

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 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 Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Balance of \$12,666.73.

Payments included:

- stamps – 2 rolls
- Advantix (website) – \$190.06
- Insurance – \$747.00

Motion by Jewel Yanko, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the financial report. Motion carried

INTRODUCTIONS – Jan Victorson introduced Meagan Quaderer as the new emergency management director for Bayfield.

Meagan introduced Gwen Christenson who as the new communications center supervisor.

Welcome to both.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz reported:

- COVID positive numbers are dropping; vaccine numbers are up. Encourage all to continue to be vigilant – wear masks; use appropriate PPE.
- Vaccine – three types of vaccine/Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson/Johnson (Jantzen). Encourage the public to take whatever is available to them.
- Agreed to be medical director for the Chequamegon Mountain Bike Race in September.
- PROTOCOLS – need serious work. Suggest setting up a protocol review team. State protocols complete; hoping to have available the end of March.
- MARENGO – Kudos to Marengo as they have built a service from the ground up; appear to be completely ready.

WEBSITE access – email Gene Miller at gene@webonthefly.com for access to the schedule.

MEDICATIONS FORM – Medication authorization form being requested by pharmacies and vendors. Council will look at developing a form for all requiring one medical director signature.

REPORTS

HEMS

- North Air – nothing new
- LifeLink III – Rhinelander base at 12 hours operations beginning March 15th (7am to 7pm). No community events at this time but industry education/landing zone classes may be requested.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported:

- COVID-19 cases are down, however not gone.
- Concern that EMS folks may not be using PPE when needed. Reminder to not let our guard down.
- Several negative pressure rooms are available for use.

VACCINE CLINICS – Washburn Ambulance currently contracts with Bayfield County to have staff at the vaccine clinics to observe for anaphylaxis. If additional help needed the county would contract with a service, not with an individual. Dan Clark would email directors if help needed.

BA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jan Victorson reported:

- Testing is scheduled this week:
 - Iron River Friday – 11 to 5
 - Red Cliff Saturday – 9 to 4
 - Both Ashland and Bayfield counties are doing well with percentage of population vaccinated.
 - Historical documents abound in the emergency management office. Looking for suggestions...
 - County Board has formed study committees in the past to examine subject matter closely. They are considering forming an EMS Study committee. Discussion. Consensus to support the concept and offer to participate.
- Meagan introduced herself and encouraged folks to contact her with questions and education.

ZOOM

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Mike Lang, to extend the zoom subscription. Motion carried.

PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE – Lyn Cornelius, Cynthia Dalzell, Tam Hofman, Mike Lang, Chris Pribek and Jewel Yanko volunteered to be on the committee. Jan volunteered to document if that would be needed. She was requested to act as temporary chair.

ASHLAND FIRE – Chris Pribek has been named EMS Service Director for Ashland Fire. Dave Wegener has retired as Chief. Captain Stuart Matthias is Acting Chief.

NEXT MEETING – March 4, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Cynthia Dalzell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Kurt Blakeman	T/Marengo
Gwen Christenson	BA PSAP
Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Cynthia Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Matthew Jakubik	North Air Care
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Michael Lang	Red Cliff
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Lance Ritola	T/Marengo
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Meggan Traaholt	Mason
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen