

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2022

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 Joe Schick, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. not available

STATE EMS – Don Kimlicka

- Scope attestation – services should abide by new protocol asap
- Protocols – shifting responsibilities at state level, Don will be working on this
- Flex Grant – will be available on around May 1 with FAP
- FAP application materials will be released in May.
 - Information only goes to the service director. [Make sure contact/email information correct in e-licensing.]
 - Only 30-day turn-around time.
 - Formula will most likely remain the same – Base amount, 5 cents per capita, and equal division of remaining funds.
 - All ambulance services strongly encouraged to participate.
- FLEXIBLE GRANT PROGRAM
 - EMRs will have first priority for funding.
 - Will need to justify requests/needs.
- Importance of EMS being Essential
 - EMS is not an essential service in WI
 - Does this mean anything – it means that any municipality must provide this service including the cost tied to it
 - Federal grants not available because EMS is not essential
 - Continues to be shot down at the state level
 - League of municipalities is against this
 - Town Association is somewhat for it

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz

- Ramp up for refresher era

- Options available for online and skills
- More availability for EMS to use virtual equipment
- Search and Rescue Basic / Advanced classes proposed for this summer – contact Tom with service interest

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes

Paid: \$1000 Holden Insurance
\$1375 Director
\$158.15 Brett Friermood, Zoom
Received: \$62.52 SAVIC
\$6250 Dues
Balance: \$19,881.88

Motion by Jeff Bellile and seconded by Brett Friermood to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

MMC – Doug Jennings

- COVID rates decreased for both counties
- Remaining busy
- Training needs for departments, feel free to email Doug with request.
- Special Care Unit Renovation
 - Lost 2 of 4 rooms
 - Anticipated less than a month to complete
- MMC respiratory staff to provide training on bronchial tracheal suctioning?
 - Tara reports discussed at last meeting but did not receive requests
 - Jeff requesting
 - Discussion on best modality
 - Train the Trainer
 - Centrally located?
 - Doug will communicate on options

PROTOCOL GROUP – Tam reported that there was a wait due to 3/31/22 deadline. Group planning to meet next week in person to finalize and send off to printer.

ADHOC COMMITTEE

- LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE – Chris reported that they have been coming up with ideas to help rural EMS.
 - Ideas for more funding
 - Local taxes
 - Sales tax
 - FAP funding – increase funds
 - Senator Bewley reached out and offered assistance

STAFFING – Brett reports reviewed at one meeting. Another meeting coming up and recommendations will be forthcoming.

Minutes submitted by Jewel Yanko for Jan Victorson, secretary.

EDUCATION – Tam reports one meeting held, will have another one, lists of options to discuss with Tech school.

PHTLS – Two offerings of the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course are being funded by the NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) and are scheduled for Saturday, May 14th in Ashland and Sunday, May 15th in Barnes. Brochures are in development. A good showing at these classes would help demonstrate the need for training in our area. All will be welcome.

- Brett asked in Council would contribute to food and drink for these classes. 12 people max per class.
- *Motion by Jeff Belille to approve this and seconded by Steve Cordes. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 5th, 2022^h, 6:00.
May be in in person at Ashland Fire (details forthcoming), also available via Zoom. All are welcome.

Motion by Brett Frierhood, seconded by Jeff Belille, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Sherry Carlson	Washburn / MMC
Steve Cordes	Mason
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Tara Klevgard	MMC / Mellen
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Abby Hood	Bayfield County
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Jewel Yanko	Mellen
Tom Renz	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick	Mason
Brooke Ahlers	LifeLinkIII
Doug Jennings	MMC
Don Klimicka	DHS
Mike	North Air
Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Frank Koehn	South Shore