

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2015

Meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council.

MINUTES.

Motion made by Gina LaGrew, seconded by Gary Victorson, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Steve Cordes reported all dues for 2015 have been paid leaving a balance of \$11,700.41.

Expenditures:

- \$50 Bayfield County Reserves
- \$100 Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard
- \$30 Annual Corporate Report
- \$187.38 Website
- \$1375 St. Luke's (medical director)

Deposits:

- \$187.38 NCEMS Corporation:

Balance:

\$10,132.49

He reported continued research on the business credit card. He also reported that the \$100 donation to the "transportation fund" in MMC ER is still being worked on.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the Financial Report as given. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Shultz was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He asked Jan Victorson to ask those services not using narcan to update him on their status. Jan read the following note:

"Just a reminder for everyone...in case you haven't heard...there is a new synthetic drug in the Twin Ports. Multiple presentations to both ED's with multiple ICU admissions. Patients are presenting unlike previous synthetics. This new drug (as yet unknown) is causing patients to present with decreased LOC or unresponsiveness, not responding to narcan, and often with hypotension and bradycardia. Treatment is symptomatic. Any patients presenting with these symptoms should have an ALS intercept, as they are at high risk for respiratory failure."

MDAC – The Medical Director Advisory Committee continues to work on protocols. The Narcan protocol will be forwarded to all before the next meeting.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported that MMC has seen 20% more patients this year than last year at this time. One complaint about EMS: A female patient complained that EMTs were "joking" about cutting her clothes off. Discussion and a reminder that we all need to be

sensitive our patients, to the situation and those around us.

RTAC – The Lake Superior RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) purchased moulage kits for the region that are being stored at area hospitals. See Erika if you wish to borrow. Dan Diamon will be at the next meeting to do Falls Prevention education.

HCC – The Health Care Coalition (HCC) is a reality. Consensus that the workshop in Rice Lake was informative. Members also expressed that an annual workshop would be helpful to keep folks informed.

WITC – Cindy Lazorik was unable to attend the meeting. Jan read the following message:

"The summer EMT class did not run. We had 8 students; 2 called to withdraw. The Fall 2015 EMT class is scheduled to begin September 24, 2015. Class will be held from 8 am to 12:00 pm. Working on EMT-Refresher classes. Those services who want a fall refresher should contact me at their earliest convenience. I have Mason's information. I will be scheduling a Director's meeting soon – pending completed materials. Kudos to Rescue Divas! Very well done! If anyone has any questions, please have them contact me. Thank you for your dedication to EMS!"

Discussion related to training.

HEMS – Jason Dickinson reported that Life Link III has a new ship. This ship will be stationed at various locations throughout the area thru October. They have four dispatchers on duty and will send the closest most appropriate HEMS when requested.

Rob Pearson reported that North Air Care is reviewing long board use. As of July 1st, patients may be removed from the backboard before being loaded. Their protocol and additional information will be emailed to the membership.

RESCUE DIVAS – Erika reported that twenty young women participated in the Rescue Divas program held at Northland College. Each left the program with CPR and First Aid certification, fire extinguisher training, and participated in a SAR (Search and Rescue) with Sawyer County SAR team. Good press and media/social media coverage was enjoyed.

BE SOMEBODY – Adam Olson reported that thirty-four agencies attended the kick-off event in Brule on May 30th, including both local HEMS. Vendors were on site. Door prizes were awarded. A special thank you to MMC for their donation of first aid kits. They were very well received!

MIH (Mobile Integrated Healthcare) – A stakeholder forum to discuss MIH is scheduled for July 20th in Eau Claire. Discussion.

LEGISLATION – Jan summarized a bill now circulating in the legislature related to EMS mutual aid across state lines.

24/7 TRAINING – Jan was contacted by a training company “24/7” about purchase of training materials. No action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS – Connie Wickingson, dispatcher for BASO, reminded responders to identify the tower you are communicating on and confirm the dispatch has received any critical messages. There has been a lot of static in radio transmissions. Discussion.

Jan reminded all that if there is an issue with radio communications please document the time, date, where your equipment was, atmospheric conditions and what happened. This gives our radio maintenance folks some background to begin diagnosing system problems.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for July 23rd – 7:00 PM – MMC/Ashland.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Patti Stemwedel, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Jason Dickinson	Life Link III
Rayne Edinger	Ashland
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Dan Heinzen	Mellen
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Erika Kurtz	MMC Trauma Coordinator
Gina LaGrew	Red Cliff
Michael LaGrew	Red Cliff
Stuart Matthias	Ashland
Patti Stemwedel	South Shore
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Connie Wickingson	BASO/CCO