

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2014

The EMS Council meeting was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice-President of the Council.

MINUTES.

Minutes will be reviewed at the July meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Steve Cordes reported very little activity with finances. The second quarter payment of \$1375 was made to St. Luke's for our medical director leaving a balance of \$7389.46. Two services have not paid their dues.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

WITC.

Cindy Lazorik distributed EMT course packets explaining that much of the information required was included. WITC is offering a 49 hours EMR beginning September 8th. Advanced skills will be an additional course.

HOSPITAL.

Steve Cordes stated that the Essentia addition may change the garage configuration. There has been no action on the remodel project.

APIS (Apostle Islands National Lakeshore).

Tam Hofman reported that the National Park has been pretty quiet both attributed to the cold and the construction on Hwy 13. One pontoon boat rescue required.

RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council).

Jan Victorson reported that the Lake Superior RTAC had several priorities for this next year.

- "Law Enforcement Tourniquet Project" will be finalized this next fiscal year. Tourniquets have been ordered for local law enforcement agencies in the RTAC area. A train the trainer course will be offered for the region where tourniquets will be distributed along with training materials.
- Falls Prevention materials are being printed for use by services and agencies throughout the region.
- HCC/Health Care Coalitions – The current Hospital Preparedness region has become the region for Health Care Coalitions. This includes the combining of three RTAC currently serving northwestern Wisconsin. Appointees have been made to the Transition Committee that include Dan Diamon – trauma, Terri Kramolis – public health, and Jan – emergency management. The major goal at this time is this new HCC will recognize existing health care coalitions that already exist and devise ways to affirm and strengthen rather than disregard.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Nothing new from Jonathan Shultz.

Be SOMEBODY.

Be SOMEBODY media event in Brule was well attended. Several "dignitaries" were present – Senator Jauch (state senator), Janet Bewley (state representative), Ray Lemke (EMS Office), Brian Satula (WEM Administrator) as well as county board members from both Bayfield and Douglas counties.

Consensus at the Bayfield County Fire Association meeting that Saturday worked well for the event – more children/public in attendance; easier to go back "home" and conduct an open house, etc.

Two television stations were on site with good coverage.

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION.

BIG TOP – Discussion about approaching Big Top Chatauqua about having an "emergency services night" under the Big Top. Consensus to explore the possibility.

[A reminder: the Big Top takes EMTs to be on standby during events. Remember to wear your uniform, identified as a service member, in order to meet requirements of the Council insurance coverage. Call the Big Top office to volunteer.]

Brainstorming of additional outreach activities continued. Consensus to continue exploring ways of raising awareness of volunteer emergency services in the area.

COMMUNICATIONS.

WISCOM.

Bayfield County has received equipment through DOT and Homeland Security to begin building out WISCOM locally. The Bayfield County PSAP has received another WISCOM capable console and connectivity. The Cable Park tower (Norvado) is the newest trunking site in the county. Port Wing has a "hybrid" repeater that provides one talk path enabling only one talk group at a time. Discussion about ways to use the system including EMS intercepts on BAEMS.

During testing of the WISCOM console programming (pager testing) it was discovered that the Cornucopia tower was not working. The problem was diagnosed and repaired.

The current analog/conventional radio system used by ambulance and fire in Bayfield County will not be going away. Communications with Ashland County services will continue as we do today.

EVENTS.

EMS staffing will be needed for upcoming community events:

- Blueberry Festival – July 26 and 27
 - Contact Gary Victorson – garypaul67@hotmail.com
- Brownstone Days – July 26 and 27
 - Contact Dan Clark – dclark@bayfieldcounty.org
- Bayfield County Fair – July 31 thru August 3

- Contact Gary Victorson –
garypaul67@hotmail.com
- Firehouse Fifty Bike Race – August 2
 - Contact Joe Schick –
jcduberock@cheqnet.net

HELICOPTER EMS.

LifeLink III has scheduled their landing zone safety and continuing education night for Tuesday, August 12th at the Great Lakes Visitors Center. A brochure is under development and will be forwarded as soon as received.

Ashland area may become a pilot program for use of the fixed wing aircraft. LifeLinkIII is trying to expand their way of doing business/improving their way to get to patients.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	Ashland
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Cindy Lazorik	WITC/South Shore
Sue MacArthur	Mellen
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Diane Young	Mellen