

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2017

The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. All present introduced themselves.

Joe Belany, Lyn Cornelius and Gina LaGrew were unable to attend. Joe Belany is teaching the EMR class in Glidden that conflicts with the Council meeting in both October and November.

MINUTES

Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Joe Schick, to approve the minutes of the September and Annual meetings as distributed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

The financial report was given by Steve Cordes. There is currently \$108 in the taxi cab fund at MMC.

Expenditures:

\$1375 for medical direction to St. Luke's

Balance: \$12,091.05

A budget for 2018 was reviewed.

Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Gary Victorson, to accept the financial report and recommended budget. Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Jonathan Shultz encouraged everyone to review the protocols and identify any that need attention, Discussion about cost, activation and use of HEMS. This valuable, lifesaving, time saving resource may be called off if not needed. Evaluate amount of out of hospital time HEMS vs ground transport.

CQI PROJECT – Erika Kurtz will be working on a Trauma Performance Improvement project related to scene flights. Jonathan will email service directors a request for participation outlining requested information.

MMC – Erika stated that ambulance garage is scheduled to be complete November 20th. She encouraged all personnel to get a flu shot and wash their hand often. It is predicted to be a BAD flu season.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- Regional Talk Group RTAC 64NW is being used on a temporary basis for intercept with Gold Cross.
- Research is being done related to designated uses for HSEMS 1 thru 5.
- EMS A continues to be the frequency to communicate landing zone to HEMS. Remember it is a radio to radio (simplex) frequency. When possible use a mobile radio during those communications.
- South Shore and Great Divide reported not getting pages consistently or at all. Please continue to report paging issues.

WEMSA – Wisconsin EMS Association is conducting a service director workshop on Tuesday, October 10th at the Iron River Community Center. Discussion on issues to share with WEMSA:

- Help for small, volunteer services
- Legislative efforts do not help volunteer services
- Location of Board meetings
- Experience our reality
- Rural schools – use of youth options program
- Health Insurance for volunteer EMS folks

STAC (State Trauma Advisory Committee) – Discussions to develop protocol that requires ambulances to pass by undesignated facilities with trauma patients may continue.

RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) – The Northwest RTAC is looking at scheduling three PHTLS classes in the northwest region after the first of the year. A course will tentatively be held in Hayward. The next meeting is scheduled for November 28th. Training related to the “Stop the Bleed” campaign will precede the meeting.

WASHBURN – Dan Clark attended the WARDS Elite training in Wausau. Thirty states are using it. Chuck Happel suggested that medication not listed in WARDS be put in the narrative. Discussion about state's inability to publish data.

EMR TRAINING – Iron River will be hosting EMR training beginning January 8, 2018 – meeting Tuesday and Thursday each week.

APPLE FESTIVAL – Contact Lyn Cornelius if you wish to “walk the streets of Bayfield” during Apple Festival, October 6 thru 8.

MDAC (Medical Director Advisory Committee) –
Members of MDAC include: Steve Cordes, Lyn
Cornelius, Tam Hofman, Gary Victorson and Jewel
Yanko. All are willing to continue to serve. Brett
Frierhood stated his interest in participating.

Consensus to expand the membership of the
MDAC to six ambulance representatives.
Membership will be addressed annually.

MDAC members:

- Steve Cordes – Mason
- Lyn Cornelius – Bayfield
- Brett Frierhood – Barnes
- Tam Hofman – South Shore
- Gary Victorson – Iron River
- Jewel Yanko – Mellen

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting of
the Council is Thursday, November 2nd.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Brandon Frierhood	Barnes
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Peg Kman	Iron River
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Tara Renz	Mellen
Joe Schick	Mason
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Jordan Sjogren	APIS
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM
Jewel Yanko	Mellen