

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 24, 2013

The EMS Council meeting was called to order by Dean Hambrecht, President of the Council.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to approve August minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes reported as follows:

\$7,216.20	August Balance
	Expenditures – medical direction, website, stamps
	Deposits
\$6,528.61	Balance

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Tam Hofman, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.*

WITC – Cindy Lazork reviewed the current EMT Refresher schedule. There are 18 students in the EMT class currently in progress. An EMR class is currently being conducted in Saxon. No EMT class is planned for January.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz was unable to attend the meeting due to his work schedule. Jan reviewed a letter he had forwarded:

**A reminder to service directors to communicate back to him when emails are sent.**

An education session was held with South Shore earlier this month. Bayfield is planned for November. Let him know if you are interested in hosting an evening's education.

Tourniquet protocol has been submitted to and approved by the State EMS Office.

There was discussion about issues identified by Dr. Shultz.

The need for responding to communication from the medical director is crucial. Jan Victorson was directed to forward that portion of the letter to all EMT Service Directors under his medical direction in order to assure all directors receive the information.

The tourniquet protocol will be reformatted as an adult protocol, forwarded to all services for review and comment, in order to adopt at the next meeting.

MMC – Annette Soborowicz reminded the membership of the following:

Upcoming infection control training and the plan to offer it during evening hours to make it

possible for more to attend. Possible dates were discussed.

There had been issues posting runs to MMC that have been resolved. If a service is not able to post electronic run reports directly to MMC let Annette know. Laptops may need to be configured with the MMC domain.

Two comments were received from the membership:

1. There has been more interaction with the doctors from the ER and it has been great!
2. One of the comments never received: an intercept was not needed. [Extra expense, additional manpower, or other inherent risks associated with an intercept.]

There was consensus that it would be good to have both medical directors – Jonathan Shultz and Kevin Thornton – together at a meeting and discuss the intercept policy. It also could be of great benefit to discuss other issues related to education, communication, and training.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC – Dan Diamon, Coordinator, reported for the Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC):

Town of Superior Fire Department is hosting a training session/exercise on Treatment and Transport Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

PHTLS for EMR – 12 seats are available for a January 25<sup>th</sup> class/Eau Claire.

Patient Care Report (PCR) – The State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) is doing a performance improvement project on PCR. EMS PCR information becomes part of the continuum of care.

PHTLS for EMT – to be scheduled through WITC in the near future.

Trauma Basic III available for delivery at each service. The focus is on bleeding control, SALT, and burns.

Fatal vision goggles have been purchased and are available for use throughout the region.

Next meeting – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, EOC in Superior.

Dan Diamon can be reached at 218.591.4210 or [ddiamon@centurytel.net](mailto:ddiamon@centurytel.net).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson reported on several items:

Active Shooter issues are being pushed from several different levels.

Potential for a communication board project for use with children.

Grant information may become available between meetings. Confirmation that the Council approves applying for grants that may be available.

AFG webinars have been scheduled. Information emailed to the membership.

Website – Dr. Shultz has been talking with Gene Miller about activating a “medical director” portion to

the BAC-EMS website. In order for all EMS responders to take advantage of the website email addresses will be required. A "protected area" for service directors may also be developed. Service directors are encouraged to begin developing an email list for all response personnel in readiness for implementation.

Jan also reported that an item on the county board agenda this coming Tuesday is the consolidation of emergency management with the sheriff's office.

Discussion.

DEATH EN ROUTE – What to do when a patient is declared dead while the ambulance is en route to the hospital was discussed. Related issues include family following, not ER patient, registration, etc. Annette will discuss with the MMC hospital supervisor group.

Jonathan also reported that he continues to review requests and/or complaints. Nothing appears remarkable but it does take time.

RESCUE EQUIPMENT – Brule Fire Department is selling some rescue equipment. Jan will send out detailed information to membership.

LIFELINKIII is adding an "auto-pulse" to it's on board equipment. A discussion followed about potential use of cardiac support pumps, the fact that Ashland Fire is no longer using, with offers from MMC and WITC to bring equipment to the next meeting and let folks try it. There was additional discussion about looking for input from both medical directors.

NARCAN PILOT – The State EMS Office hopes to release the applications to participate in the EMT NARCAN pilot project early in November. Dr. Shultz has had ongoing contact with the state EMS office related to the pilot.

HOSPITAL PLAQUES – Discussion about updates to the plaques honoring EMS folks at the hospital. Merrilee Carlson will follow up.

BASO – Heroin is here. Also be aware as there are traffic crashed that folks are traveling across Highway 2 in order to purchase "stuff" in Ashland.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Non-invasive cardiac pumps will be demonstrated.

*Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Joe Schick, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Brendalen	Mellen
Merrilee Carlson	MMC
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason
Dan Diamon	Lake Superior RTAC
Brett Frierhood	Barnes

Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Cindy Lazorik	WITC / South Shore
Mark McCool	NPS – APIS
Tom Renz	Barnes
Joe Schick	Mason
Annette Soborowicz	MMC
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM