

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2007

The August 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 Clark, seconded by Cindy Lazorik, to accept the July minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported no change in the report from July – a current balance of \$4281.63. One service's dues are still outstanding.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Discussion about feedback received from Dr. Keith Wesley through the WARDS program.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to officially offer Dr. Wesley the position of medical director. Motion carried.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported that PEPP checks should be received by September 17th. Car seats have been ordered – 100 convertible and 100 booster seats. Ambulance services needing convertible car seats included: Bayfield – 1, Iron River – 1, Mason – 2, South Shore – 1, Washburn – 1.

PI or performance improvement will be done for any run for a trauma patient that has a scene time of more than 20 minutes. The membership was also reminded to include GCS (Glasgow Coma Score) in reports.

TRAINING – Cindy Lazorik reviewed the Basic and Refresher class training schedules. Members observed that the ads in the paper placed by WITC have been helpful in recruitment. She also announced that Brian Litza will be in the area to do WARDS training in mid-October.

MMC – Merrilee Carlson announced that they are in the new ER. Her office is across from the EMS room. She has been reduced from .5 time to .2 for EMS Coordinator including RTAC and STAC meetings. Discussion about MMC needing more lead time when a patient being transported to their facility. She stated that a 15 to 20 minutes heads up would be helpful.

REPROGRAMMING OF RADIOS – Jan Victorson reminded the membership that the 100% funding for reprogramming of radios expires August 30th.

FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – Gary Victorson distributed letters of invitation to be part of the EMS team for the Fat Tire Festival September 15th and 16th.

COUNTY FAIR – Gary also invited folks to let Iron River EMTs know when arriving on the fairgrounds if they are willing to assist with coverage and respond as required.

APPLE FESTIVAL – Lynn Cornelius reminded the group that the Apple Festival weekend is October 5th – 7th.

BACKBOARDS - Backboards, straps, cervical collars and head blocks are being purchased by the RTAC for distribution among hospitals, ambulances and certified first responder groups throughout the region. This should add to the supply of boards available throughout the region including backboards left at the hospital, etc.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP) – Jan shared her experience at the August state EMS board meeting when she shared the concerns the Council had expressed about the cost of training in contrast with the training allotment from FAP funds. Discussion about future strategies.

Refresher costs are \$78.04 for Refresher; CPR is \$13.21 for a total of \$91.25.

Each ambulance service is asked to provide documentation as to what was received in FAP dollars when all education was paid, what was received this go around, and how that compares to the cost of providing refresher training and/or new EMT training for your service.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is the Annual Meeting – hosted by South Shore Ambulance at the Port Bar and Restaurant, Port Wing – Thursday, September 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn
Merrilee Carlson	MMC
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Karl Kanneberg	Ashland
Cindy Lazorik	WITC EMS Specialist
Gary Victorson	Iron River Ambulance
Jan Victorson	BAEM