

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Brett Frierhood, Vice-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 Lyn Cornelius, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka

- FLEX GRANT – \$65 million documented needs via applications. Ambulance Services were awarded 40% of requests; EMR groups received 100%. (Originally the grant program was only to cover served not FAP eligible. Change will benefit ambulance providers.) Award announcements will be in e-licensing with request to revise budgets as needed and accept the award.
- E-LICENSING is being revamped to include electronic updates to operational plans and protocols. Pilot project to begin the end of September. If interested in being part of the pilot contact Don.
- Community EMS – reach out to Corey Staubhaar, EMS Office
- EMS ADVISORY BOARD has appointed a Rural EMS Subcommittee to provide a direct voice for rural EMS. Don manages the minutes and open records issues. Next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for October 24th. Information will be available on the EMS website.
- PROTOCOLS are ready for approvals. Review completed by both Don and Dr. Colella, state medical director with very few issues. Obvious the process of developing has been precise.
- FAP – email to Don to how the additional FAP dollars were helpful, what was purchased.
- Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Office of Rural Health (ORH) – James Small

- Gov. Evers is aware of EMS concerns including rethinking the expansion of the scope of practice, shared revenues issues and other financial concerns.
- A survey will be sent to local ambulance services related to service operations. The data

provided will be used to develop an EMS report card of sorts to be used with legislators.

- Invite local legislators to service meetings.
- ORH provides his position as a free consultant,
- to assist in long-term planning for services.

JOINT DISPATCH FEASIBILITY STUDY – Mission Critical Partners consulting firm was hired by Ashland and Bayfield Counties to conduct a feasibility study related to potentially joining the PSAPs in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

Discussion included potential governance, future implementation of EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) and minimum of two dispatchers on duty. Please email any concerns to Meagan Quaderer – Meagan.quaderer@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov.

AT&T COVERAGE – Please if you have been affected by the lack of AT&T cell coverage in the Bay area, write a letter documenting and forward to Meagan. Encouraging AT&T to place an antenna on the Hillside (City of Washburn) tower.

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Refreshers are in process.
- EMT Class schedule to begin January 26, 2023 with orientation before that date. The class is scheduled for 170 hours.

MMC – A recent drill was very successful. The hospital is full, including behavioral health.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes presented a draft budget for 2023. Discussion related to potential increase in medical director payment. Lyn will approach Dr. Shultz and ask the question. Budget decision was tabled until the November meeting.

WISCOM – The RFP has been reviewed by a committee from throughout the state and the “intent to award” is recommended to go to L3Harris. Motorola is protesting that decision currently. The change to “800” will take at least 5 to 7 years.

RTAC is able to fund PHTLS classes. Anyone wish to host in this area? Last year’s classes in Ashland and Barnes were very successful and well attended.

HERC – A reminder that scholarships are available for any preparedness training event – up to \$500. The application is very simple – on the NWWI HERC website.

CISM – Just a reminder to call early – even before an event is over – to notify the team. (Thru Jan Victorson – 715.813.7127 or Meagan Quaderer – 715.373.6113.)

STATE EMS MEETINGS – Jan reviewed the issues she brought up to the EMS Board, including who we are, education requirements, and scope of practice. In response to comments Tim Weir, WTCS (Wisconsin Technical College System) administrator confirmed that WTCS is recommending the EMS course remain the same in hours at 72 (due to legislator contact). They are recommending the EMT course go from 5 to 6 credits (a credit equates for 40 hours). In addition, the optional skills would be an additional 40 hours.

BAYFIELD COUNTY MCI TEAM – Bayfield County has an MCI trailer. Looking to develop a multi-casualty incident response team. Discussion as to benefits to all services. This plan will be made up of EMR and EMT personnel credentialed with their local service, and willing to respond when available. Please email Meagan if you are interested.

A service operational plan will need to be filed with the State EMS Office that includes an Infection Control Plan, Protocols and Policies, Medical Direction, etc.

Bayfield County will provide liability insurance and trailer/equipment as identified. This also allows Bayfield County to apply for funding as a non-transport service.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Chris Pribek, to approve the development of the Bayfield County MCI Team and support with Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council documents as long as Dr. Jonathan Shultz agrees. Motion carried.

Consensus that Meagan Quaderer serve as Service Director and Chris Pribek as Assistant Director.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd – 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Chris Pribek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman (V)	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Doug Jennings	MMC
Mike Morelock (V)	North Air
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Maria Renz	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Jordan Sjogren (V)	APIS
Dorothy Tank (V)	ALEM
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Ty Wakeman (V)	LifeLinkIII
Sara Wartman (V)	BA Public Health

Guests:

Don Kimlicka (V)	State – Regional Coordinator
James Small (V)	ORH – Rural EMS