

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2018

The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Brett Frierhood, appointed to fill in as chair. Meeting was held at MMC in Ashland.

MINUTES – Minutes of the November meeting were emailed to the membership.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Erika Kurtz to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

PROTOCOLS – Draft protocol changes to AP 22, AP 24 and PRO 13 were sent to all services.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jewel Janko, to update the protocols as reviewed. Motion carried.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported that there are new faces in the ER including traveling nurses. Please let her know if there are any issues.

There appears to be an increase in psych cases – depression, illness, etc. Patients should be brought to the closest, more appropriate ER.

Determined that no need for “twiage” use due to cell coverage issues.

Erika will be working from home for two weeks.

HEMS

- LifeLinkIII – Kevin Thill is available for any questions, needs, etc. – here to support services and their patients. A reminder the ship has no de-ice capabilities.
- North Air – Bree Plessel stated the North appreciates the partnerships in this area. Thank you and take care of selves. The ship has IFR capabilities but no de-icing.
- A reminder from the Bayfield County Sheriff’s Office: In Bayfield County the HEMS is chosen from the field not by the dispatcher.
- MMC requests HEMS thru the ER nurse supervisor.

WITC – Joe Belany reported on class availability. The WITC Emergency Services Conference will be held in Ric Lake March 21 thru 23 with Bob Page as a featured speaker.

RTAC – The RTAC sponsored a PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) class in Ashland with 21 students in attendance. Class participants reported it being an excellent class.

The RTAC is taking “Stop the Bleed” training out to each school district in the region. Discussion as to local resources available.

PHTLS may be scheduled in Lake Nebagamon after the first of the year.

COVERAGE AGREEMENT – Discussion as to status of coverage agreement. Send letter to all services encouraging opt in (or opt out) before March 1st.

BASO – Dan Clark reminded all that “ride alongs” are available in the PSAP/communications center. Dispatcher CPR is being researched. Bayfield County Deputy applied a tourniquet during hunting season.

WASHBURN AMBULANCE – Dan also reported that after 2 CPR calls the ambulance service purchased a reconditioned LUCAS for \$12,000. They will be looking for a grant for a second.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan reported on recent state EMS Board meetings:

- Coverdale Stroke Program MOU for EMS
- EMS-Children – equipment grant available (\$500) to those services who completed a survey in 2017 and expressed interest.
- Review of data reports
- Scope of practice changes being made
- State protocols still being considered
- Requested more timely access to meeting minutes and documentation

The Board discussed moving to a quarterly meeting schedule in 2019 with separate subcommittee meetings on Tuesday and Board meeting to follow on Wednesday.

ELECTION

The following have agreed to serve as officers of the Council:

- President – Tam Hofmann
- Vice-President – Brett Frierhood
- Secretary – Jan Victorson
- Treasurer – Steve Cordes

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jewel Janko, to accept the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those listed. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jewel Janko, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Frank Koehn	Red Cliff
Jewel Janko	Mellen
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Bree Plessel	North Air
Matt Spangler	Ashland
Kevin Thill	LifeLinkIII
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River