

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 24, 2007

The May meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice-President of the Council. The meeting was held in the North and South Twin Island meeting rooms at MMC/Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Mary Ross, to accept the April minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported a current balance of \$5197.87. Three services dues are still outstanding.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.*

EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN – Patti Skorazewski informed the Council that MMC is in the process of reviewing their exposure control policy. She presented information related to informing pre-hospital personnel of exposure. She distributed forms that MMC uses for reporting a significant exposure. Each service must have a designated infection control officer (DO) that can be contacted in case there is a need to inform personnel of significant exposure.

MMC's infection control nurse receives copies of reports when results are positive. She may also be notified by another hospital of a positive result. In each situation she pulls the history and finds the mechanism of arrival.

EMT's are entitled to information. To contact Patti:  
Office phone – 685-5516  
Email – [pskor@ashlandmmc.com](mailto:pskor@ashlandmmc.com)  
Fax – 683-4022 (put PSkor name on it)

Discussion related to appropriate point of contact at the hospital. Decision: the nursing supervisor should serve as the point of contact (contact through switchboard – request page) as she will know who to contact and involve the right people. Concise information that will help with tracking of the situation includes: service name and date of transport; patient name, birthdate, and doctor; responders concerned about – names, birthdate and personal physician. The hospital will notify pre-hospital personnel and arrange for appropriate follow-up; public health will notify family and arrange for treatment or follow-up.

HIV has a 1 to 2 hours timeline optimal for prophylaxis to begin.

Immunizations and titres for rubella, rubeola, chicken pox, mumps, HIV and HEP A-B-C were also discussed.

Tetanus should be repeated in 10 years unless a significant exposure then will repeat within 5 years.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – Dan Diamon reported that the Lake Superior RTAC continues to work on the radio mutual aid interoperability project and reviewed planning for future disbursements.

TRAINING – Jan Victorson distributed flyers related to the June 13<sup>th</sup> "Airbag Detective" training (Dave Long) and asked if the EMS Council would be willing to provide ice cream and juice for refreshments. The Bayfield County Fire Association will again provide pizza.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Chuck Elton, to provide refreshments for the June 13<sup>th</sup> training. Motion carried.*

RADIO INTEROPERABILITY GRANT – Jan reported that the training related to the radio interoperability grant is being scheduled. The next training is being held at the Iron River Community Center on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Any service personnel are welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Twin Island Meeting Rooms at MMC/Ashland.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Dan Diamon, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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| Merrilee Carlson | MMC/Ashland           |
| Steve Cordes     | Mason                 |
| Dan Diamon       | Gold Cross/RTAC       |
| Chuck Elton      | Washburn              |
| Ted Gostomski    | Great Divide          |
| Teresa Gunderson | Mason                 |
| Tam Hofman       | South Shore           |
| Karl Kanneberg   | Ashland               |
| Jamie Paterson   | Bayfield              |
| Mary Ross        | Madeline Island       |
| Patti Skorzewski | MMC/Infection Control |
| Gary Victorson   | Iron River Ambulance  |
| Jan Victorson    | BAEM                  |
| Jewel Yanko      | Mellen                |