

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 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.

MMC – no wipes as they are no longer available. Disinfectant available in the garage.

Life Link III – if respond to suspected COVID patient; now considering going on a case by case basis; will talk directly with MMC.
Cancelled events thru the end of May; re-evaluate as moving forward; staying very busy.
Don't know status of North Air.

RESCUE DIVAS – cancelled this year. Plan on doing videos during that week. May use

UV DECON TRAILER – Identify collection area for the county; develop as N95 are in more use. Guideline reviewed.

BATELLE hydrogen peroxide up to 20 times. Funded by the state/FEMA

N95 – Ashland County jail is reusing respirators up to five times using a paper bag for storage. N95 used when inmate with symptoms presents, is in isolation and requires attention.
Surgical masks may also be stored in paper bag.

CARES – Some funding has been received by local ambulance services.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – increase in volume; very sick patients; uptick in volume and much sicker; really striking cases; encourage ambulance services to be aware, prepare for sicker patients.

IGEL – Washburn looking at protocol development. Simple, effective airway. Adult use – 3, 4, 5 – right now; focus on adult use; purchasing full set if funding available; two sets on each ambulance.

Discussion as to training needs, protocol development and requesting emergency authorization from the state as doing this in response to COVID-19. Training and protocol needed before implementation.

FIT TESTING – Required annually; various masks equal different fits to face; multiple models of N95

have been received thru SNS and other PPE resources.

Request – train the trainer thru MMC? Erika will follow up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Encourage ambulance services reach out to fire departments and assure appropriate PPE will be provided when needed. Several ambulance services have provided surgical masks to fire departments. If assistance with cloth or surgical masks required, let Jan know.

MMC – not running fit-testing on regular basis. Refit testing based on models of masks. When fit tested, keep the mask that fits and use it.

SERVICE BASED REFRESHER – Barnes has completed their refresher in house. Documentation has been worked out.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 4.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Tam Hofmann	South Shore/APIIS
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Jan Victorson	BAEM