

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2021

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 – *Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jeff Byerhof, to accept the minutes as distributed by Meagan Quaderer. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

STATE REGIONAL COORDINATOR – Don Kimlicka provided the following updates:

- DHS 110 will be on line October 1st; the Community EMS portion of the updated rules will be of interest and applicable to several services.
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) – Applications for FAP will be available beginning August 16th; \$239,000 additional dollars will be available this year therefore increasing local grant payments.
- AB390 related to the American Rescue Funds may provide additional funding (\$5.1 million) over two years to FAP if adopted. Contact local legislators to encourage support.
- OFFICE INTERVIEWS are currently being conducted for an license associate.
- DHS/CDC grant may provide funding for an additional four positions in the office – Community EMS, data, and rural issues.
- FIELD PROTOCOLS were released to service directors; protocols may be modified, cut down in size, make more user friendly a long a medical treatment is not altered; an “APP” for the phone will be developed.
- STATE BOARD/SUBCOMMITTEES are meeting September 7 and 8 virtually beginning at 9am All are welcome to participate. Specific info available on the website.

Question: Refusal of Care form. There is no longer a form available from the state. Directors will share their existing forms.

OVERDOSE DATA – Chris Pribek summarized the need for accurate data on overdose and Narcan use for an opioid grant. This includes EMS, law enforcement, family members, etc. Discussion related to sources of data including WARDS documentation available thru State EMS Office,

coroners cause of death information, and adding a check box in the patient care report.

NARCAN DOSAGE – Discussion about current lower authorized Narcan dosage. Protocol group review with medical director. Potential grant benefit and/or Council purchase to assist all services.

COVID VARIANT – Sara Wartman reported that 89% of Wisconsin positive COVID cases are the Delta variant. Breakthrough cases, those testing positive who have been vaccinated, have been fairly mild. Pharmacies have vaccine. Nothing known about boosters.

The request for testing has been on the increase – National Guard testing scheduled in Red Cliff on August 14th from 9am to 3pm.

HEMS

North Air – All is well. If LZ training needed please request thru Mike.

Life Link III – All bases are 24/7.

Questions: RCALL61NW used by Life Link III dispatch; available to North?

Atmospheric conditions – smoke/haze – are unpredictable and have impacted both services ability to respond. Services are encouraged to notify hospitals when conditions improve to assure most rapid interfacility transport for patients.

MMC – Tara Klevgard researched the question of use of the hospital helipad. If there is no hospital staff involvement a patient may be transferred directly from an ambulance to HEMS.

And a reminder: Please use PPE; protect yourself!

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE – Brett Frierhood shared information from Tom Renz.

- EMR/EMT class this fall is full.
- EMR Class in Solon Springs this October.
- SAR (Search and Rescue) classes are being planned for future.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes reported that the annual report/incorporation of \$10 was submitted to the state. Officer and Board were listed as in the past. The balance of funds is \$18,508.52.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Brett Frierhood, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MUTUAL AID – The current mutual aid agreement in place was established to cover Bayfield County agencies. Discussion.

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Chris Pribek, to revise the mutual aid document under the EMS Council and send to services for review.
Motion carried.*

WASHBURN AMBULANCE – Dan Clark announced that Jeff Bellile will become the director of the Washburn Ambulance as of August 15th. Dan, an EMT for 42 years, will continue as an EMT with Washburn.

The Recruitment event held on July 20th was well organized and staffed but no one from the public with an interest to volunteer attended. The three in the fall EMT class were recruited individually by other EMTs.

STATE RECOGNITION – The State does recognize EMS personnel for their service but seldom hear about their landmarks/retirement.

PROTOCOLS – Jan Victorson reported that she received a copy of the state field protocols today. The committee will schedule another meeting to continue their work.

RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) – Budget for 2021-22 includes funding for PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) training in the region. Anyone wanting to host the training please contact Jan Victorson or Rob Goodland (RTAC Coordinator).

CHEQUAMEGON MTB EVENTS – The Chequamegon Mountain Bike races will be held Saturday, September 18th. A few more folks are needed to complete staffing for the EMS system in the woods. Jan will be sending out more info to directors. Please share with your personnel.

USNG (United States National Grid) – Training for the USNG trail marking system will be scheduled thru emergency management. Bayfield County CCOs/Dispatchers have received training on the USNG and could guide responders to the location of an reported emergency. More to come.

EMP (Emergency Medical Products) – Ashland Fire has received discounts thru EMP. Chris will share information with Council members.

SAVVIK – The EMS Council maintains an account with SAVVIK. Great Divide has noticed a great decrease in pricing thru this program.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 2nd via zoom.

Agenda items to include:

- Protocol – Narcan dosage
- Reimbursement for travel to state EMS Board and Subcommittee meetings.
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Quarterly in person meetings (October?) with virtual option

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Tara Klevgard	MMC
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Meggan Traaholt	Mason
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Sara Wartman	BA Health Department
Jewel Yanko	Mellen
Mike Zolik	North Air

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.