

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2006

The August meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Dean Hambrecht, President of the Council. The meeting was held at MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES - *Motion made by Chuck Elton, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported a balance of \$6,589.20 in the treasury. The internet billing was paid twice. The balance will be \$6,899.20 upon the return of the second payment.

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Dan Diamon, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

MMC – Merrilee Carlson reported on the construction timeline for MMC. Projected that the section next to the ER will be completed in December with the remodeling of the current ER to follow. Ambulance patients will still enter in the ambulance garage and changes will be well marked.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson reported on the Mutual Aid Radio Interoperability Grant including MARC 1 repeaters funded 75% through OJA and 25% through HRSA funding (RTAC pilot project). This will install MARC 1 repeaters in of Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas and Sawyer counties. The RTAC pilot project will also fund the move of Gold Cross from EMS-C in order to more effectively use that frequency as a mutual aid channel. Radios will be reprogrammed and replacement radios will be purchased for several EMS services throughout the region including Ashland, Barnes, Butternut, Great Divide, Iron River, Mason, and Washburn.

Jan also reviewed the topic of landing zones as discussed at the Bayfield County Fire Association meeting the night before. There is confusion and frustration when individuals only land the helicopter once or twice a year.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported on several topics:

EMS for Children is looking to one person from each service to be a “pediatric champion” – to take training and advocate for pediatric issues at the service level

Triage Tuesday will be reviewed with education and new start up beginning in October

Trauma Registry include all times so document report forms well

Hospital issues are being worked on related to Trauma Registry and classification review

WEEPP payment for Mellen pf \$1,400

WARDS (Wisconsin Ambulance Report Data System) – WARDS training will be conducted on Tuesday, September 19th at WITC/Ashland. Please register before September 12th. FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – The Fat Tire Festival is requesting assistance with providing EMS coverage for that event – September 16th and 17th.

STATE ISSUES – The Ambulance Inspector has been appointed and is making inspections. Once of the issues he is looking at is maintenance records for ambulances. AED UPGRADES – Steve Cordes is still interested in working with the Council on AED upgrades. The Medtronic website is providing information. ANNUAL MEETING – Discussion about the annual dinner/meeting. Mason has volunteered to host the dinner at the Deep Water Grille in Ashland. Dates and times were discussed. *Motion made by Chuck Elton to accept the offer of Mason Ambulance to host the meeting on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.* Email notification will go to ambulance directors to be forwarded to all personnel.

ADJOURNMENT *Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Dan Diamon, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Brendalen	Mellen
Merrilee Carlson	EMS Coordinator MMC
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/Lake Superior RTAC
Chuck Elton	Washburn
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
John Harding	Glidden
Ed Hofstrand	SMMC Lifelight
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Karl Kanneberg	Ashland
Frank Koehn	South Shore
Jamie Paterson	Bayfield
Jan Victorson	Bayfield County EM