion 01/24.
- Doug is working on having automatic feedback to service on cardiac, trauma and stroke call. For now request information by email to Doug.

HEMS

NORTH – Mike Zolik reported that all is well.

LIFELINKIII – Ty Wiegman reported that nothing new to report. Please reach out if need anything.

NWWI HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition) – Jan Victorson reported:

- Scholarships will be available for preparedness conferences, etc again this fiscal year. Forms are on the NWWI HERC website.
- Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 08/04.

NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) - Jan reported:

- PHTLS courses have been scheduled for this fiscal year. Red Cliff is hosting one on November 4th.

ALEM – Christina Dzwonkowski has been in the position as director of Ashland County Emergency Management for one month and on day. Learning continues.

BAEM – Meagan Quaderer, Bayfield County Emergency Management director, reported:

- Mark Hill has been named Ashland County Dispatch Director. Mark is an EMR and serves as assistant director of Glidden EMS.
- PSAP Consolidation – A meeting of the Board of Directors (Sheriffs, County Administrators and Board members) has been held and are working on a job description for a director to begin 01/2024.
 - 2023 grant expenditures have been authorized by the grant authority.
 - Moving forward with ordering EMD software.
 - Field service advisory committee will be developed to assure collaboration.
 - Question: Are meetings posted somewhere so others may participate?
- BA Fair – information related to EMS will be available at the Fair including services, contact information, classes, etc.
- BA Budget – EM is looking for ideas to assist EMS by August 15th for development in 2024 budget.
- Ashland Fire and emergency management are hosting the Incident Command training courses ICS 300 and 400.

STATE EMS MEETINGS – Jan relayed information from recent state EMS meetings including:

- Pediatric Disaster Training is available on September 8 and 29 in Spooner. Registration information on the NWWI HERC website.
- PEC (Pediatric Emergency Contact) has been requested for each EMS agency and hospital. More information thru Erika Kane, EMS for Children Project.
- New EMS Section Chief is Mark Mandler, former regional director.
- Lengthy discussion with Dan Williams, Rural Coordinator with the EMS Office related to brainstorming/problem solving/planning to resolve local EMS challenges. He is willing to meet with service directors, elected officials, providers, etc. to identify issues and work to resolve. Money is going to be available to EMS in the near future. Planning for sustainability could greatly enhance the future of EMS.
Consensus to invite Dan to the next meeting to begin the process of planning.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz asked if there was feedback on the protocols. Discussion related to medications (Aspirin 324 mg; Ibuprofen, for pain – 600 mg) and use of petroleum gauze for chest seals acceptable. Consensus that protocols working out okay.

ESSENTIA ER MOVE – New entrance to Essential ER is on 1st Street. If questions, call Essentia Dispatch.

POINT TO POINT SWIM – Lyn Cornelius will share radio communication and other information with Great Divide for upcoming Point to Point Swim – Bayfield to Madeline Island.

ANNUAL DINNER – Consensus to hold an annual dinner in September in addition to the regular meeting scheduled for September 7th. Bayfield County will pay for the dinner. Christina will find a venue.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 7th, 6:00 pm and will be both in-person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room and virtual via zoom.

Annual dinner/meeting will be scheduled and information shared with the membership.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Christina Dzwonkowski	ALEM
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Mark Hill	AL PSAP / Glidden
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Doug Jennings	MMC
Don Kimlicka (V)	WI DHS/EMS
Brian Kline (V)	Red Cliff
Anthony Lang (V)	Great Divide
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech EMS
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Jamie Trembl (V)	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson (V)	Mellen
Ty Wiegman (V)	LifeLinkIII
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air