

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 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.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Shultz was able to join us via the expertise of Joe Belany, assistance from WITC and the “BlueJeans” application.

Dr. Shultz reported on the MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Committee) meeting. Protocols reviewed were emailed to the membership.

AP-24 Extremity Trauma was expanded to include Hemorrhage control. Use of tourniquet and hemostatic clotting agents were included. Dr. Shultz explained the surgical concerns with use of clotting agents and noted the use of the word “consider” in the protocol. Carrying and/or use of clotting agents is not mandated by the protocol. Wound packing is not included in our protocols.

AP-22 Trauma was realigned with current trauma definitions – deleting references to mechanism of injury and Lake Superior RTAC.

AP-30 Tourniquet was renumbered as a Procedure.

Dr. Shultz encouraged the membership to take the month to review the protocols and send comments directly to him – shultz.jonathan@gmail.com – with the goal of approving them at the December meeting

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

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Tony Huber, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Steve Cordes, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$12,798.81.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Steve also presented a proposed budget for 2019. Discussion.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Tony Huber to accept the proposed budget with approved changes. Motion carried.

MMC – Erika Kurtz was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report:

- The mural is finished in the garage – looks great!
- No influenza cases but get flu shots!
- If someone is coughing, please mask!
- STROKE training was conducted at Ashland Fire Department. HEMS should not be activated for stroke patients going to MMC. When a patient with stroke symptoms arrives at MMC, assessment and treatment may take over an hour depending upon the treatment plan. (Head CT is done upon arrival, stroke neurologist assessment, often followed by a CT angiogram, TPA may be administered and/or treatment plan set.) Most often a ground critical care team can transfer the patient to the tertiary care center. Both hospitals in Duluth have interventional radiology for additional procedures as required.

HEMS

North Air Care was unable to attend. Rob Pearson sent the following report:

1. We have conducted many Landing Zone classes in Northwest WI, as well as Hemorrhage Control/Tourniquets training. If your department is interested, we will get a date confirmed for you.
2. North Memorial is working with the University of Minnesota on a (part 2) Hemorrhage Control Research Project. We will be looking for some smaller rural departments to be included in the next study.
3. As we enter this time of year coming into the Holidays, we have a chance to reflect on our partnerships and relationships with all of you. We are Thankful to be associated with all of you and the excellent work you do for the communities you serve. From all of us at North Memorial, we wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving and safe Holiday season!

RTAC – The RTAC is sponsoring the PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) course in Ashland on December 1st. Brochures have been emailed to all service directors and others on the email list.

NWWI HERC – The HERC (Hospital Emergency Readiness Coalition) still has scholarships available for “preparedness” conferences and training. The application form is available on their website ([nwwihcc](http://nwwihcc.com)) and is a simple application process.

WITC – Joe reported on current class schedule:

- The EMR class started in Barnes with seven (7) in the class.
- An open EVOG is being held next week – November 5, 6 and 8 in Iron River.
- Conference being held March 21-23 with Bob Page as featured speaker.
- Next EMT class begins January 21st.
- The bridge course from EMR to EMT is in the hands of the Wisconsin Technical College System office.

Lyn Cornelius
 Brett Frierhood
 Tony Huber
 Jon Shultz
 Jan Victorson

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – After discussions last month about EMS and public safety messaging Jan Victorson reformatted a NHTSA news release encouraging seat belt use to release to local papers. Discussion.

Use of seatbelts in the back of an ambulance is of ongoing concern for EMS provider safety. St. Luke’s physicians supports that some patient interventions may not happen in the back of an ambulance if unable to be accomplished while seatbelted.

LISTENING SESSION – Dan Clark reported that he attended the Office of Rural Health listening session in Spooner. Most in attendance were from career departments. Suggestions were discussed related to recruitment and retention incentives including income tax credits. One subject discussed was the EMR National Registry testing. Discussion. Consensus of the group that students should be trained to treat patients not take the test. Encourage the state to put the testing back on the school to verify competency.

NATIONAL REGISTRY – Ongoing discussion about National Registry requirements vs. State of Wisconsin requirements.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Tony Huber, seconded by Dan Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
 Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC