

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 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 Jewel Yanko, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

No. FINANCIAL REPORT

REPORTS

STATE EMS – Don Kimlicka, Region Director for the State EMS Office reported:

- Administrative version of the state protocols are back on the website. If issues are found please forward to Don.
- Field version with remove “other stuff. Field app is under development.
- CDC grant received by DHS will fund two to three year fulltime positions in the EMS Section.
- Scope of Practice – PAC (Physicians Advisory Committee) is making changes to the Wisconsin Scope to make it match the National Scope; Changes equal increased education requirements. The EMS Advisory Board needs to hear how these changes effect rural Wisconsin.
- EMS Board is currently made up of career firefighter/paramedics, physicians and full-time educators. We need to pay attention to the decisions being considered.
- The new EMS Section Chief, Amanda Bates, is committed to make administrative level of the EMS office more available to local services.
- Glidden is working toward redeveloping their ambulance service.

MMC/ASHLAND – Erika Kurtz has taken a new position in the ER. She introduced Patti Senk as the interim EMS Coordinator.

Two reminders:

- Mask your patients
- If supplies are needed in the garage, please let the charge nurse know. Discussion – supplies to clean the inside of an ambulance.
- Radio in ER has been fixed; DSC has been programming local radios with the MMC talk group.

MARENGO – Things are going well. Goal to maintain and grow.

WITC – Tom Renz, EMS Manager reported:

- PHTLS class planned for Washburn this fall.
 - EVOC being scheduled for Marengo.
- RTAC may have funding for the PHTLS classes and instructor training.

HEMS

- North Memorial Air – 750 attended the virtual training on May 17th; Siren base up and well; landing zone and other education available.
- LifeLinkIII – Rhinelander base is now 24/7. Community events and landing zone trainings will begin after July 1st.

BLUE MASS – The Blue Mass will be dedicated to all Essential Workers and held in September. Details at a later date.

PROTOCOL GROUP – Meeting held and assignments for review of specific protocols made. Currently comparing Ashland protocols with current BAC-EMS protocols. Field protocols are not yet available from the state.

WISCOM – Jan Victorson reported that the state WISCOM subcommittee again discussed EMS intercept/landing zone talkgroups. Forwarded their consensus to the State Interoperability Committee (IC) to continue use of regional as well as HSEMS1-5 as talk groups for use by EMS in intercept situations.

EMS MEETINGS – Discussion related to ongoing, consistent representation at state EMS meetings and potential funding. Meetings are currently held remotely. Plans are to meet in person again beginning in December.

MUTUAL AID – Check the status of mutual aid agreement for Marengo and potentially Glidden.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (BA) – Meagan Quaderer reported on several items:

- EMS Study Committee – no update.
- Signs are being placed on silent sports trails to identify location using the USNG (United States National Grid). Training will be organized and made available for EMS.
- AUTOMATIC AID Policy is being discussed among the fire departments. Three departments will be paged for a reported structure fire; only EMS from the home jurisdiction will be notified.

- Page to be acknowledged on BALG; change to WISCOM once assigned to the incident.
- WICAM ID cards are being discussed for credentialing and identification. Dan Clark volunteered to work with Meagan on IDs for EMS.
- BA FAIR – The Bayfield County Fair is scheduled for August 12 thru 15. Volunteers for EMS will receive passes for the fair. Saturday afternoon grandstand demonstration being planned that may involve EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement. Considering a Search and Rescue scenario.
- PPE one more time thru emergency management.

OPEN HOUSE – Madeline Island Emergency Services is holding an open house of their new building on July 3rd – 1 to 4 pm. All are welcome.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, July 1st via zoom. Will consider holding quarterly in person meetings beginning in October with virtual option.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Byerhoff	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn
Cynthia Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Tom Renz	WITC EMS
Lance Ritola	T/Marengo
Joe Schick	Mason
Patti Senk	MMC
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen
Mike Zolek	North Air Care