

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2016

Meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council.

All those present introduced themselves.

MINUTES.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Patti Stenwedel, to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Steve Cordes reported that 2016 insurance was due at \$588. Insurance against acts of terrorism could be added for \$5.00.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to pay the additional \$5 to be insured against Acts of Terrorism. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Patti Stenwedel, to accept the Financial Report as given. Motion carried.

MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Council).

Discussions of protocols to be reviewed:

- Draw up EPI as an option
- Spinal clearance
- Burn care

WITC.

Cindy Lazorik reported on upcoming refresher courses. A summer EMT class is being planned beginning June 13th. An EMR (80 hours) is planned for the end of March. The scope of practice format has been updated on the DHS website clearly delineating all levels of practice. March Conference – March 10 thru 12 in Rice Lake. Current EMT course has 15 students. The course is 5 credit hours. The course includes more critical thinking skills as well as anatomy and physiology. All are invited to observe in the EMT classroom any time. Call Cindy to make arrangements. 16 students in the current EMT class. EMT Refreshers, both on line and face to face, have been scheduled. EMR refreshers (80 hours) also are being scheduled.

MMC.

Erika Kurtz stated ambulance garage planning is underway for 2017-18. A mock stroke code was conducted with Washburn very successfully. MMC would like to expand their mock code program to other services. Let her know if interested.

LAKE SUPERIOR REGION OF NWWI RTAC.

The next meeting of the Lake Superior Region is planned for March.

NWWI HCC.

The NorthWest Wisconsin Health Care Coalition meets tomorrow, February 5 in Rice Lake. Jan hopes to hear about the pager grant at that meeting.

HEMS

Life Link III has a new helicopter. It is based in Cloquet throughout the day – hangar space at St. Mary's at night. Life Link III would like to conduct a helicopter landing zone class and continuing education offering for the area in the near future. Discussion about May – using Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center. EMS A continues to be the designated channel for radio communications ground to ship.

BAEM (Bayfield County Emergency Management).

Lake Superior Ice Rescue meeting held Monday, February 1st. Update on resources available and communications plan.

The Grand View tower is fully operational on both WISCOM and BALG.

During intercept situation today learned there are some programming glitches with Gold Cross Ambulance on EMS A. Will continue to work to resolve.

Reminder: A parent note/signature may be necessary when underage patient being transported without accompanying parent.

Birkie being held February 20th.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Patti Stenwedel, to request special event insurance coverage for member service personnel for the Birkie. Motion carried.

BASO (Bayfield County Sheriff's Office).

Busy. Busy. Busy.

The number of Emergency Detentions has increased.

The mental health of the region is of concern.

A reminder to all services to standby where told to standby.

ASHLAND FIRE.

Joe Belany reported that the windsled will be down for one week.

The state EMS Office has granted a waiver to Ashland to provide one paramedic service. Please provide a good description of the need especially when two paramedics may be needed.

Scott Thimm and Joe will provide Rescue Task Force training to services.

CROSS CREDENTIALING.

Many questions to be considered when thinking about cross-credentialing through WARDS.

MUTUAL AID vs BACK UP AGREEMENTS.

The State EMS Office sent out a memo related to need for both mutual aid and back up agreements. Staffing is an issue throughout the state. Towns are mandated to provide ambulance service

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the EMS Council will be held February 25th at MMC/Ashland.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	Ashland
Greg Carlson	WITC
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Jason Dickinson	Life Link III
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore/APIS
Tony Huber	Mellen
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Gina LaGrew	Red Cliff
Mike LaGrew	Red Cliff
Cindy Lazorik	WITC / South Shore
Patti Stemwedel	South Shore
Jim Stone	Bad River
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Diana Young	Ashland, Mellen and Washburn

OPEN INVITATION to attend the EMT-Basic
Class – Tuesday and Thursday at
WITC/Ashland. Courtesy notification to
Cindy would be appreciated – 715.682.4591.