

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 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 Jeff Bellile, seconded by Joe Schick, to accept the minutes with the correction in attendance. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported:

- A check received from Savvik for \$39.91.
- \$1375 for medical direction to St. Lukes
- Balance: \$14,643.54

An invoice was sent to Red Cliff for 2022 dues.

Motion by Joe Schick, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS – Discussion related to potential election and officers. Current officers are willing to continue with Brett Friermood/Vice President wishing to step down. Lyn Cornelius would be willing to serve as Vice President.

Motion by Brett Friermood, seconded by Joe Schick, to conduct the election of officers at the January meeting. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Shultz reported.

- Protocols are soon ready for implementation. March 1st proposed as roll out date.
- Orientation/training on protocols will be a train the trainer for each service. Doc encourages documentation of service members in attendance be kept on file at the service level.
- Suggestions for training specifics will be shared when printed protocols released.
- Instructor for refresher courses be kept in the loop – share electronic and printed versions.
- Printed estimate of \$2600 received from Copy That/Ashland.

Motion made by Jeff Byerhof, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to approve the printing of the protocol books through Copy That/Ashland. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- **ELECTRONIC OPERATIONAL PLAN** – Once implemented the electronic filing of the Service Operational Plan is optional. Don Would be willing to come north and assist in the process for any who are interested.
- **E-licensing** – changes are coming.
- **Renewal period for licensure 06-30-2023I.** National Registry documentation will meet state criteria.
- **FLEX GRANT** – If you have questions, check with website or talk with Don.
- **MCI Plan** under review at the state; current plan on the website. Please review and share ideas.
- Don will be presenting at the Rice Lake Conference in March.
- Paul Schilling has retired from DOT. Travis will be filling the role as interim regional contact for DOT new rig inspection. Same phone number.
- **Question:** Does state track the diversion status of hospitals? (See below)
- **Protocols:** Compliments to the review committee for their work. Impressed with the medical director's participation and input. They were easy to follow and review.
- Don will be off the grid beginning 12/15 until the end of year.

DIVERSION – Discussion on issue of diversion.

- Diversion is an enormous issue for transfers.
- Distance (hundreds of miles) between hospitals creates issues.
- ER cannot legally be on divert, cannot refuse a patient. ER may request.
- 9-1-1 patient should not be refused by appropriate ER.
- Not EMS job to solve staffing issues.
- Don will be following up.
- MMC – will not be “on divert” unless facility is destroyed.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz reviewed the upcoming schedule of classes:

- EMR class being scheduled in Mason beginning 02/07/2023.
- Refreshers – registration is open for the January classes.
- Future EMS classes will be EMR Part 1; EMT Part 2.

HEMS

NORTH – Happy Holidays. Planning for possible future strike 12/11 thru 12/31. Siren base is open for business with weather cooperating.

LIFELINKIII – Planning for strike potential. Insurance will cover if transport needed to further facility due to circumstances beyond control.

MMC – Doug Jennings reported:

- If a service wants follow-up on a patient, email Doug for information.
- Reports are being audited for trauma. Please make sure reports are available to MMC.
- HERC meeting tomorrow.
- Question: How does MMC notify ambulance service a potential infectious exposure (COVID)? Doug will check on MMC policy.

HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition)

- Still education available thru Burn Course. Contact Aimee Wollman-Neseth.
- Hospital status tracking on EM Resource will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.
- Please remember scholarship available for preparedness related conferences/courses. The form to request in on the website and easy to fill out.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ashland – No report.

Bayfield – Meagan Quaderer reported:

- State CARES Coordinator, Shawna McCauley, Shawna.Macauley@redcross.org asked to speak to the group. She is looking to increase enrollments in rural areas.
 - Dr. Shultz encourages all services to participate as valuable data is being collected.
 - Barnes reports that the data entry is simple.
- BA MCI TEAM – application process is being developed.
- JOINT DISPATCH – the feasibility study related to combining Ashland and Bayfield Counties communication centers/dispatch will be completed mid-December.
- COMMUNICATIONS – When EMS is paged out, acknowledge on BALG, work on BAFIRE1 whenever possible.
- When requesting assistance from another agency, please identify request as mutual aid or staffing. This will require both service member and dispatch education.

BA PSAP – Ryanne Alajoki reported:

- BAFIRE1 works well for communication throughout Bayfield County.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – A new draft of the mutual aid agreement will be presented at the January meeting. Each service will be asked to review with input, revisions, and action to follow at following meetings.

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Discussion as to wording “essential service” related to EMS.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th, 6:00 pm, and will be both in-person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room and virtually via zoom.

Motion by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ryanna Alajoki	BA PSAP
Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman (V)	South Shore / APIS
Doug Jennings (V)	MMC
Brian Kline (V)	Red Cliff
Lexie Kontny	Mason
Mike Morelock (V)	North Air
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz (V)	Medical Director
Dorothy Tank (V)	ALEMS
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Ty Wakeman (V)	LifeLinkIII

Guests:

Don Kimlicka (V) EMS – Regional Coordinator
Shawna McCauley (V) CARES Coordinator