

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2006

The February 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 Gull/Stockton Island Rooms of MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Del Jerome, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported a balance of \$6574.06 in the treasury. Dues are currently being paid. Both medical director and insurance payments will need to be paid.

Motion made by Dan Diamon, seconded by Gary Victorson, to approve report as presented. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS – Dean asked all present to state who they are and which service associated with.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Keith Wesley introduced himself. He stated he would be working with us to provide the very best care possible to our patients. He is both willing to provide medical direction for us and learn from us.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon presented a check for \$1400 to each of the following services for completion of the WEEPP training: Barnes, Madeline Island and Mason.

Dan also reported on Triage Tuesday, a program being implemented in the region to increase the comfort of both hospital and pre-hospital personnel in use of triage tags. Hospitals will be using triage tags with walk-in patients.

Other activities of the RTAC include working toward tabletop exercises in the region to plan for response issues related to a mass casualty incident, access to TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) training, and planning for regional communications. The next meeting of the Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) is scheduled for April 27th, 1:00 PM at the Cable Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

CPR CHANGE – Gold Cross is implementing the 2005 AHA (American Heart Association) guidelines for CPR that includes continuous compressions. A letter was distributed that announced that those services who intercept may see those changes during patient care.

Dr. Wesley suggested a weekend training blitz of several sessions throughout the two counties that could

accomplish CPR/AED/combitube refreshers for all services. More information to follow.

WITC plans on training instructors in the new guidelines by June 1 of this year. AHA is mandating changes by July 1 of 2007. Discussion of other issues including changes in protocols, reprogramming of AEDs, retraining, etc.

WITC – Cindy Lazarik reviewed upcoming classes. The WITC conference is scheduled for March 10th and 11th. The CPAP curriculum is not here yet.

WEBSITE – Gene Miller updated the Council on progress with the website www.bac-ems.com including the call schedule, message board with each service, and library functions. A library for each service could be added.

FDA website – Continuing education credits are available from www.fda.gov/cder for those who may be interested.

MMC – MMC reported that a temporary EMS room (for about one year) has been created across the hall from the ER side entrance – or use the round table near the vending machines if more room is needed. The ER will be enlarged. Merrilee's office is located in temporar

Dr. George Fall, trauma surgeon with MMC reviewed the capabilities of the hospital including trauma team activation. Discussion related to ER doc decision making, calling the hospital announcing a trauma alert from the field, outcome evaluation mechanisms in place, helicopter activation and the triage and transport guidelines adopted by the Lake Superior RTAC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson provided information related to the EMS communications survey and updated the group on the Be SOMEBODY standby event June 2-3.

HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE TRAINING – The Bayfield County Fire Association has finalized dates for the helicopter landing zone training of March 15th, Wednesday, 7:00 PM in Port Wing and March 25th, Saturday, 10:00 AM in Grand View.

AFG – The Assistance to Firefighter Grant currently earmarks 2.5% to EMS. Discussion about changing legislation to earmark more for EMS.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to write a letter to Senator Feingold and other federal legislators encouraging an increase for EMS in the AFG program. Motion carried.

Dan Clark will work on the letter.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Del Jerome to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Merrilee Carlson	EMS Coordinator MMC
Dan Clark	Washburn
Karyl Clark	Washburn
Sheri Carlson	WITC/Washburn
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/Lake Superior RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Vi Frierhood	Barnes
Frank Koehn	South Shore
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
John Harding	Glidden
Tam Hofman	South Shore/APIS
Del Jerome	Barnes/Great Divide
Jason Johnson	Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (APIS)
Karl Kanneberg	Ashland
Cindy Lazorik	WITC/South Shore
Mark McGinley	Washburn
Gene Miller	Barnes
Jamie Paterson	Bayfield
Rob Puhls	Great Divide
Donna Porter	Barnes
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Stan Sadenwasser	Luke's ONE
Marcia Swanson	South Shore
Gary Victorson	Iron River/Mason
Jan Victorson	Bayfield County EM
Keith Wesley	Medical Director
Marcia Wellnitz	Barnes
Coni M. Wickingson	WITC/Mason