

Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council
March 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – The March meeting of the Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council.

INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone present introduced themselves to others in attendance. Special welcome to Kelly Everson, the new trauma program manager at MMC and Jeff Byerhoff, new director for South Shore Ambulance.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Tony Huber, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

SURVEY – Kelly Everson, trauma program manager distributed a survey for all to fill out. She asked that they be returned at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Steve Cordes reported for February and March:

\$671	Insurance
\$190.06	Advantix/website
\$1375	Medical Direction

Balance of \$9675.58

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

HELICOPTER – Lucas Stoflet introduced himself. He wanted to remind the membership that LifeLink is willing to provide training opportunities locally. He also assured the membership they are willing to assist services in anyway.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported that the morgue is in the ambulance garage and holds two or three bodies. She also reported that there are new staff in the ER who have been instructed to allow for a minute of silence for the ambulance patient report.

WITC – Joe Belany reported on upcoming classes. The Rice Lake Conference is March 21–22–23.

MADLINE ISLAND – The emergency services building that housed ambulance, fire and police

was totally destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. Email communication with Cyndy Dalzell, director, indicate they are renting an ambulance and will be up[and running by Monday. She has identified no other needs for equipment or supplies.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS – Bayfield County held a communications meeting for ambulance and fire departments. Discussion included intercept frequencies and possible use of WISCOM. A meeting to include intercept agencies to discuss and potentially recommend future intercept frequencies will be scheduled.

STATE EMS COMMITTEE – Jan Victorson attended the state EMS subcommittee and committee meeting. She reported on discussions:including the Board (vote 10/1) advising the EMS Section to only increase the amount of continuing education required in three years to 36 hours for EMTs rather than the 45 hours that was being considered. EMR would remain the same. This is based on other national models. The Board also voted to create a work group under the Systems Subcommittee for Recruitment and Retention. Career services are also experiencing challenges with staffing throughout the state. Changes are being proposed to the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) but no one was talking about the specifics. EMS for Children is asking each service to designate a Pediatric Emergency Coordinator for quality assurance and training. Greg West of Waukesha Technical College teaches a class on legal aspects of EMS. There was interest from those in attendance in exploring that resource.

NWWI RTAC – The Regional Trauma Advisory Council is scheduled to meet March 26th in Cameron. A reminder: PHTLS is being offered in Lake Nebagamon on Saturday, April 27th no cost to the student.

RESCUE DIVAS – Erika announced that Rescue Divas program must become self sufficient. The budget for the camp is \$12 to 15,000. They are actively looking for funding thru grants and educational funds. Campers have been charged

\$35 when the true cost is closer to \$700 per camper.

INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE – Joe reported on a recent instructor's conference. In the future if CPR or ACLS expires, it will cancel the license to practice.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4 at MMC.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion made by Joe Belany, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC / Washburn
Jeff Byerhoff	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Kelly Everson	MMC
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Tony Huber	Mellen
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Joe Schick	Mason
Lucas Stofelt	LifeLinkIII
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Jan Victorson	BAEM