

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 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 the Ashland Fire Department training room.

Thank you for MMC for the pizza, salad and cupcakes as well as the SWAT-T stretch tourniquet provided for each services personnel.

#### MINUTES

*Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Dan Clark, to accept the minutes of the May meeting as distributed. Motion carried.*

#### FINANCIAL

Steve Cordes forwarded a written report.

Expenditures:

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| \$ 250.00   | Be SOMEBODY ads                 |
| \$ 1,000.00 | Rescue Divas (CEP)              |
| \$ 181.06   | Website 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter |

Revenues:

|             |                 |
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| \$ 1,025.00 | Membership dues |
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\$108.00 stands in Taxi cab account MMC

Balance:

\$14,651.87.

*Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Joe Schick, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

MMC – Erika Kurtz wished all a Happy EMS Week! MMC is providing SWAT-T stretchable tourniquets to each service with the intent that they be issued as personal response equipment. The SWAT-T may be cut to better size smaller extremities, especially those of children.

- The new urgent care area of MMC is open.
- North parking lots are under construction.
- New cafeteria will open later this year.
- Ongoing research into Twiage technology – a documentation tool that allows field providers to update hospital on patients during transport. Sawyer County has experience connectivity issues. Barnes is currently using in conjunction with Hayward Hospital.

#### HEMS

- LifeLink III – Kevin Thill reported.
  - The One LINK is working well for helicopter mobilization.

- The Marshfield Base is now open with ten hospitals part of the consortium.
- Confirmed for both Be Somebody event and Rescue Divas.
- NORTH – Jan read a report forwarded by Rob Pearson of North Air:
  - Air Care Conference in Siren had record attendance. Thank you to all who participated.
  - Confirmed for Be Somebody event and Rescue Divas fly-in. Blue Mass still pending.
  - Many scene flights. Great LZs and communications.
  - Contact anytime for free landing zone training and hemorrhage control classes. We will always do what we can to support you and your staff.

BLUE MASS – June 27<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Washburn. Dan Clark distributed posters. The Blue Mass is intended for all emergency services. Dinner will follow.

BASO – Bayfield County Sheriff's Office reported several crashes on US Hwy 2. Dan reminded all services to establish and declare command right away. This gives the dispatcher and additional responders a point of contact for radio communications and task assignment.

HEMS communications has been confusing to Bayfield County dispatchers. Although EMS A has been designated for landing zone communications, when HEMS dispatchers are told that they deny the helicopter has that in their radios. Discussion. LifeLink III (Kevin) will check with dispatchers, make sure a memo/reminder goes out to all. North – Jan will send a note to North for their follow-up.

WITC – No report.

EDUCATION – Discussion about the EMR to EMT bridge course. According to the EMS Office report at the state EMS Board meeting the pilot courses did not go well therefore they are discontinuing the project to develop that bridge course. Discussion.

RTAC – Erika reported. There is an emphasis on conducting "Stop the Bleed" training throughout the region. Currently there are four instructor kits with one stationed in Ashland. Four more will be purchased. EMTs may sign up on the website to be a trainer. The RTAC plans to develop school/facility kits that will be an incentive to conduct the training

on site. A kit will be left with the facility with instructions on how to make their own.

OPIOIDS – Statement: 50% of babies are addicted at birth.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson reported:

- Cleansweep events are scheduled; flyer was distributed.
- Presentations focused on recruitment have been given to Bayfield County Board, Ashland-Bayfield Unit of Wisconsin Towns Association, State EMS Board, and county department heads.
- Resources to use in presentations were reviewed.

OPERATIONAL PLANS – A meeting was held with Ray Lemke of the State EMS Office to review local ambulance services status with operational plans and the funding assistance program application. The issue documentation of staffing in WARDS without cross-credentialing EMT/EMR personnel was discussed. Ray mentioned changes would need to take place in statute/rule to make this happen. Dan suggested we take this issue to our legislators and try to resolve. Consensus.

COVERAGE AGREEMENT – The Basic services in Bayfield County have been meeting to develop a coverage agreement that could be adopted and used when filing/updating operational plans. It was recommended that each service review for potential adoption with the Council reviewing actions at the August meeting.

BIG TOP CHAUTAUQUA – Scott Thimm reported Big Top Chautauqua is looking for EMS personnel to provide First Aid during Big Top events.

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick, that Big Top Chautauqua be included as an event with the Council's insurance. This would provide coverage for members of the Council providing First Aid with the provision that personnel not consume alcohol when identified as first aid personnel. Motion carried.*

UPCOMING EVENTS – Tam reviewed upcoming events:

JUNE

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Be SOMEBODY media event/Brule – 11am to 3 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Rescue Divas camp begins / Delta
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Rescue Divas closing ceremony – 1 pm

- 27<sup>th</sup> - Blue Mass / Washburn

JULY

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Next meeting/MMC – 7 pm

ADJOURNMENT – *No further business.*

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Dan Clark       | Washburn / BASO    |
| Lyn Cornelius   | Bayfield           |
| Brett Frierhood | Barnes             |
| Tam Hofman      | South Shore / APIS |
| Frank Koehn     | Red Cliff Tribal   |
| Erika Kurtz     | MMC                |
| Stuart Matthias | Ashland            |
| Tara Renz       | Mellen             |
| Joe Schick      | Mason              |
| Jordan Sjogren  | APIS               |
| Kevin Thill     | Life Link III      |
| Scott Thimm     | Ashland            |
| Jan Victorson   | Iron River / BAEM  |
| Jewel Yanko     | Mellen             |