

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 2, 2020

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 Ashland Fire Department.

INTRODUCTIONS – All were asked to introduce themselves.

MINUTES – Minutes of the December meeting were distributed electronically.  
*Motion by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

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

- December Balance - \$11918.71
- Steve reported working with Red Cliff/Lynette Hanson for 2019 dues.  
*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

PROTOCOLS – Discussion related to planned revision to Council protocols. The State EMS Office has asked the state medical director to develop state protocols for use statewide with a timeline of December 2020.

Ashland Fire, Dr. Shultz approved, submitted their protocols to the state several months ago but have not received state approval.

Consensus to review Ashland Fire/Ambulance protocols for possible format, best practice, unique response issues and use as protocols for the EMS Council. Scott Thimm will forward electronically to Jan for forward to the MDAC.

WITC – Karen Hogland reported on improvements that have been made and asked for additional discussion/suggestions.

1. Refresher schedules have been emailed to Jan for distribution. Distribution list will be shared with WITC to assure constant contact with services.
2. Marketing – Tagging EMS better with a full listing of classes. EMT Basic is scheduled to being January 27<sup>th</sup> – ITV.
3. Working toward consistency in presentations, assure skills consistent.

4. ITV – different quality of EMT than consistent instructor led classes; students are not as engaged; skills instructor are not aware of student test scores.
5. ITV still not cutting it after 10 years in use; difficult for the instructor as well as the student.
6. Magic number to hold class = 8.
7. Preceptors – some students highly engaged.
8. Individual education plan / EMR to EMT.
9. State instructor conference are held twice a year.
10. Expectations of students is huge; holding them accountable.
11. 10 patient contacts required ER and ride-along.
12. Joint Commission has requirements for “ride-alongs”.
13. Testing – ITV/open for a week.
14. Full-time instructor
15. Volunteer / check marks
16. Financial hardships created by pre-requirements (TB titre)
17. Service expectations of fees incurred.
18. Encourage youth options program; school choice if wish to participate.
19. Youth apprenticeship program thru NWCEP.
20. Equipment – stored in Rice Lake lab; may request thru Bev; transport may be arranged to Ashland or class site.

MMC – Erika will be back to work on Monday.

- Ambulance garage issues continue; Erika will follow-up on safety issues and request assistance from the Council as required.
- Linen availability will be addressed.
- 75% of personnel in ER are new.
- Influenza B is the predominant strain of flu being seen; mask the patient; neb treatments aerosolize the virus.
- Disinfectant and housekeeping supplies will be checked.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson reported that Don Kimlicka, former director of Clintonville Ambulance, is Ray Lemke’s replacement. Don has been worked for Great Divide Ambulance and participated in the Fat Tire Festival the last several years.

BAYFIELD COUNTY – Dan Clark reported that the Town of Barnes sent a letter to every town, city and county board member asking to look at countywide ambulance issues. Discussion as to potential cost, staffing requirements, etc. How can the state help us support the local service response supplemented with neighboring service personnel or ambulance if available.

- Public education is needed as to appropriate use of 9-1-1/ambulance response. If called, need to go.
- Explore community EMT program.
- Explore local incentives.
- Money does not seem to be the motivation.
- EMS still considered a “non-essential” service.
- What would the world be like without EMS?

What are Local Services doing?

BARNES – two EMTs hired to assist with weekday daytime coverage. (4 days/10 hours and 5/days/8 hours at \$16/hour/\$25/on a call.)

BAYFIELD – EMTs hired in summer - \$12/hour weekday and \$15/hour weekend.

MASON – EMT hired for 20 hours/week.

ICE RESCUE – Ashland Fire is hosting an ice rescue Train-the-trainer class end of February. HERC may have scholarship monies to assist individuals with the class cost.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE – WITC Conference is scheduled for March 21-22 at the Rice Lake campus.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at Ashland Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion made by Steve Cordes, seconded by Jeff Byerhof, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofmann	South Shore/APIS (remotely)
Karen Hogland	WITC
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Tim Salo	WITC
Joe Schick	Mason
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River