

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2007

Car seats are available and can be delivered to ambulance providers. Documentation will be required (signature acknowledging receipt). Additional services requiring carseats: Mellen – 2, Madeline Island – 1.

The October meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Dean Hambrecht, President of the Council. The meeting was held in the Twin Island meetings rooms of Memorial Medical Center, Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Tam Hofman, to accept the minutes of the August meeting as printed. Motion carried.*

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the September minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT – Jan Victorson reported that we have received two checks that will be forwarded to Chuck Elton for deposit.

NCEMSC for \$157.42 (based on purchases by member agencies)

Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival for \$225.00 with thank you for assistance with the 2007 Fat Tire Festival.

No other report.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – The RTAC earlier at the Cable Community Center. Three issues were identified to follow-up with Council membership:

Funding is still available for up to two individuals from each ambulance service. Discussion.

Apparently most services in the WITC/Ashland district have taken advantage of the training.

Sawyer County Ambulance and Emergency Management is putting together a survey that will be forwarded to all ambulance services in an eleven county region. The purpose of the survey is to identify potential EMS and ambulance resources that could be made available in a major emergency.

Lifelink III is housing a medical helicopter in Rice Lake beginning November 11th. There was lengthy discussion about mobilizing helicopters. It was stated that the helicopter dispatch centers are in the best position to activate a helicopter when the requested service is not available rather than county dispatch centers “helicopter shopping”. Weather concerns in Duluth/Superior may be addressed by activating Lifelink III from the south/Rice Lake. Weather concerns at the scene are the same for all helicopter services.

Backboards are soon available and will be distributed one to each service with headblocks, collars and straps. Documentation will be required (signature acknowledging receipt).

WITC EMS – Cindy Lazorik reported on courses being offered. The EMT-Basic is scheduled to begin November 26th with 14 already registered. MMC – Merrilee Carlson reported that MMC is appreciating that ambulances are calling in sooner. The ER has two new nurses.

RADIO REPROGRAMMING – Discussions about glitches being identified with programming of portable radios.

MDAC ELECTIONS – Discussion identifying current elected MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Committee) members – Ron Brendalen, Steve Cordes, Chuck Elton, Tam Hofman, and Gary Victorson. *Motion made by Mary Ross, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to keep the same elected representatives on MDAC. Motion carried.*

LIGHTS AND SIREN POLICY – Dr. Wesley had forwarded a draft lights and siren policy for review by the Council. Discussion. Suggestions for wording changes will be forwarded to Dr. Wesley, presented to MDAC at their next meeting and reviewed by the Council in December.

FUTURE PLANNING ISSUES – Other possible guidelines and policies were discussed including withholding CPR, use of atrovent, moving from use of EPI pens to use of subcutaneous EPI, moving toward EMT I – IV, 12 lead EKG, and review of all protocols.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Discussion about Dr. Wesley spending time with us. Jan will follow-up and try to identify dates, coordinate with MDAC and Council meetings if possible, and forward to membership. Next meeting date will be determined based on his availability.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Brendalen	Mellen
Merrilee Carlson	MMC/Ashland
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Dean Hambrecht	Great Divide
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Karl Kanneberg	Ashland
Cindy Lazorik	WITC EMS Specialist
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM