

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2023

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 Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Steve Cordes, to accept the minutes as printed.* *Serv. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported a balance of \$17,184.61 as outlined in the agenda.

Motion made by Chris Pribek, seconded by Mike Zolik, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- License renewal application is open.
- ELECTRONIC OPERATIONAL PLAN has been added to service director's e-licensing account. Filing electronically makes updating much easier.
- Amanda Bates has resigned as EMS Section Chief; Dan Williams is serving as interim.
- State MCI Plan is being updated. Goal is to review/update by June.
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) – Checks are being sent.
- Proposed budget contains money for EMS.
- Any questions contact Don at Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

SPEAKER – Brittany Kuka, Therapist. Brittany presented an overview of EMDR - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing – a form of bilateral stimulation/no talk therapy that can be helpful to the natural healing process after trauma. Handout distributed. Considering conducting sessions monthly FREE for emergency responders. She will be presenting to the Fire Association at their next meeting.

NORTHWOOD TECH - Tom Renz reviewed the schedule for upcoming classes. He reported that the Rice Lake Conference went well.

MMC – Doug Jennings reported:

- Remodeling of ER underway. Phase 1 will not effect EMS.

- Email service directors if questions from the ER staff.
- Working toward providing service feedback on patient continuation of care.

HEMS

NORTH – Mike Zolik reported that ready and available dependent upon weather conditions. Discussion related to ground transports in bad weather...

NWWI HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition) – Jan Victorson reported:

- Scholarships are still available. Forms are on the NWWI HERC website.
- A "surge" exercise will be held this spring. Contact may be made with EMS services to assess availability for transport from one facility to another.

NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) - Jan reported:

- PHTLS course has been scheduled - one in Iron River and one in Washburn – dates of May 27th and 28th.
- Budget will be developed before June. Please get ideas for EMS training or supplies/equipment to Jan as quickly as possible.
- Next meeting – May 23rd in Cameron, 1pm.

WISCOM (Wisconsin Interoperable System of Communications) – Jan reported:

- Engineering for 700/800 system under development with L3Harris.
- Meetings are being held with current users to plan for future needs.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ashland – Dorothy Tank has retired. Looking for qualified applicants.

Bayfield – Meagan Quaderer reported:

- Checks from Bayfield County for ambulance services are printed.
- Goal to support the way they are run now with emphasis on staffing and retention.

PROTOCOL BOOK – Additional copies may be available for new EMTs. Contact Jan Victorson – jan.victorson21@gmail.com .

RETIREMENT – Randy Books, current NW Emergency Management Director is retiring. He will be missed.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – The updated draft of the mutual aid agreement was forwarded to service directors.

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Kurt Blakeman, to approve and send to services for signature. Motion carried.

Please forward signed copies to Jan Victorson (jan.victorson21@gmail.com).

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES'

Several listening sessions have been held by Senator Quinn and Representative Green – our newly elected state legislators. EMS personnel are encouraged to take advantage of these sessions and express the need for state support for local EMS.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday May 4th, 6:00 pm, and will be both in-person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room and virtually via zoom.

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Mike Zolik, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Kurt Blakeman (V)	Marengo
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski (V)	Washburn
Tam Hofman (V)	South Shore / APIS
Doug Jennings	MMC
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Diivide
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Maria Renz (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick (V)	Mason
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air

Guests:

Don Kimlicka (V)	EMS – Regional Coordinator
Brittany Kuka	EMDR Therapist