

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 1, 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

*Erika Kurtz, made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Lyn Cornelius. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes reported:

- \$1375 payment for medical direction
- \$14,132.85 Balance
- We have not yet received dues from Red Cliff and North Air.

*Motion by Lyn Cornelius, second by Jewel Yanko, to accept the Financial Report.*

MMC

Erika Kurtz reported:

- Ongoing increase in COVID cases.
- ED is preparing for a surge; may close fire doors as needed.
- Will expand into other areas of hospital as needed.
- Positive cases of COVID at MMC.

Concern: Shuttle van back in the garage; takes away one stall for use by EMS.

Call with Duluth hospitals; EMS providers may have their temperature taken/screened before entry allowed into ED; may need to standby in garage a few minutes while location identified for patient.

HEMS:

LIFE LINK III – Nikki Uren of the Duluth base invited folks to let Brooke Ahlers know if education and/or landing zone training needed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jan Victorson reported:

- Bayfield County now has over 100 positive cases. Over 40 of those are active. Still considered “high” in the state for increase rate. Douglas and Ashland Counties are rated “very high”.
- COVID community testing site being held at the Red Cliff Health Clinic on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5.
- FLU IMMUNIZATION clinics are scheduled:  
Washburn – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Drummond – Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Port Wing – Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

These will be drive-thru clinics held from 11am to 7pm at the fire halls in those towns.

EMS providers are being requested to assist with registration, screening, immunizations, and after assessment to assure to adverse reaction at the immunization clinics. Please let Jan know as soon as possible if any interested.

The health department is holding vaccine aside for emergency responders. Please let Jan know if you have department members who wish to receive the vaccine.

- State EMS Board met this morning to review the National Scope of Practice for EMRs and working toward aligning Wisconsin’s Scope with the National Scope. Part of the motivation is to keep the required training hours attainable.
- There is a proposal coming from down state to increase entry level training hours for EMR and EMT. A committee formed to monitor that situation and write a letter on behalf of the Council. (Lyn, Tam, Jeff, and Jan.)
- The public hearing on the proposed DHS 110 is scheduled for October 21 at 9:00 am. Monitor the website for more information.

BACK-UP AGREEMENT – Postponed discussion to next meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jewel Yanko, to maintain current officers. Motion carried.

ASHLAND COUNTY EMS

Great Divide will discontinue service to six towns in Ashland County as of December 31, 2020. Town boards and cities are currently negotiating; hoping to bring all entities to the table and brainstorm an immediate solution as well as a long-term and sustainable solution to provide service.

LIFEQUEST

Changes to the software and related issues discussed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jeff Byerhof, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Tara Renz	Mellen
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Nikki Uren	Life Link III
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen