

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2023

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 Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to accept the minutes with the correction in attendance. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported:

- Vantax LLC fee increased 10%
- Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Chris Pribek, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

ELECTIONS – Nominations for officers were as follows:

- President – Tam Hofman
 - Vice-President – Lyn Cornelius
 - Secretary – Jan Victorson
 - Financial – Steve Cordes
- Motion made by Chris Pribek, seconded by Jeff Bellile to elect the nominated officers. 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 expects documentation of service members in attendance be kept on file at the service level.
- Arrowhead Conference coming up.
- Dr. Shultz will be attending the NAEMSP (National Association of EMS Physicians) conference.
- Gmail account has been hacked. Please us Jonathan.shultz@slh.com for future email communications.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- ELECTRONIC OPERATIONAL PLAN – Office is working with Image Trend to resolve issues with the electronic plan.
- License renewal will be open February. Please confirm you email address in e-licensing to assure notification.

- WEMSA – Conference being held the first weekend in February.
- Northwood Emergency Services Conference will be held in Rice Lake in March. Don will be presenting.
- Service Director workshop being presented in Tilden on February 11th.
- Definitions:
 - Mutual Aid – when service overwhelmed by unforeseen events.
 - Coverage – know in advance staffing is unavailable.

DIVERSION – Discussion on issue of diversion has been initiated with the hospital association.

- EMTALA states that the ER may turn away only if there is risk to patients.
- Hospital cannot hold EMS with a patient. Enter hospital equals accepting the patient.
- Obligation of EMS is to cover 9-1-1 in response area.
- Do the right thing for the EMS patient.
- Document carefully including name of person who says “not here”.
- MMC – will not be “on divert” unless facility is destroyed.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz reviewed the upcoming schedule of classes. Discussion related to issues with current online refresher class. Question related to local service preceptors. Tom will let the Council know if a letter/support from the Council is needed.

HEMS

NORTH – Mike Zolik reported the Siren base is open for business; looking for cooperating weather.

MMC – Robin Dicero reported.

- MMC is never on divert – unless destroyed.
- 18,500 visits to the ER in 2022. That is up 20% from 2021.
- Lots of Influenza A, RSV, and COVID still being seen.

HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition)

- Still education available thru Burn Course. Contact Aimee Wollman-Nesseth.
- Please remember scholarship available for preparedness related conferences/courses. The form to request in on the website and easy to fill out.

NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee):

- Still looking for locations for PHTLS class. Let Jan Victorson know as quickly as possible.
- Next meeting – January 24th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ashland – Dorothy Tank reported having fit test solutions for face fit testing. Let her know if needed.

Bayfield – Meagan Quaderer reported:

- Joint dispatch with Ashland and Bayfield Counties still being discussed.
- Maria Renz introduced as a new half-time employee.
- Agreement for local service to receive funds reviewed. Discussion.

Motion made by Brett Friermood, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to urge the county to make the check to and the agreement with the local ambulance service, not a political jurisdiction. Motion carried.

BA PUBLIC HEALTH – Sara Wartman reported that COVID, flu and RSV are circulating. Local shortage of Tamiflu and amoxicillin also reported. NARCAN is available free to agencies due to increase in opioid use. Holly Weber and Sara Wartman will provide complimentary training.

PROTOCOL BOOK – Protocol books were distributed to those present. Lyn Cornelius reviewed the summary and format of the protocols. Training will be organized via zoom.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – The updated draft of the mutual aid agreement was forwarded to service directors. Reviewed. Please forward needed changes to Jan Victorson (jvictorson21@gmail.com). Changes will be discussed/approved at the next meeting, then review at local level.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd, 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

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman (V)	Marengo
Jeff Byerhof (V)	South Shore
Steve Cordes (V)	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Robin Dicero	MMC
Brett Friermood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Alexis Kontny	Mason
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Maria Renz (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz (V)	Medical Director
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Natasha Trush	Red Cliff Environmental
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Sara Wartman	BAPH
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air
Guests:	
Don Kimlicka (V)	EMS – Regional Coordinator