

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 26, 2007

The April 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 North and South Twin Island meeting rooms at MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Dan Diamon, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to accept the March minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton sent a financial report:

EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN – Jan Victorson introduced Millie Lindsey, Director of the Bayfield County Health Department, to the membership. Members present also introduced themselves.

Millie stated that there are two main facets to an exposure control program – 1) infectious disease protection and 2) post exposure policies.

The Ryan White Act requires that medical facilities inform emergency responders that they may have been exposed to a life threatening communicable disease within 48 hours after confirmation of that disease. That notification should be made to the designated officer of that agency who will screen those with the potential exposure, determine if the potential for exposure exists, and notify the service medical director. In Wisconsin the diseases that the hospital is required to notify emergency responders are:

- Infectious Tuberculosis
- Hemorrhagic fevers
- Hepatitis B
- Meninococcal disease
- HIV / AIDS
- Plague
- Diphtheria
- Rabies

Notification of other infectious diseases (salmonella, ecoli, etc.) come through the local public health department. Discussion of need to have two people identified as designated officers within each service. *Motion made by Jamie Paterson, seconded by Tam Hofman, to send Patti Skoraczewski at MMC a letter, with copies to our medical director Dr. Wesley, Bayfield County Public Health and Ashland County Public Health, defining our expectations according to the Ryan White Act and identifying two designated officers for each service. Discussion. Motion carried.* Millie volunteered to work with the Jan Victorson to update the current exposure control plan to include notification and screening guidelines. The target date for a draft will be the June meeting. Recommendations for immunizations

for Health Care Workers was distributed and discussed. Millie encouraged services to develop an immunization policy. The cost of immunizations was discussed. Millie will research costs to forward to ambulance directors. Concern expressed that the cost of immunizations might prohibit services offering them to EMTs/first responders. Millie also distributed PPE guidelines for review.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported that the Lake Superior RTAC continues to work on the radio mutual aid interoperability project. The training program is almost ready and training sessions will be scheduled soon. He also reminded folks about the PEPP class reimbursement for a pediatric champion. Get signed documentation to him by the tenth of the month. A mock crash is scheduled in Maple – Northwestern High School – on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A mock crash is scheduled in Drummond on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING – Jan Victorson distributed flyers related to the SKYWARN Spotter Training scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the EOC in Washburn. All are invited to attend.

RADIO INTEROPERABILITY GRANT – Jan reported that several ambulance services had received new radios through the grant. DSC can be contacted directly if services are ready to have existing radio equipment reprogrammed. Training will be forthcoming and is open to all who may use the radio infrastructure as well as the mutual aid frequencies – including, but not limited to fire, ambulance, highway, law enforcement and public works personnel.

WARDS – Mary Ross attended a seminar in Rhinelander presented by the state EMS section. Although she found the session very helpful and encouraged others to attend when offered, she wanted to discuss services plans for implementing WARDS. Discussion included the costs include the internet connection required, and time of personnel. Concern expressed that the administrative “crap” is driving EMTs out the door...that the database should be working for us not us working for the database. Further discussion about possible hospital acceptance of written “short” form in order for services to return to station and not need to file redundant reports – paper and electronic. Also discussion about possibility of having a free, non-internet based template to be filled in while returning to the station that could be downloaded on to the internet when in the hall. Additional discussion about missing items in the WARDS database including intercept times, intercept service, lung sounds, etc. *Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Jamie Paterson that Mary Ross and Jan Victorson develop a letter addressing concerns with WARDS to be sent to Brian Litza and Keith Wesley. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Twin Island Meeting Rooms at MMC/Ashland.

ADJOURNMENT *Motion made by Gary Victorson,  
seconded by Dan Diamon, to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Merrilee Carlson	MMC/Ashland
Steve Cordes	Mason
Marie Cupp	Washburn
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/RTAC
Ted Gostomski	Great Divide
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Ted Hofstrand	SMMC/Lifeflight
Amelia Lindsey	BA Public Health
Jamie Paterson	Bayfield
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Gary Victorson	Iron River Ambulance
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Jewel Yanko	Mellen