

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2020

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

MINUTES – Dan Clark, made motion to accept the minutes, second by Jeff Byerhoff.

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported on financial statement. \$16,871.44 Balance
\$7750 dues
\$158.15 zoom
\$190.06 Advantix (website)

Debit card BAC-EMS under Steve Cordes.
Corporation Annual Report – Directors Lyn Cornelius, Dan Clark and Joe Schick.
Officers: Tam Hofman, Brett Frierhood, Jan Victorson, and Steve Cordes.
Consider expenditures to make life easier for services.

MMC – Erika reports a third positive case of COVID. As always, the county you reside in will do follow-up with ambulance personnel if positive case. Please make sure to document all personnel on the call.

Rob Jones (MMC) requested to fit test dental office personnel. Any chance ambulance service assist with fit testing of dental offices in area.

Trauma charts are being reviewed. Documentation may need additional work. Erika developing a power point for ongoing education. Timing: 20 minutes scene time. Timing: Cervical collar placement. Discussion related to need for timing on collar placement. Information captured in the registry.

Big white tent will remain until “second wave” clear. Testing 10 to 15 a day, many before surgery.

Hospital does not offer asymptomatic testing. They also do not have the rapid testing capability.

HEMS

LIFE LINK III – Brooke Ahlers reported that Life Link III has discontinued doing community events thru September 1st; LZ training still available.

NORTH AIR – Matt Jakubik reports that North is up and running. Sandy Bushey still poc for North; Mike Zolik coming on board soon.

BASO – Dan is retiring from the Sheriff's Department on Friday, June 12th. Will remain active in Washburn Ambulance.

UV DECON TRAILER – Decon Trailer up and running in Hayward. As use of N95 increases may need to identify collection area for the county; develop as needed. Guideline reviewed.

BATELLE hydrogen peroxide up to 20 times. Funded by the state/FEMA. MMC has a contract with Batelle and is beginning to collect N95 masks for shipment. Do not put your N95 masks with theirs as they will not be returned.

Reminder to reuse N95 masks (paper bag method reviewed) and/or take advantage of decon facilities.

TESTING – Wisconsin National Guard will be assisting with testing for COVID-19 at three different locations/dates in Bayfield County. Flyers were distributed earlier today via email. Dates reviewed. We are encouraging those frontline workers (EMS) to get tested even though they are asymptomatic. Note: Asymptomatic individuals are not required to quarantine until test results received with use of appropriate PPE; may continue working while awaiting test results.

PROTOCOLS – Letter from DHS approving use of I-gel received this morning. Procedure 5 changed to add I-gel as an option for advanced airway; Adult Protocols 15, 16, and 17 added “advanced airway”. Jan checked with Don Kimlicka and advanced skill addendum will not be required to be filed by each service.

THERMOMETERS – Calibration questions related to infrared thermometers. Appear to read lower than expected. Skin temperature influenced by conditions.

Reminder: An infrared thermometer is not the standard for checking for hypothermia. Skin temperature does not indicate body is rewarming.

COVID-19 Mini-grant – Bayfield County Board of Supervisors voted to provide \$500 mini-grants to ambulance services due to increased requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Services were asked to check and make sure the grant was received.

WASHBURN – New ambulance arrives on Thursday; open house next Tuesday.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofmann	South Shore/APIS
Matt Jakubik	North Air
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Pearson	
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Jan Victorson	BAEM