

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 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.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jewel Yanko, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

STATE REGIONAL COORDINATOR – Don Kimlicka provided the following updates:

- DHS 110 has been approved. Will be published October 1st. The rule will be open to revisions in order to address the 2 paramedic rule. (Note: Wisconsin is the only state that requires 2 paramedics to provide paramedic care during transport.)
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) – Emails were sent to service email addresses. Applications are now available beginning.
- AB 390 needs sponsorship/legislative support. Funding is available through the American Rescue Plan that could increase the allocation to local ambulance services thru FAP.
- Health Equity Grant received will fund additional positions in the EMS Office. Focus will be on data, rural and community EMS.
- Intern working on APP for field protocols.
- EMS Advisory Board and Subcommittee meetings September 7th and 8th. May speak at the beginning of each of the meetings. Zoom links available thru DHS/EMS website.
- Don will be presenting a service director's workshop on September 30th in Rhinelander at two different times – 3 to 5pm and 6 to 8pm.

Question: If two medic rule changes, will RSI (rapid sequence intubation) still be allowed. Answer. Yes.

HEMS

LifeLinkIII – Lucas Stoffelt reported that LifeLinkIII is conducting training and participating in community events. Confirmed available for Apple Festival.

North Air – Matt Jakubik reported participation in community events and training. Contact him if either needed.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Brett Frierhood reported on behalf of Tom Renz due to a conflict in scheduling. Tom is looking for a host agency for an EVOG course. Contact Tom at Thomas.renz@northwoodtech.edu.

RTAC – Jan Victorson reported that the RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) has set aside monies for PHTLS (PreHospital Trauma Life Support) courses and/or scholarships in next year's budget. Contact Rob Goodland, Coordinator is wish to host a course at rtac@nwwiherc.org.

EMS PROTOCOL COMMITTEE – Jan reported that the protocol committee is developing "response/back of the ambulance" protocols based on the state protocols. The goal is to be able to implement new protocols after the first of the year.

COUNTY EMS COMMITTEE – Tam asked for volunteers to be Council representatives on a Bayfield County EMS Committee. Dan Clark was gathering names of service directors who were interested. Lyn Cornelius, Tam Hofman, Rob Puls and Jan Victorson volunteered to represent the Council as needed.

STATE MEETING REPRESENTATION – Discussion as to how to continue representation from the north/rural areas at state EMS meetings. Consensus that Jan Victorson continue attending meetings as available with ongoing effort to recruit and educate others.
Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jewel Yanko, to provide reimbursement for mileage and room to maintain representation and encourage attendance at state meetings. Motion carried.

CONCERT IN THE CORNFIELD – Joe Schick announced that Chris Kruse will be holding a concert in the Town of Kelly, White River Ag on County Hwy E on Friday, September 24th. Organizers are projecting 5000 in attendance. Mason will provide an ambulance on standby and will call for additional assistance as needed.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jewel Yank, to extend insurance coverage under the Bayfield-Ashland EMS Council to EMS volunteers at the Bayfield Apple Festival, Chequamegon MTB Events, Concert in the Corn, and Red Cliff Days. Motion carried.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – A draft of the updated/revised mutual aid agreement will be

reviewed by Council officers and brought to the membership for review and action.

COVID PROTOCOL – A reminder from our medical director from last week’s protocol meeting to remember to mask and continue under the covid guidelines put in place last year.

Virtual meetings of the Council will continue.

CHEQUAMEGON MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS – Jan reminded directors that the Chequamegon MTB EMS system is a great way to acquaint new EMTs with use of the radio and “thinking EMS” for the day. Saturday, September 18th, is the date. Contact her for more information – jan.victorson21@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 7th via zoom.

Agenda items to include:

- Protocol – Narcan dosage
- Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Brett Frierhood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Katrina Heggie	Red Cliff
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Matt Jakubik	North Air
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Michael Lang	Red Cliff
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Joe Schick	Mason
Lucas Stoffelt	LifeLinkIII
Meggan Traaholt	Mason
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.