

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. A hybrid meeting was held via zoom and in person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room.

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

STATE EMS – Don Kimlicka

- WARDS
- Community EMS – reach out to Corey Staubhaar, EMS Office
- FAP – second allotment of the \$12,000 will be awarded in February. Document use of funds for reimbursement.
- Expiration dates of drugs may be found FDA and manufacturer website.
- Training – Hours for the EMT-Basic course have are projected to increase from 180 to 220 hours by the Vo-Tech Board, not the EMS Office. Office is requesting materials to review but has not received anything to date. A local tech school may apply to teach the course in lesser hours requesting approval by state tech board and DHS. The increase in hours may enhance any degree obtained. Contacts: Brian Litza, chair of the education subcommittee and Tim Weir, Wisconsin Technical College System Board.

NORTHWOOD – Tom Renz reported:

- Refresher courses are open for anyone via online 32 hours with 8 hour skills day required.
- EMT class beginning August 10th – 9 registered in Ashland. A release form needs to be signed by the student in order for the school to release information related to student performance.
- EMR Refresher in Bennett 08/08. Much of the refresher is online.
- EMT Refresher increased to 40 hours with the 3 year licensure cycle.

STRYKER – Pete from Stryker reviewed the potential savings with a Council wide agreement for maintenance. Services with an interest in following up with Stryker send information to Meagan Quaderer at Bayfield County EM.

STATE EMS BOARD – State EMS Advisory Board voted to establish a Rural EMS Subcommittee at

their June meeting. This item will be on the agenda at the September 14th Board meeting. Discussion. In addition, the Office of Rural Health (ORH) has hired James Small as a Rural EMS Coordinator.

RTAC – Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) met July 26. The EMS Committee identified training issues as a top priority, with the potential increase in hours at the EMR and EMT level of great concern. Suggested that a consensus document be developed that could be submitted to the powers that be from Region One. Discussion included the need to update EMS service points of contact. Consensus to add Council members emails to RTAC email list. Jan will pursue with Rob Goodland. Be aware that RTAC emails may be “from” RTACCoordinator or Rob Goodland.

WISCOM – Several EMS agencies in the Council are day to day users of WISCOM. Please consider what your questions and/or concerns may be with moving the system to the 800 frequency band from the current VHF and get them to Jan. She will forward to the WISCOM subcommittee to the IC (Interoperability Council).

HEMS – LifeLinkiii is conducting in person training. Please remember the recent air medical crash where the ship hit powerlines. Look twice to prevent similar situations.

HEMS – North Air is participating in “night out” activities. They are available for training and education offerings as requested.

BAEM – Meagan Quaderer reported:

- Community Education seminars being planned for three Thursdays in September, Preparedness Month.
- PSAP – Question as to role of Dispatch when ambulance out of service. Services are encouraged to reach out to the neighbors as well as dispatch to assure awareness.
- PSAP – New dispatch policy is working well. Dispatchers doing a good job.
- Bayfield County Fair – funding received for 300 free med kits to be given away on Friday and Saturday of the Fair, August 12 and 13. Volunteer passes for family are available for those who volunteer.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Brett Frieremood to add the BA Fair to the volunteer EMS insurance. Motion carried.

AFG RADIO GRANT – No news.

POINT TO POINT SWIM – Bayfield and Madeline Island will be providing BLS response and transport. Ashland will be ALS mainland; Great Divide will be ALS on Madeline Island.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled to be hybrid for Thursday, September 1st – 6:00 pm.

Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman (V)	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick	Mason
Lucas Stoflet (V)	Life Link III
Dorothy Tank (V)	ALEM
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air
Guests:	
Don Kimlicka (V)	State – Regional Coordinator
Pete (V)	Stryker