

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2026

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.

Clean  
MINUTES

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Steve Cordes, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL

The financial report was reviewed with a balance of \$10,545.13.

Steve reported that invoices for 2026 dues, including medical direction, will be mailed during February.

*Motion made by Jan Victorson, seconded by Gwen Watson, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Jonathan Shultz reported on the NAEMSP conference (National Association of EMS Physicians) where he had discussions with Dr. Mario Collella, medical director for the state of Wisconsin, and Dr. Michael Clark, EMS medical director for 28 services affiliated with Aspirus mid state.

1. The Rural Health Transformation Act will be allocating \$50 billion to the betterment of rural health care. Wisconsin Department of Health Services to receive \$203.7 million this year. No decisions made yet as to how EMS may fit into these dollars. Stay alert.
2. Protocols – Wisconsin is not updating state protocols as originally planned. In order to assure protocols are living, breathing documents alternatives are being considered. Doc spent time with a software vendor who has a protocol product that would be free at the Basic level. Consider inviting them to a meeting to provide a demonstration? Discussion.
3. Protocol subcommittee – would like to reconvene to review our current protocols.
4. Consider use of Aspirus protocols and updates.
5. Contact information:

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TAMARACK HEALTH/ASHLAND MEDICAL CENTER

Tara Klevgard reported.

- Please remember to replace the blue cover on the linen cart. It needs to be there.
- Cleaner for EMS is kept on the shelf in room, not in the linen closet
- Hospital van will be in the garage all winter. A number is on the whiteboard for keys to move if necessary.

HEMS – North is waiting for good weather. Call when needed.

WISCOM – Bayfield County requested \$4 million for replacement radio equipment under the daily user portion of the grant. Ashland County had one agency apply under the Interoperable portion of the grant. Awards are prioritized by area of the state receiving WISCOM upgrades.

PSAP

- EMD – training has been completed. There is ongoing work on the EMD/CAD interface. When that is resolved EMD will be fully implemented.
- Field Advisory Committee – meets the third Tuesday, virtual. Currently working to refine policy approval process. A meeting announcement will go out to all as all are welcome to attend.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BAYFIELD COUNTY – Mitigation planning process is beginning for the countywide disaster mitigation plan.

BA EMS

Bryan Zieman reported really watching grants. Also monitoring the Rural Health Transformation Act.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Protocol/Scope Subcommittee – Chris Pribek, Tam Hofman, Lyn Cornelius, Jan Victorson, Gwen Watson, Brett Frierhood (to consider). Will report at the next meeting.
2. Meeting schedule – move to every other month. Discussion.

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Steve Cordes, to begin every other month meetings with the April meeting. Motion carried.*

3. Question about use of Twiage – tool currently in use with Tamarack Hayward. Tara to follow up.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn by Mike Zolik seconded by Gwen Watson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Cordes	Mason
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman	South Shore/APIS
Tara Klevgard	Tamarack/Ashland
Alexys Kontny	Mason
Kevin Lee	North Air
Stuart Matthias	Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM and ALBA PSAP
Joe Schick	Mason
Sarah Schramm	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 – Billing Services

Beth Grassau	ONE
Brittany	Cvikada
Joel Kent	Cvikada
Erik Kiefer	Billing ECP