

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 3, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Brett Frierhood, Vice-President of the Council. President Tam Hofmann was present via internet/phone connection. Meeting was held at MMC in Ashland.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the December meeting were read by Jan Victorson, Secretary.  
*Motion by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.*

**FINANCIAL** – The financial report was reviewed by Steve Cordes, Treasurer.

- December Balance - \$13,100.24
- Income/Savvik - \$3.40
- Expenses/Med Direction - \$1375.00
- January Balance: \$11,728.64
- Patient taxi account: \$108.00
  - Total Balance: \$11,836.64

*Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Scott Thimm, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

**SAVVIK** – Discussion as to value of continuing membership in Savvik. Membership reported no longer receiving emails from Savvik. Jan will forward as received.

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR** – Dr. Shultz reported the protocol revisions were reviewed and approved by the Council. A letter of medical director approval and copies of those revised protocols will be submitted to the state EMS office for approval. Once approved at the state level copies will be forwarded to service director for dissemination and training with service personnel. If there are any questions please contact Dr. Shultz – Shultz.jonathan@gmail.com .

Dr. Shultz also asked that he be a participant in two Council goals for 2019 (Protocols? Training?).

Essentia has recently received their Level I Trauma designation. This designation is dependent upon the level of trauma research and training done in hospital. There is no difference in level of care provided by a Level I or II designated hospital. St. Luke's maintains their Level II designation. A reminder that Essentia does have a burn center

and pediatric trauma capabilities. Do the right thing for your patient.

**MMC** – Erika was unable to attend the meeting tonight. She sent an email: "I won't be able to make it this evening. Here is a brief report: increasing flu activity is being noted, so masking yourselves if the patient is coughing or short of breath and using nebs (it also throws the virus into the air). It is not too late to get a flu shot. This year's vaccine is covering the influenza virus that is predominantly being seen, it does take two weeks to build up immunity."

**HEMS** – Both North Air Care and LifeLink sent greetings and offers to conduct landing zone classes. Contact them directed.

**WITC** – Joe Belany reported on upcoming and ongoing training throughout the region. The Ashland campus has the smallest population but the largest percentage of classes being offered through WITC. He has been tracking the pass rate on the National Registry. The recent 72-hour EMR class conducted in Barnes had a first attempt pass rate of 80%.

The WITC Conference is scheduled for March 21 thru 23. Bob Page is the featured speaker.

**NWWI RTAC** – The Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) meeting is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cameron – 12 noon for subcommittee meetings; 1:00 for RTAC meeting.

**NWWI HERC** – The Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition still has scholarships available. Please remind your personnel of the \$500 for preparedness training including EMS Conferences. The application can be found on the NWWI HERC website and very simple.

**DOCUMENTATION TRAINING** – South Shore Ambulance is hosting documentation training being conducted by LifeQuest on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – 6 to 8 pm at the Port Wing Fire Hall.

**EMS SAFETY** – Dan Clark reported that after discussions related to EMS safety in the back of the ambulance, Washburn Ambulance has reinstated a buckle up/buckle in policy and purchased a used LUCAS device (safety issues with CPR). They will be working toward a power lift cot and placing a mannequin in the hall available for ongoing practice.

EQUIPMENT – Discussion as to the value of end title carbon dioxide monitoring (ETCO2 – live feedback/early marker of future doom) and SpO2 monitoring – each a different tool providing different information.

COUNCIL GOALS 2019 – Lengthy discussion related to Council goals and roles in the community.

Goals identified:

- Identify sources of EMS statistics
- Compile EMS statistics in usable format
  - Run volume
  - ALS intercept
  - Mutual Aid requests/Back-up
  - Financial costs
  - Contracts
  - Response times
  - Second call
  - Cardiac arrests
- Develop letter to Town officials
  - We are here
  - Resource availability
  - Identify points of contact
- Update website to assure contact information valid and easily available to members as well as the public

NEXT MEETING – The next schedule meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm at MMC/Ashland.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Lyn Cornelius to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofmann	South Shore/APIS
Jewel Janko	Mellen
Joe Schick	Mason
Jon Shultz	Medical Director
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River