

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 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 Mike Lang, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

MMC

Tara Klevgard reported:

- COVID numbers are going down.
- COVID patients who are sick are very sick.
- ER has never been on divert.

Doug Jennings reported:

- Current testing for COVID indicates a 15.3% positive rate.
- Working on preparedness issues.

NORTHWOOD TECH – No report.
Information shared that Tim Salo is no longer with Northwood Tech.

REGIONAL EMS COORDINATOR – Don Kimlicka reported on several issues:

- Dan Williams has accepted the position of Rural EMS Coordinator. He introduced himself and explained his background.
- Other positions now filled include an office assistant, project assistant and communications lead. A community EMS Coordinator is being considered.
- Town Hall meeting are open meeting held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Emails will go to all licensed providers.
- FAP – Funding Assistance Program (FAP) Checks should have been received. Contact Don if your service has not received the check.
- Memo Series is under development. Let Don know if any questions or information that could be addressed thru these communications.
- CE – continuing education/refresher needs to match licensure period. Since the renewal date was extended to September 30th, continuing education counts beginning October 1st. You may apply for a waiver if this presents a hardship.
- Scope of Practice – new scope of practice has been developed. Don will forward changes for dissemination.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz reported:

- reviewed the development of the “cliff notes” version of the state protocols making them more usable in the field.
- Training on state protocols may begin anytime.
- Doc asked about frequent flyer calls. No big issues identified by services at present.
- Good news. The COVID surge appears to be on a downhill slide. Good for morale.

BA PSAP – Matt Sherrard reminded all that public safety radio is for official communications...think before you speak. Move communications to WISCOM / BA FIR when possible, in order to keep BALG open for paging.

HEMS

- LifeLink III – Brooke Ahlers reminded all the public relations events/landing zone training will begin with the spring/summer season.
- North – Matt Jakubik sent word encouraging all to Stay WARM.

LEGISLATIVE – A letter was sent on behalf of the EMS Council to the Assembly Committee on Local Government encouraging them to move AB 874 forward. A senate hearing will be scheduled in the next week or so. Consensus to send a letter to the Senate Committee on Health requesting they move the companion bill SB 826 forward.

NWWI RTAC – The RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) met last week. There is money available to provide a PHTLS course in this part of the state. Anyone willing to host? Both Ashland and Barnes offered to host.

COAD/VOAD – Jan Victorson reported that she is working on a project with the NWWI HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition) to identify and/or strengthen the role of volunteer organizations who could provide service during recovery from a disaster. Please let her know of organizations in your jurisdiction who may wish to become more involved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes reported no activity during January with a balance of \$16,292.57. Invoices for dues will be sent out in February. Insurance will be due soon.

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Brett Frierhood to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

BAYFIELD COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Committee is continuing to gather information with the goal of moving toward recommendations. A few issues include:

- National Registry requirement for state licensure
 - Enacted 2014 for EMR
 - In place in 1980's for EMT
- Single message for legislators
- Tech School vs state office
 - Office approves curriculum
 - Local school identifies number of hours
- Northwood EMS Advisory Committee

Michael Lang	Red Cliff
Jay McDonald	Red Cliff
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Joe Schick	Mason
Matt Sherrard	BA PSAP
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Dan Williams	WI EMS Rural Coordinator

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.

ZOOM – Zoom subscription expires March 31st. Discussion related to in person vs. zoom meetings. Consensus to continue zoom subscription to facilitate the attendance of those unable to travel. Will be an expenditure of \$149.90 for 12 months.

REFUSAL FORMS – Discussion about AMA and/or Refusal forms. Resources include: pwwlaw.com or google patient refusal forms. Services will share current forms.

BIRKIE – Ambulance planning completed. Eight ambulances being used to cover the big race, Saturday, February 26th. WISCOM NW Regional Talk Groups RTAC 62, 63, and 64 will be being used for radio communications the 23rd thru the 26th.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm via zoom. All are welcome.

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Brett Frierhood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Sherry Carlson	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Barb Gordon	Red Cliff
Ted Gostomski	Wash
Jeanette Hoopman	Red Cliff
Doug Jennings	MMC EM/Preparedness
Frank Koehn	South Shore
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Tara Klevgard	MMC / Mellen
Brian Kline	Red Cliff