

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 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 Joe Schick, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jonathan Shultz reported:

- Protocols – in process of one final medical review; hope to have available early summer.
- RN/EMT – Bridge course developed by Chippewa Valley Tech is being reviewed. Qualified nurses may be vetted locally thru training that assures knowledge of prehospital skills and realities. EMR or EMT Basic courses are suggested. There is no requirement set by the state. [Note: MMC may be able to assist with training.]
- COVID – New surgeillion; be aware.
- Community EMS – very supportive of program development.

STATE EMS – Don Kimlicka

- Introduced Corey Straubhaar as the Community EMS Coordinator.
- Additional office staff positions have been posted.
- FAP – notice related to the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) have been sent to service directors. If you have not received a notice, notify Don immediately.
- Flex grants - \$12 million will be available from the federal rescue funds. EMRs will have first priority. The funding is geared to expenses related to COVID – increased call volume, increased staffing requirements, etc. Draft the story that illustrates your need.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – public meeting related to AEMT and ACLS emergency rule changes.
- E-licensing documentation of CEUs should be put back soon.
- WMD still available thru Train WI; other courses may be utilized.

PROTOCOLS

2022 updated protocols are not on the state website. {Don will be checking.]

The protocols are near completion as Dr. Shultz reported. One copy of the printed protocols will be made available for each ambulance and EMT/EMR.

Discussion as to defining “intercept” criteria. Protocols include a reminder to “Consider ALS” when appropriate.

HEMS

- North – hosting their Spring educational on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Notice has gone out to all services.
- Life Link III – LZ training and community events are back to normal.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz

- EMT National Registry scheduled on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Rice Lake.
- Wildland Rescue training and Wilderness First Aid will be offered soon.
- CPR instructors are needed. Contact Tom.

RTAC

PHTLS (PreHospital Trauma Life Support} funded courses are scheduled for May 10th/Ashland and May 11th/Barnes.

MMC – Doug Jennings has been appointed EMS Coordinator.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Steve Cordes reported no expenses this last month – Balance of \$20,800.88.

All membership dues have been received except for Glidden and Red Cliff.

*Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Chris Pribek, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

BA ADHOC COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE – Jan requested input on several items that had been suggested to the Legislative Subcommittee.

- RN to EMT – consensus that the issue is resolved; input from the state that training may be done in-house, no formal program needed, or resources available thru Northwood.
- Cross-credentialing – consensus that this issue best worked on thru the EMS Council.
- Reciprocity of EMS training from other states – still an issue; state office issue. National Registry should be recognized with some sort of “provisional license” granted if Wisconsin skills need to be added.
- EMS as an essential service – still confusion; evaluate carefully. What would change?

BA PSAP – Abby Hood reported that a quick message will be given with the page in order to assure services receive the entire message – service + address + problem.

Ground ambulance requests HEMS through their dispatch. When ground intercept requests HEMS, responding ground ambulance and dispatch should be advised.

RESCUE DIVAS – Camp is back – July 31st thru August 4<sup>th</sup> at Northland College. Several of the counselors and returning girls who have followed a medical career.

*Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Brett Frierhood, to provide \$1000 to Rescue Divas.*

*Motion carried.*

Fundraisers/Events:

- Washburn – July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Herbster – May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Barnes Open House – May 28<sup>th</sup>

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, 6:00. May be in in person at Ashland Fire, also available via Zoom. All are welcome.

*Motion by Joe Schick, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Brook Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Abby Hood	BA PSAP
Tara Klevgard	MMC / Mellen
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Tom Renz	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Mike	North Air

Guests:

Don Kimlicka	State – Regional Coordinator
Erika Kurtz	Rescue Divas
Corey Staubhaar	State – Community EMS