

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2019

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

INTRODUCTIONS – All introduced themselves.

MINUTES – Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Dan Clark, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL – The financial report was forwarded by Steve Cordes to Tam Hofman for review. The report was reviewed.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the report. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – No issues from Dr. Shultz.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported.

- Attended training in Anniston; encouraged all to take part when able; all costs – travel and training – are covered; info thru consortium of domestic preparedness (cdp.dhs.gov)
- Reminder to communicate with the hospital early in an event; encourages their awareness; notify early if possible.
- MCI – discussion of turn-around time for ambulances at the hospital; consider use of stretchers to off-load patients.
- Cumberland is offering water rescue training free of charge. Info on the NWWI HERC website.

HEMS

- Life Link III – Mindy Olander reported on planned participation in upcoming events. Discussion on predetermined landing zones. Encourage each service to review LZ locations in response area. Responses directly to a scene may be the best option. Mindy will put together LZ requirements to use in review. Clinicians are available to conduct training.

NWWI HERC – Aimee Wollman-Nesseth reviewed projects of the Health Emergency Readiness Coalition:

- Scholarships for preparedness activities and conferences (\$500) are again being offered; past disbursement was reviewed. She

encouraged EMS partners to apply. May be used for mileage, meals, lodging, registration.

- Evacuation of long-term care facilities (LTCF) has become a priority for discussion. Aimee demonstrated the use of the pink vest to ID residents during evacuation. Each facility has also been given a mega mover for each 15 residents.
- Virtual Exercise – a functional (CMS requirement) exercise is schedule for November 7th from 0830 to 1100 hours.
- CISM – There are four teams in the NWWI HERC region. A meeting is being scheduled for those teams on Saturday, October 19th in Spooner.
- Lessons learned from the recent power outages:
 - Citizens may be electricity dependent in their homes (adjunct health equipment); database information available but not in a timely manner.
 - Door to door requests may be required when assessing a situation.
 - Hospitals may be the place people gather to charge telephones, computers, etc.
 - Injuries/fatalities may occur during clean-up.

Aimee asked all to identify training needs for the future.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson reported on recent state EMS Board and Subcommittee meetings. That report is attached to the minutes.

The Hospital list expanded for the Rainbow Gathering was reviewed.

COUNTY SUPPORTED AMBULANCE SERVICE – Dan Clark was approached by a county board member providing information from a “clerk” website documenting cost per municipality for ambulance service. Discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS – Lyn Cornelius reported Bayfield Ambulance personnel are not always able to communicate between each other by radio in the field. Issue will be followed up with radio vendor.

EVENTS – Several events looking for EMS support from the EMS Council.

- Point to LaPointe/Bayfield (swim)
- Firehouse Fifty/Grand View (road bike race)
- Chequamegon MTB Race/Cable (mountain bike races)

- Ashwabay mountain bike events
- Bayfield County Fair/Iron River

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jewel Yanko, to add Apple Festival (October 4th thru 6th) and Whistlestop (October 12th) to list of events to be covered under the Council umbrella.
Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 5th...same time and same place.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Jeff Byerhof to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Mindy Olander	Life Link III
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Aimee Wollman-Nesseth	NWWI HERC
Jewel Yanko	Mellen