

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. Meeting was held via zoom.

MINUTES – Erika Kurtz, made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dan Clark. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Steve Cordes sent the following information:

- \$190.06 to Advantex (website)
- \$23.53 Domain
- Total in checking \$15,571.85
- Cab cash \$108 (last used 2017)
- Total available \$15,679.85
- We have not yet received dues from Red Cliff and North Air.

Motion by Dan Clark, second by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the Financial Report.

MMC

Erika Kurtz reported:

- MMC is still working at the protocol for testing EMS personnel exposed to a positive COVID patient.
- Linen cart and second hamper are in the ambulance garage.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Jonathan Shultz reviewed several items:

- Issues have been identified with coverage agreement.
- COVID – situation will either get better, worse or stay the same.
- St. Luke's ER is completed. Can accommodate 12 ambulances.
- Protocols – state developing protocols; he is on the list to see them early. May be able to use them as is and add addendums if necessary.
- Letter printed in Duluth News that projected inaccuracies. He addressed the issues with the two individuals who wrote the letter as well as addressed the issues in a letter to the Duluth News.
- St. Luke's is being included in a nationwide study researching the value of antibody testing in health care workers including EMS. They will be looking for 50 volunteers, no compensation,

to participate. There will be several requirements including health care thru St. Luke's. He is providing email contact information for service directors. Email from Whiteside Research Institute may be passed on to others in your services who may wish to participate. He is also compiling a list if you are interested.

HEMS:

NORTH AIR CARE – Mike Zolik

(mike.zolik@northmemorial.com) reminded the membership that North is stationed in Hayward on weekends until the end of the month.

LIFE LINK III – Brooke Ahlers sent information that was forwarded to the email list related to a webinar on precautions being taken for potential COVID patients.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Liz Szot, Ashland Public Health reported that they are waiting for confirmation on vaccine release for health care workers...maybe November.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jan Victorson reported:

- Bayfield County now has had 47 positive cases. Still considered "high" in the state for increase rate.
- CARES monies just released the includes EMS; information will be forwarded as received.
- COVID testing for EMS personnel was proposed to Bayfield County Health. They feel they would be unable to accommodate with their staffing levels. MMC has become a partner in this. Billing of personal insurance?
- PPE has been sorted. Email will announce orders for pick up at the Courthouse Annex.

UNDERCOVER – Dan Clark conducted a covert operation last Thursday both at the MMC ER and with Great Divide Ambulance. Are at MMC was phenomenal. He encourages everyone to take a ride on the cot in the back of an ambulance as it is entirely different that just riding in the back

COVERAGE AGREEMENT – Jan introduced the coverage agreement. Dan Clark suggested wording changes. His intent was to allow services to bill for extra costs that are incurred when responding to another's service area. Coverage agreement requirement includes the guarantee that someone available to respond at home.

Motion made by Jeff Byerhof, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to make a motion to allow the

responding service to bill actual fees related to a call. Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Jeff Byerhof.

Consensus to send proposed wording to all services for review.

Discussion: Mutual Aid vs. Coverage Agreement.
Administrative code vs Statute?

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st – 6:00 pm via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jeff Byerhof, seconded by Erika Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dan Clark	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Cynthia Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Frank Koehn	South Shore
Erika Kurtz	MMC/Ashland
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Jonathan Shultz	Medical Director
Liz Szot	AL Health
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Mike Zolik	North Air Care