

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2006

The January meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Dean Hambrecht, President of the Council. The meeting was held in the Waiting Room of MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES

*Motion made by Dan Diamon, seconded by Tam Hofman, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton did not bring information, therefore there was no Treasurer's Report.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jan Victorson reported that Keith Wesley of Eau Claire, has agreed to be interim medical director for the ten basic ambulance services, has returned a signed contract, change of medical director forms have been filed with the state and changes have been to EMSS. He provided several dates that he could travel north and visit with directors.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Chuck Elton, to move the February meeting to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, gather at 6:00 PM to meet with Dr. Wesley, and have the regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.*

Merrilee will arrange for a room beginning about 5:00 PM to allow for more time.

Dr. Cindy Hart respectfully declined the position of medical director based on concerns about being overextended. Discussion.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC – The next meeting of the Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. They have moved to an every other month meeting schedule.

Dan Diamon reported that as the trauma registry is implemented, many points in patient care will be tracked. This may lead to better quality assurance related to treating the trauma patient. He also discussed "Trauma Tuesday", a regional effort by which a day of the week/month will be chosen on which triage tags will be used to make initial "classification" of patients in the pre-hospital arena. Hospitals are also planning to use triage tags on each patient presenting to the emergency room providing practice across the spectrum of care.

WEEPP (Wisconsin EMS Emergency Preparedness Planning) funding of \$1400 is only available to services who complete training of 80% of personnel before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Tabletop exercises/trainings are being developed and will be conducted between/among bordering counties in order to test the WEEPP / first few minutes of a response to a multi-casualty event.

Be *SOMEBODY*- Jan reported that a committee has been formed to implement the Be *SOMEBODY* 24 hour 7 minute recruitment campaign. The dates for the event are June 2 to 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning with a "kick-off" event in Brule at 4:00 PM. Bayfield County Emergency Management has received grant monies to pay for the "live remote" broadcast from Brule as well as a printing of signs and brochures. Suggestion to make contact with Lake Superior Fire Association (southern Ashland/Price County) to ask for their participation.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Bayfield County has developed a Mitigation Plan. Jan reviewed the Mitigation Actions especially as they relate to EMS. There were no questions.

HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE TRAINING – The Bayfield County Fire Association is working toward county/area wide helicopter landing zone training by scheduling two trainings – one in Port Wing and one in Grand View. Glidden will be hosting training in conjunction with their EMT class this spring as well. When dates are finalized, Jan will forward to the membership.

TBI TRAINING – Iron River is hosting TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) training from 6 to 10 PM on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jan if you have EMT or First Responder personnel who wish to attend. This training is aimed at the basic provider. (Several professionals in the area completed the training in October making instructors available in the area for classes from one to four hours in length.)

WITC EMS – Cindy Lazarik responded to questions forwarded to her from the Council.

Twelve (12) persons are needed to hold an EMT-Basic class. She discussed the current class situation and reported it as cancelled due to low enrollment. She also reported that Basic classes are often not offered the second semester during a recertification year in order to accommodate the need for Refresher classes.

The telephone system at WITC has had a glitch. If a caller does not hit "9" after leaving a message on an individual's voice mail the message does not go to the appropriate person.

There is a waiting list for the EMT-Basic class at WITC. Potential students should call student services at 682-4591 x3188 or 1-800 243-9482 x 3188. An application will be sent to the student, an interview with a counselor will be completed (often by telephone), and a reading/comprehension exam will be scheduled. There is no charge for the reading test. (Tam Hofman will forward information related to practice tests for students.)

Ten (10) persons are required for a refresher. (WITC has conducted a refresher with less – special circumstances.)

WITC does not contract for the Basic or Refresher course as it would not be practical in terms of cost.

Instructors from other areas are brought in if they are certified to teach.

Dr. George Fall, a surgeon in the area, is serving as medical director for EMS courses through WITC. He assures that what is being taught is according to standards but does not certify EMT personnel in advanced skills. That will need to be done by the Basic Medical Director. (Jan will make contact with Dr. Wesley.)

Cindy also announced that the next EMT-Basic course will be conducted beginning in late August. All students will have to make application, have an interview and successfully complete a reading/comprehension exam before being accepted. She also announced that a First Responder Refresher (24 hours) is scheduled to begin March 2<sup>nd</sup> at WITC/Ashland, 6 to 10 PM in the Conference Center (Room 306) of WITC.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – Mike Larsen announced that he is stepping down as the EMS Coordinator for the National Park Service Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. He introduced Jason Johnson, NREMT-B, who will be assuming the role of EMS Coordinator.

NEXT MEETING – The next business meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for 7:00 PM on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at MMC. Dr. Keith Wesley will be on site beginning at 6:00 PM for those who would like to meet with him. *Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Del Jerome, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Merrilee Carlson	MMC-Ashland
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross / Lake Superior RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
John Harding	Glidden
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Del Jerome	Barnes
Jason Johnson	National Park Service
Karl Kanneberg	Ashland
Cindy Lazorik	WITC EMS-Ashland
Mike Larsen	National Park Service
Jamie Paterson	Bayfield
Jan Victorson	Bayfield County EM / Iron River