

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 7, 2017

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

Tony Montgomery of Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) presented information about the First Responder Task Force. He summarized potential life insurance benefits available to first responder personnel. He would like to present information to each service in the area and encouraged taking advantage of the program. Information was distributed to all in attendance.

#### MINUTES

*Motion made by Gary Victorson, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to approve the minutes of the August meeting 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:

Advantix quarterly payment of \$181.06

Post Office Box of \$62.00

Balance: \$13,466.05

*Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Tony Huber, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

MDAC (MEDICAL DIRECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE) – No report.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported a good turn out to the “Birthday Bash”. Thank you to all who attended. ER is very busy. EMS garage may be done in October.

#### HEMS (Helicopter EMS)

Life Link III – Jason Dickinson reported that nothing new with Life Link III at this time. Trauma Care Tactics scheduled October 5 and 6 in St. Cloud.

North Air – Matt Jakubik reported opening a seventh base in Virginia.

WITC – Joe Belany reported on several items:

- EMR class in Red Cliff completed.
- EMR class scheduled for Glidden and on Madeline Island.
- 13 EMT students in Ashland class.
- EMT Refreshers are being scheduled with 22 hours online and 8 hour hands on.
- The Spring Conference will be held March 23 and 24 in Rice Lake.

COMMUNICATIONS – Jan Victorson reported that Iron River has been using RTAC 64 for intercepts with Gold Cross Ambulance. This is a temporary fix for the problem of radio communications with Gold Cross.

Discussion about need to develop consistent use of HSEMS talk groups throughout the state. Perhaps one of the five talk groups could be named for intercepts. Jan will contact Paul Wittkamp in the EMS Section.

WEMSA – Wisconsin EMS Association has changed the date for their service director workshop to October 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Iron River at the Community Center. A flyer announcing the workshop was distributed. Sign up early in order to make sure the workshop is held.

NWWIRTAC (NW Wisconsin Regional Trauma Advisory Council) – The combined RTAC for the NW region of Wisconsin met on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Cameron. EMS or prehospital has been recognized as a subcommittee along with Education, Performance Improvement and Injury Prevention. EMS is currently focused on pre-hospital education requesting PHTLS classes throughout the region.

NWWI HCC (NW Wisconsin Health Care Coalition) – Anniston Week was cancelled due to the hurricanes.

BE SOMEBODY – A committee continues to work at a “redo” of the ad. An EMS representative from the Council would be welcomed as a committee member. Contact Jan.

BASO – Dan Clark reported that all Bayfield County Sheriff’s Office Deputies have been trained in use of Narcan. Officers in Iron River and Bayfield have also received the training.

BAYFIELD COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – Meagan Quaderer reported being in solar storm survival mode.

FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – Gary Victorson reported that the Fat Tire Festival will host 3500 mountain bikers on snowmobile and ski trails. Contact Gary if you wish to participate in the EMS system for the event. [BAFIR1 will be used as the communications link with Bayfield County PSAP during the event; RTAC 64 will be used for EMS radio communications.]

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

“HANDLE WITH CARE” – Dan Clark distributed information and described the “Handle with Care” project in the Ashland School District. A service representative could call the school to alert staff that a student may need to be “handled with care” due to a traumatic event outside the school. Vague information is all that is required.

ANNUAL DINNER – Discussion about the annual dinner and meeting. Gary Victorson volunteered to coordinate the event.

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items will include:

- WEMSA service director workshop points of discussion
- MDAC election

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Belany	WITC / Ashland
Carrie Brody	Glidden
Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Jason Dickinson	Life Link (((
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Tony Huber	Mellen
Eva Kortness	Glidden
Matt Jakubik	North Air Care
Bob Meinholz	Glidden
Meagan Quaderer	BASO / CCO
Joe Schick	Mason
Deb Thimm	Glidden
Gary Victorson	Iron River
Jan Victorson	BAEM