

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2018

The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. Meeting was held at MMC/Ashland.

All present introduced themselves.

STATE EMS OFFICE PRESENTATION

Ray Lemke and Helen Pullen of the state EMS office within Department of Health Services updated the group on state issues and responded to questions.

- Section Chief position has been posted.
- EMS State Plan has been submitted to the legislature; to be reviewed by state board.
- Operational Plan updates
 - Mutual Aid Agreement
 - Coverage Agreement
- Renewal requirements – if any questions or issues, please contact Helen [helen.pullen@dhs.wisconsin.gov]
- Flexible training/refresher review
- Cross credentialing
- Recent legislation – flexible staffing and mobile integrated healthcare

Both Ray and Helen are open to ongoing contact and discussion to resolve any issues.

MINUTES

Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Steve Cordes, to accept the minutes of the January meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

The financial report was given by Steve Cordes. There has been no activity in 2018. Balance is \$10,534.99 with \$108 in the taxi cab fund at MMC.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

MMC – Erika Kurtz updated the membership on changes in office locations. Erika also reported that RSV is being diagnosed in adult patients with co-morbidities as well as children. Coughs and weakness are consistent signs. Mask – mask – mask. Reminder to use the gray top for disinfecting the ambulance.

Discussion related to automatic closer on doors.

There currently is no storage in the garage; linens are available in urgent care.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jon Shultz talked about the time required in e-licensing to cross-credential EMTs. He discussed the opportunity to work together toward ongoing refresher training within services. No action on “treat and release” protocol.

HEMS (Helicopter EMS) – Kevin Thill of LifeLinkIII discussed the “One Link” application for phone use. Discussion.

He also reminded providers that the helicopter will respond to a scene, assist in assessment/evaluation of patient and not need to take the patient. Please contact Kevin if any concerns or issues.

Discussion related to other flight services participation in the “one Link” or similar app that notes the location/availability of HEMS.

Motion made by Jan Victorson, seconded by Dan Clark, that the Council write a letter encouraging HEMS cooperation and participation in an application such as “One Link” to provide efficient tracking and deployment of the closest helicopter to augment patient care and/or transport as quickly as possible. Further that this letter be forwarded to the NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee), NWWI HCC (Health Care Coalition), and Air Medical Council. Motion carried.

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS – A meeting to update responders on FirstNet and other state communications efforts has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 27th at the Bayfield County EOC. All are encouraged to attend.

NWWI HCC – Next meeting of the Health Care Coalition (HCC) is scheduled for tomorrow. Discussion of SPAM notice that came from Aimee Wollman-Nesseth and SPAM in general.

TRAINING – Jan Victorson will make sure Tim Salo has been added to the email distribution list. Issue: An individual who was planning on taking the EMT class dropped out when no support for the ITV.

BAYFIELD COUNTY EMS – Ambulance directors from the Basic/volunteer services within Bayfield County met on January 17th. Discussion focused on mutual aid and coverage agreements. Discussion will continue as we explore mobile integrated healthcare, budgets, business models and work toward development of coverage agreements.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th in the Bayfield County Annex meeting room.

Jan Victorson

BAEM / Iron River

STOP THE BLEED – Washburn Ambulance has interest in working at implementing “Stop the Bleed” training. Erika is an instructor.

Guests:

Ray Lemke
Helen Pullen

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

February

- EMS for Children training – 02/02
- Book Across the Bay – 02/16
- Bike Across the Bay – 02/17
- Bayfield County Basic EMS Directors – 02/20
- Birkie – 02/23 and 24 (Note: RTAC64NW will be used for medical communications throughout the race course)
- Regional Communications meeting – 02/27

March

- EMS Council meeting – 03/01
- WITC Conference/Rice Lake – 03/16 and 17
- NWWI RTAC/Cameron – 03/27

April

- EMS Council meeting – 04/05

May

- EMS Council meeting – 05/03
- EMS Week – 05/20 thru 26

June

- EMS Council meeting – 06/07
- Be SOMEBODY media event/Brule – 06/09
- Blue Mass/Washburn – 06/27

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT – *No further business. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Bulovsky	Ashland
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Lynnette Hansen	Red Cliff
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Peg Kman	Iron River
Frank Koehn	Red Cliff
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Guy McGuire	South Shore
Dr. Steve	Red Cliff Health Center
Jamie Patterson	Bayfield
Joe Schick	Mason
Dr. Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Kevin Thill	Life Link III