

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 4, 2018

The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. Meeting was held at MMC in Ashland.

WITC – Steve Bitzer, Vice President of Student Affairs and Ashland Campus Administrator, was a guest at the meeting. He agreed to attend when notified of concerns and issues related to WITC and EMS education. Discussion focused on:

- Notification of upcoming classes
- Website navigation challenges
- Change of focus from WITC from assisting volunteer EMS to ignoring volunteer EMS
- Options for direct communication with services
- Support recruitment of volunteer EMS
- New training equipment/supplies for EMS
- Include EMS in the class heading: Allied Health
- Reconfigure EMT class to include EMR certificate

Additional awareness/recruitment tools were discussed including use of facebook, pictures from training, outreach efforts, safety messages, etc. It will take someone who has/will take the time...

Thank you to Dr. Bitzer for attending and discussing issues.

MINUTES – The minutes were emailed to the membership.

*Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Dan Clark, to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried.*

Lyn Cornelius and Lynette Hanson notified Jan they could not attend the meeting.

#### FINANCIAL

Steve Cordes, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$14,416.87 in September.

Expenditures: Advantex LLC	\$181.06
PO Box	62.00
MedDirection	1375.00

Balance: \$12,798.81

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Scott Thimm, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Since moving meeting dates to the first Thursday of the month, Dr. Shultz has had a difficult time making it to meetings.

Discussion. Joe Belany will work to set up web based application “BlueJeans” in order to have the doc attend via webcam.

MMC – Erika Kurtz reported:

- Stroke training will be held at the Ashland Fire Department training room 6 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- EMS stuff will be posted on Erika’s door.
- Mural is under works.
- Flu season is here. A fast and furious season is being predicted.
- Reminder: wear mask and gloves during transport.
- Mask the patient when bring into hospital.

#### HEMS

- North Air Care – Bree Plessel reported a busy summer season. North is willing to provide education to local services, including hemorrhage control. Rob Pearson was named EMS Education of the year.
- Life Link III – Mindy Olander reported that they ship will be at Apple Festival this weekend; they will day base at MMC during the Whistlestop. The education session at Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was excellent and well received.

NWWI RTAC – Priority for the RTAC continues to be Stop the Bleed training. School kits are being developed and will be distributed as “models” for schools to use in hopes they will build more kits.

Reminder: PHTLS has been scheduled for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8 am to 5 pm – at the Ashland Fire Department training room. This class is being paid for by the RTAC.

NWWI HERC (Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition) – Scholarships for preparedness classes and/or conferences are again available. The application process is simple and may be found at [www.nwwihcc.org](http://www.nwwihcc.org).

WITC – Joe Belany reported on upcoming EMR and EMT classes being scheduled. The next EMT class will be ITV based and is scheduled to begin January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Rice Lake Conference is scheduled for March 21 thru 23, 2019.

NATIONAL REGISTRY – Lengthy discussion related to the National Registry renewal requirements vs Wisconsin training requirements and advantages to the traditional refresher. Those who wish to renew their national registry should

begin now additional requirements may take time to meet.

BASO (Sheriff's Office) – Dan Clark reminded all to use the incident command system for scene management. There may be multiple events at the same time.

Please do not ask the dispatcher if s/he has heard another respond. Simple state: "If you have not heard anyone else respond, please page again."

FAT TIRE FESTIVAL – This year's Fat Tire Festival was a reminder as to why we do standby for events. EMS was needed throughout the course. Thank you to those who made that EMS system work.

ANNUAL MEETING – The next meeting will be both the Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) and a Regular Meeting. Anyone interested in running for an office, please contact the President, Tam Hofman.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion made by Erika Kurtz, seconded by Steve Cordes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*  
Meeting adjourned.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Clark	Washburn / BASO
Steve Cordes	Mason / MMC
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Erika Kurtz	MMC
Mindy Olander	Life Link III
Bree Plessel	North Air
Joe Schick	Mason
Jordan Sjogren	APIS
Scott Thimm	Ashland
Jan Victorson	Iron River / BAEM