

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2006

The November/December meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice- President of the Council as Dean Hambrecht was unable to attend. The meeting was held at MMC/Ashland.

Chuck Elton introduced two visitors from the Washburn Boy Scout Troop: Timothy Chaney and Kameron Vandonkersgoed. Both are working on a civic project and needed to observe a public meeting.

MINUTES – Minutes for the October meeting were circulated.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Scott Thimm, to approve the October minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported that we have a balance of \$4,118.20. Projected expenses include \$1375 for medical director and \$150 for website.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Jamie Paterson, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

MDAC – Gary Victorson reported that members of MDAC met before the meeting and reviewed the state AED protocol based on the 2005 AHA Guidelines. This protocol was emailed out by the EMS Section today. Copies were distributed and services were encouraged to review within their service for Council approval at the January meeting.

AED UPGRADE – The Medtronic AED upgrade package has been received by Steve Cordes. Steve is willing to attend a regular meeting of services with Medtronic AEDs and assist with the reprogramming. His contact information is as follows:

Email: [scordes@ashlandmmc.com](mailto:scordes@ashlandmmc.com)

Work phone: 685-5197

Cell phone: 209-2336

Services with Medtronic AEDs include:

Barnes (9)  
Bayfield (also Zoll)  
Great Divide  
Iron River  
Mason  
Mellen  
Red Cliff  
South Shore

Services with Zoll equipment include:

Ashland  
Bayfield  
Madeline Island

Washburn Ambulance has Laerdal AEDs.

Public Access AEDs throughout the area (schools, fire departments, community buildings) include Medtronic, Phillips, and Zoll.

RTAC – Dan Diamon reviewed several projects currently being supported by the Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council:

- RTAC meeting – the Duluth hospitals are going to discuss how to do performance improvement as well as review a northwest Wisconsin event at the next RTAC meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>, Cable Community Centre, at 1:00 PM. All EMS agencies are invited to attend.

- Designation of a service pediatric champion has been extended. Please let Dan know who those people are as soon as possible. WITC has already scheduled two offerings of the PEPP training – February 10 and March 8 (before the WITC conference).

- Communications Pilot Project – a training program is being developed for the use of frequencies related to the RTAC communication pilot project. The training will be designed to be used in-house or one person at a computer for ongoing use with new staff personnel.

- Triage and Transport Guidelines – Dan encouraged services to “dust off” the Triage and Transport Guidelines adopted by each service through the RTAC and review with personnel.

- Hospital workshop – a workshop for hospitals related to site review and verification was conducted in Barron. There was discussion that a patient must be within the four walls of the hospital before “belonging” to the hospital. Discussion related to current practice at MMC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson attended meetings of the state EMS Board and Subcommittees. She reported on the financial crisis in the state EMS office as well as planning for identifying a stable funding source. Discussion.

Jan also reported that programming of new radios will begin late next week with reprogramming of radios that will stay in service beginning after the first of the year.

NCEMSC – Jan has been communicating with North Central EMS Cooperative related to Council membership. NCEMSC would offer the Council the same rates available to state organizations - \$35 per service for 1–20 agencies. Discussion.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Scott Thimm, that the Council purchase membership in the NCEMSC for all services. Motion carried.*

EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN – Jan reported that several EMTs had been exposed to a potentially infectious disease and the system to notify them and get them treatment was not timely. Keith Wesley was notified and assisting in getting prescriptions to the EMTs. Jan distributed an outline that he sent of what an exposure control plan should delineate. Suggestion that we invite Patti Skoracewski, infection control nurse at MMC, to the next Council meeting and have her review hospital procedures. Other issues identified include timely

notification from the hospital to EMTs, hospitals in the region other than MMC, development of checklist for EMTs, ER staff and infection control officers/directors.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

MDAC will meet Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Jamie Paterson, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Cordes	Mason
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/Lake Superior RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Robin Frierhood	Barnes
Viola Frierhood	Barnes
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Becky McKay	Mellen
Jamie Paterson	Bayfield
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	Bayfield County EM

Visitors: Timothy Chaney  
Kameron Vandonkersgoed