

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2008

The May 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 Dan Clark, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Chuck Elton reported that we have a balance of \$6020.03.

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

MDAC – The Medical Director Advisory Committee (MDAC) met on May 8th to begin review of the protocols developed by Dr. Keith Wesley. The MDAC is scheduled to meet again on June 5th and will provide an update at the next Council meeting.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Keith Wesley spent last weekend traveling throughout the two counties providing review of CPAP and CPR. Training was excellent. Good reports from all who participated. The consensus was that we are getting good responses and input to questions and concerns even from a distance.

Jan Victorson asked if the EMS Council would consider reimbursing Bayfield County Emergency Management for his motel room.

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to reimburse Bayfield County Emergency Management for our medical director motel costs. Motion carried.

LAKE SUPERIOR RTAC – The Lake Superior Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) has their next meeting at the Cable Community Centre on Thursday, May 29th.

TABLETOP EXERCISE – The RTAC is sponsoring a regional tabletop exercise on Thursday, June 12th at WITC in Ashland. The exercise will begin with supper at 6:30 PM followed by the exercise. The focus of the tabletop will be the first few minutes of a multiple casualty incident (MCI). We are hoping for cross-disciplined conversation – including Dispatchers, Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement and Hospital personnel – and learning from one another.

MMC – Steve Cordes responded to questions about new computers in the EMS room? Discussion.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Jan Victorson handed out materials on emergency phone numbers (ICE) and NOAA weather all-hazards radio. She announced that

Bayfield County has installed new 9-1-1 equipment. Discussion about need for the public to check location addresses on phone bills. She attended the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Commission meeting this morning and wanted others to be aware that it is 90% sure there will be a round-a-bout at the T-intersection (2 and 13 in Bayfield County). Discussion.

Be *SOMEBODY* – The Be *SOMEBODY* event kick-off was well attended. Perhaps a future focus for the event could be “get to know who is volunteering in your community” with open houses and local interactions with our communities.

FUTURE PLANNING – Dean introduced the need to focus on what we should have in place in order to be ready for future opportunities. Suggestions included: documented radio information (make, model, serial numbers, etc.), current rosters, director signature sheet (for Council grants), listing of available resources (snowmobile, rescue sleds, hurst tools, etc.)

RTAC – Jan Victorson asked everyone if they have seen the benefit of the Lake Superior RTAC? Answers included the pediatric training, carseat distribution and clinics, tabletop exercises, longboard distribution, trauma protocols, provides a pulse on our regional system, etc.. Future planning for the RTAC should include continued focus on the triage (START and JumpSTART), multiple-casualty events, education, share facilities information, what other services are doing, case studies are an excellent learning tool, buying power, etc.

Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Tam Hofman, to write a letter of support to keep funding the RTAC if the situation warrants. Motion carried.

JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES – Discussion about jurisdictional issues based upon a situation near Osceola. Focus on putting our patients first...

DISPATCHERS – Discussion about doing something for dispatchers.

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Dan Diamon, to draft a letter of thanks to the dispatchers in both counties. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 26th in the Twin Islands Meeting Room of MMC.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Dan Diamon	Gold Cross/RTAC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Chuck Elton	Washburn

Teresa Gunderson
Dean Hambrecht
Tam Hofman
Karl Kanneberg
Gary Victorson
Jan Victorson

Mason
Great Divide
South Shore
Ashland
Iron River
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