

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2009

The February 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 Twin Island meeting rooms of Memorial Medical Center, Ashland.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Teresa Gunderson, to approve the January minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

TREASURER REPORT – Steve Cordes reported a balance of \$937.78 at present. Expenditures were as follows:

Insurance	\$1184.00
NCEMSC	450.00

Dues notices are being distributed.

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Tan Hofman, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

MDAC – Gary Victorson stated that the protocol document has been approved by Dr. Wesley.

Dr. Klee and Dr. Patton were sent electronic copies of the protocol document with the invitation to attend the Council meeting and/or give input through either Gary Victorson or Dean Hambrecht by telephone or email. Neither had received any comments.

Discussion about adding a statement that clearly documents that these protocols allow latitude to advance to mentioned skills but not require those skills. A statement was developed to read: "Although this document references equipment not mandated by TRANS 309 and skills not mandated at the EMT or basic level such as ECG monitoring or CPAP, these protocols are intended to allow the latitude for each service to advance to these skills with support of our medical director by receiving the necessary training and updating the appropriate operational plan."

*Motion made by Teresa Gunderson, seconded by Tam Hofman, to accept the protocols with the change. Motion carried.*

The MDAC proposed that the Council print one copy for each service plus other agencies (hospitals, Ashland Fire, Gold Cross, medical director, etc.) then give services the option of paying for additional copies at under \$15 to \$18 per copy.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jan Victorson reviewed comments forwarded by Dr. Wesley related to bringing on a second medical director. Discussion. The Council would like to invite both Dr. Wesley and Dr. Jonathan Shultz to the next meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup> for discussion.

Additional comments from Dr. Wesley were reviewed:

- Medication renewals – Discussion; consider changes at a future time; consensus to continue as we are – update prescription annually.

- WARDS reports – Discussion; consensus to discuss with Dr. Wesley at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

RTAC – Dan Diamon reported on items related to EMS and RTAC:

- The Bureau that EMS was a part of has been dissolved.
- Connie Rigdon has been hired as the new trauma coordinator.
- PPE for EMS project – There are no strings attached.
- Injury Prevention Projects – forward to Dan Diamon as we are attempting to inventory existing programs.
- Electronic tracking project.
- Mass casualty – Dan has talked with Chief Chenier of Ashland related to using the recent bus crash as a scenario for discussion with schools, law enforcement, hospitals, fire and ems.
- Membership meeting – Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in Spooner.

Be **SOMEBODY**- The Be **SOMEBODY** public awareness and recruitment event is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. The plan will be to use the ad developed last year and ask for donations from local departments and agencies to help fund the promotion.

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Mary Ross, that the Council donate \$100 to the Be SOMEBODY television ad campaign. Motion carried.*

OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH – Jan distributed a survey by the Office of Rural Health and asked for all to prioritize topics for leadership seminars.

ZOLL DEMO – Dan Clark invited folks to the Washburn Ambulance Hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for a demonstration by Zoll.

LOSA – Discussion about benefits of the Length of Service Award Program.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for the fourth Thursday in March – 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at MMC.

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Marie Cupp	Washburn
Dan Diamon	Lake Superior RTAC
Teresa Gunderson	Mason
Tam Hofman	South Shore
Mary Ross	Madeline Island
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM