

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETINGMINUTES
November 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. The meeting was held at the Ashland Fire Department Training Room with a virtual zoom option.

MINUTES

Motion made by Ted Gostomski, seconded by Chris Pribek, to approve minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Steve Cordes reviewed with a balance of \$11,233.84.

The 2026 budget will be presented at the December meeting.

Motion made by Chris Pribek, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Current officers:

President – Tam Hofman
Vice-President – Lyn Cornelius
Secretary – Jan Victorson
Treasurer – Steve Cordes

Motion made by Chris Pribek, seconded by Alexys Kontny, to cast a unanimous ballot to re-elect all officers. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE

Don Kimlicka, Region 1 and 2 Coordinator, reported:

- Any major changes, get to Don as soon as possible.
- Website info will be updated with renewal information.
- Service refresher hours should be on file with the service in case any need to verify
 - Several accredited agencies.
 - Vo-tech – school will file certificates.
 - Make sure CPR is current.
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) – goal that funds be distributed by end of year.
- Next year – protocol review to match March 31, 2026 updated Scope of Practice.
- EMS Office does not regulate EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch).
- Legislation: FAP is maintained at 25 million.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Jonathn Shultz presented at the Minnesota state medical directors conference, a sub group of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), on Rural EMS Medical Direction. There was discussion of rural issues as well as contrast made between urban and rural EMS needs.

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ASHLAND MEDICAL CENTER (AMC)

Tara Klevgard asked if any questions or concerns. Discussion on confidential patient report from AMC. Reminder about the black box at the nurses' station and ask for feedback on a specific patient.

NORTHWOOD

Contact Tom Renz with any questions.

HEMS

Mike Zolik of North Air reported that all is well. He encouraged folks to be planning for LZ training in the spring.

Brokke Ahlers send word that their website hosts a form to fill out for special event planning.

WISCOM

BA Daily User Grant – Ryan Matthews will be doing the preliminary work gathering information. Please be sure to ask for all that is needed; we need to be documenting how much need there is for the next grant cycle. This is a reimbursement grant.

IO (Interoperability) Grant – Again ask for all that is needed to maintain communications with WISCOM users – mutual aid, back-up, special events, etc.

AL/BA PSAP

Meagan Quaderer announced that EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) implementation is scheduled for mid-January, 2026.

Meetings have been held with Priority Dispatch. Dr. Shultz has participated.

The goal is to assure that right responders and equipment are being dispatched to a call for service. This may include a suggestion to page ALS as well. ALS will be paged upon direction of the local service.

Presentation by Priority Dispatch.

Dispatchers are requesting services not use number but rather agency name in identifying ambulance when communicating with dispatch. Discussion.

Question about integration with CAD? The integration is not stable right now; aim for early 2026.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ASHLAND (AL) – Christine announced PIO training will be held. She is working with Enbridge related to potential civil unrest and hazmat issues with upcoming pipeline build.

Annual message will be focused on Fire Safety.

BAYFIELD (BA) – Meagan announced there will be an LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting next week.

EMS COORDINATOR –

Bryan Ziemann reported that EMS planning is continuing. Meeting with Service Directors is planned. Information on planning will be released before the end of the year.

CANCEL EMS RESPONSE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Discussion related to law enforcement cancellation of EMS while enroute.

Review of policy

- Caller call back to cancel call
- Report of no patient at the scene
- Wrong location/nothing present

Concern about liability for not responding.

Document any cancellation.

Medical Director: If ambulance paged, continue to scene unless above. Document all very carefully.

AUXILIA – Lyn Cornelius shared information with Tam Hofman on Auxilia – intended to assist in mental health issues with all responders and their families in both counties. Website has several resources listed. Training being provided on November 10th at Northwood.

ANNUAL DINNER – Discussion related to setting specific time/date for annual dinner. Consensus to identify second or third Sunday in September as designated date.

Agenda item to finalize date and location at July meeting.

POTENTIAL TRAINING at Council meetings.

Consensus that training to be conducted at the service level.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- RTAC sponsored Trauma Conference Friday, November 7th in Rice Lake.

- “Wired to Serve”, Monday November 10th at Northwood.

QUESTION:

Billing for backup from Ashland Fire will be quarterly – from time leave station to back in service.

NEXT MEETING – December 4th at Ashland Fire meeting room with virtual option, at 1800 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chris Pribek, second by Jan Victorson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Monica Bigo	Great Divide
Steve Cordes	Mason
Christina Dzwonkowski	ALEM
Brett Friermood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman	South Shore/APIs
Tara Klevgard	AMC/Tamarack
Alexys Kontny	Mason
Tony Lang	Great Divide
Kevin Lee	North Air
Stuart Matthias	Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM and ALBA PSAP
Joe Schick	Mason
Sarah Schram	Madeline Island
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Jamie Trembl	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson	Mellen
Bryan Ziemann	BA EMS Coordinator
Mike Zolik	North Air

Guests

Jay D	Priority Dispatch
Don Kimlicka	WI DHS/EMS
Meredith	Priority Dispatch