

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2015

Meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Gary Victorson, Vice-President of the Council. Tam was scheduled out of the area on family business.

All those present introduced themselves.

MINUTES.

Motion made by Gina LaGrew, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the minutes with corrections as identified. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Steve Cordes reported:

\$1375 for medical director
172 for website
70 for PO Box
Balance of \$8,515.30.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to accept the Financial Report as given. Motion carried.

Steve also reported that he will maintain a petty cash account related to bus fare/taxi service for patients who are released from the ER and have no transportation.

BUDGET 2016

Motion made by Gina LaGrew, seconded by Joe Belany, to accept the 2016 budget as presented.

Glidden EMR plan has been approved by the DHS/EMS. Debbie Thimm is the point of contact.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

A report from Jonathan Shultz received by email was read. "I have only 2 things, which I will discuss in person at a later date.

- 1) When an ALS intercept is indicated, the nearest appropriate ALS unit is the one that should be requested. I can think of almost no situations where doing otherwise would be appropriate. Which service is responding should be irrelevant (GCAS, AFD, Great Divide). The same is true with aeromedical... close bird, no exceptions.
- 2) Most of the run reviews that have been forwarded to me over the past 6-12 months almost exclusively have to do with cases where our protocols were not followed. While I am always an advocate for EMS, these cases are difficult to defend. Should there ever be a bad outcome and a more formal review (either State or legal) these cases would be equally difficult to defend. Providing care that does not fall within our protocols is outside the scope of practice and, technically, outside of my medical direction. As I have stated repeatedly, if there is a protocol that specifically is not meeting provider's needs, then I would like these protocols identified and we can

improve them. To date, I have received a grand total of "0" requests to revamp a protocol."

No MDAC meeting, however, for the MDAC, we probably need to look toward re-doing the intercept protocol, or at least discussing it. While we have made great strides in improving appropriate intercept use, my sense at this point is that the next step is to better flush out the intercept protocol, and then review it with all providers, and then review it with MMC...so everyone is on the same page. Food for thought for MDAC, until we meet again."

WITC – Cindy Lazorik reported as follows:

- 20 EMT students started the EMT class.
- Mason EMT Refresher was completed on-line with skills testing following.
- Summer EMT class being discussed as an ITV offering.
- Emergency Service Conference March 10-12 in Rice Lake.
- Blackboard will be used more in the future.
- Refresher classes are being scheduled throughout the two counties.
- EMS Advisory Committee looking for additional members; Gina LaGrew volunteered as a EMT member.

HEMS – North Air Care reminds EMTs to keep trauma patients warm. The rotor wash become very cold during this colder season. Also a reminder that if helicopter response times seem inappropriate, send an email to the provider with time, date, location so situation may be researched.

Life Link III continues to be based in Cloquet from 9am to 9pm.

LAKE SUPERIOR REGION / NWWI RTAC – The region has been asked to submit a budget request; potential requests were reviewed with additional suggestions made.

NWWI HCC (NorthWest Wisconsin Health Care Coalition) – Aimee Wollman-Nesseth reported:

- Mass Fatality training scheduled for November 16
- EBOLA/emergency pathogens planning continues; development of a Category 2 Hospital for Assessment has been identified as Sacred Heart/Eau Claire; Transport EMS may be Eau Claire Fire.
- PPE – masks; N-95 for influenza; (shortness of breath and/or cough WEAR A MASK!; how to fill the fit testing requirement begin researched. (Ideas to Aimer)
- ABLIS – Advanced Burn Life Support course is free/on-line; skills training in spring.
- Patient Tracking Pilot/WITRAC underway in Rice Lake, Baldwin, Colfax and EauClaire.
- Funding (\$1500 per agency) may be applied for through the HCC
- Carryover dollars are targeting to EMS for Recruitment.

- WI-TRAC – The HCC is willing to provide training in WI-TRAC to area providers. Discussion of hospital use as a communications tool related to bed availability during a major event. It is not widely used in the area. No need for training.

TRAINING – “Becoming More Resilient” is being made available to area responders during the week of November 2nd.

Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Diana Young, to provide up to \$300 for expenses related to the training. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Grand View tower construction is completed. WISCOM and BALG will be activated at that site in the future.

Washington Hill tower has been approved by the City of Washburn Council. Planning will be underway.

INTERCEPT COMMUNICATIONS – Gold Cross has initiated conversation about a common intercept frequency. Discussion. More in the future.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported that the ambulance garage is coming. The ER is already in need of expansion. During a recent hazmat drill, triage tags fell apart. She distributed triage bands to all services present.

RESCUE DIVAS – Erika also reported that Rescue Divas 2016 is being planned. There are currently no grants supporting the project. Costs are estimated at \$8000. Alternative sources of funding were discussed.

CT SCANNER – A new upgraded scanner is being installed; a mobile scanner will also be on site. The scanner is especially important for use with a stroke patient.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Scene safety. Scene Safety.

FALLS PREVENTION – Dan Diamon presented information for those present on Falls Prevention education and resources. The Bag of resources is available through each county public health and hospital in the Lake Superior Region. If a patient should be evaluated related to safety issues, please call the ADRC for evaluation.

at the Village Inn in Cornucopia on Sunday, September 20, 2015 – 5:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the EMS Council will be the November/December meeting on Thursday, December 3rd.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gina LaGrew, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	Ashland
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Dan Diamon	Guest
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Sam Gilbert	Iron River
Heather Harrison	Iron River
Dan Heinzen	Mellen
Matt Jakubik	North Air Care
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Gina LaGrew	Red Cliff
Mike LaGrew	Red Cliff
Cindy Lazorik	WITC / South Shore
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Aimee Wollman-Nesseth	NWWI HCC
Diana Young	Mellen