

Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council, Inc.
May 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order via zoom by Tam Hofman, President of the Council.

MINUTES - Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Mike Lang to accept the minutes as distributed.
Motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Message sent by Dr. Shultz thru emergency management. Protocol review is underway. The administrative version of the State protocols has been released. And a reminder: the state survey is not optional. All services are required to respond.

EMS REGIONAL COORDINATOR – Don Kimlicka updated the Council on several items:

- The administrative version of the state protocols has been removed from the website due to some omissions. The field version is under development.
- Survey is being completed by services. Please get that in as soon as possible.
- Town Hall meetings are being held the fourth Tuesday of the month, 3pm. The agenda is published before the meeting. Contact Don with any issues you may want to address even if unable to attend the meeting.
- Amanda Bates is the new EMS Section Chief. She came from the service side of EMS and wants to make the office more friendly and provide resources to local services. Email: amanda.bates@dhs.wisconsin.gov
- DHS 110 – the office is considering additional review to address some rural issues.
- Dan Clark has received NAEMT Education resource books and has been delivering to service directors.
- Two legislative initiatives: Senate Bills 89 and 90.
 - SB 89 would allow non-emergent transfers from one facility to another with one EMT and a CPR trained person as staffing.
 - SB 90 would remove National Registry testing for EMRs from requirements to become certified. [Technical School and/or service could require that testing.]

HEMS – Mike Zolik, outreach coordinator for North Air Care, offered their assistance with training resources for services. Landing zone training has been conducted in person with socially distancing in place. He also referred to the spring educational offerings being conducted by North.

MMC – Tara Klevgard announced the MMC is working toward their Level IV trauma designation. The hospital needs to demonstrate their involvement with EMS as one of the criteria. She requested a listing of service director contact information in order to provide 45 to 60 minutes of trauma education with each ambulance service during May and June. There have been some changes to the trauma protocol at MMC. Email: tklevgard@ashlandmmc.com

WITC – Karen Hogland announced that postcards announcing upcoming classes have been sent to service directors. WITC has also updated their constant contact email listing for monthly newsletters that will contain class announcements. Discussion.

Tom Renz was introduced as the new EMS Manager for Ashland campus replacing Brandon Friermood. He explained the class limits. Once eight students register another instructor is added for

the class. Email: thomas.renz@witc.edu / 715.558.3650. Let Tom know if other/additional training is needed.

Discussion related to skills lab and testing practice/final travel distance and availability of electronic simulation equipment.

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported that there were no expenditures since the April meeting. 2021 dues have been received from all ambulance services. The total available is \$20,008.58. Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Joe Schick to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Motion made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jeff Byerhof, to refund Marengo Ambulance dues for 2021 as a gesture of welcome and recognition of their efforts becoming a service. Motion carried.

EMS STUDY COMMITTEE – Discussion as to goals and objectives of the study committee being organized by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors.

Dan Clark reported that of the nine services serving Bayfield County, five directors were very interested in participating in the committee; two were unable to due to other commitments; two were silent. Discussion as to value of having directors and/or active assistant directors on the committee. Consider including all who are interested/committed to serve as committee members.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE – The committee met and defined the workplan:

- Review scope of practice and compare to current Council protocols
- Compare Ashland and Council protocols with a focus on the EMT Basic sections.
- Begin review of state protocols with focus on the field version and formatting.

Committee plan is to meet every two to three weeks.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Meagan Quaderer reported on several items:

- Northwest Dressage is looking for EMTs to staff their events. Events are held at the County Fairgrounds. Iron River does not have the staff to cover these events. More information will follow.
- PPE warehouse will be closed for two weeks (May 17 and 24). A new schedule will be developed for June with Wisconsin Emergency Management. The PPE program will be transitioning to DHS at the state level. WEM will outline specifics in June.
- EMS equipment is available at the Washburn Hall on a first come first served basis. The MCI trailer was damaged over the winter so equipment is being distributed to those who can use it.
- Pager tests will be conducted weekly on Monday in the 6 to 7 pm time frame. If you have issues please let dispatch know.
- Meagan and Brett Frierhood are developing education on radios to include theory, trouble shooting, use of and common terms to be ready by early next year.
- Bayfield County Fair – The Fire Safety House is available for use at the County Fair. There is also consideration of doing a demonstration event at the Grandstand to build awareness that ambulance and fire response is provided by volunteers and the service that is provided. Let her know any ideas for such an event.
- STATE – PAC (Physicians Advisory Committee) is increasing the hours for training to include all 29 advanced skills even though the EMR or EMT service sponsoring the students will never use those skills. The focus of decisions continues to be the career paramedics in large

population areas. Discussion as to how we really need to pay attention to discussion and decisions being made. Ideas:

- Notes to Amanda Bates – welcoming, offering insight into rural EMS, etc.
- Planning two minute presentations to the EMS Board and PAC at the beginning of their meetings.
- Council fund attendance at state meetings?

BARNES – Brett Frierhood is the new director of the Barnes Ambulance Service.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 3rd – 6:00 pm via zoom.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Consistent procedure for standby during 9-1-1 outage.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Brett Frierhood, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dan Clark	Washburn
Gwen Christensen	BA PSAP
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Sam Gilbert	Iron River
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Karen Hogland	WITC
Matt Jakubik	North Air
Tara Klevgard	MMC
Brian Kline	Red Cliff
Mike Lang	Red Cliff
Mike Nolik	North Air Care
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Tom Renz	WITC
Joe Schick	Mason
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Meggan Traaholt	Mason
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen

Guests: Don Kimlicka, Regional EMS