

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2021

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.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

MINUTES – *Motion made by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported that the web domain hosting fee of \$25.88 was the only expenditure this month leaving a balance of \$17,816.19.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Mike Lang, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

REPORTS

STATE REGIONAL COORDINATOR – Don Kimlicka provided the following updates:

- The “Memo Series”, addressing areas of operational planning, etc. will return. Please let Don know of any topics that could be addressed.
- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) applications are being processed.
- The EMS Office is working toward electronic applications for FAP as well as management of operational plans in the future thru e-licensing.
- Three positions are open in the EMS Office:
 - Rural EMS Coordinator
 - Community EMS Coordinator
 - Licensing AssistantInformation related to those positions should have been received thru e-licensing.
- A graphic designer has been identified to begin working on the protocol app.
- Medical Directors licensed until 2023.
- DHS 110 has been approved. Some wording changes may still be made.

Discussion: RSI may be done with one paramedic.

Discussion: EMS Office is not mandating vaccinations at this time. State medical director has stated mandated vaccinations is a local decision. Still under review by DHS.

The Council expressed thanks to Don for continuing to attend meetings and share information.

HEMS

- LifeLinkIII is willing to help with anything services may need. Contact Brooke Ahlers. Discussion: COVID protocol include use of “bubble helmet” to ensure patients do not share virus during transport within facilities and ship.
- NORTH – Encouraging all to have a safe November. Contact Matt Jakubik for any assistance.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Not present.

MMC – Not present.

BAYFIELD COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The first meeting took place October 21st. Great to see a cross section of people – EMS, elected officials (village, towns, cities, county) tribe, and support staff. The next meeting will be defining what the current situation is in Bayfield County. Service directors, please respond to emails requesting information – number of personnel, runs, etc. – as requests are made. This is the time to educate as to who we are. If you have questions, suggestions as to issues, please attend (these are open meetings) the meetings and/or contact one of the EMS representatives to bring to the table. Lyn Cornelius, Mike Lang, Rob Puls, Brett Frierhood and Jan Victorson are committee members. Tam Hofman is an alternate. A website for committee business has been established thru the Bayfield County website – EMS Ad Hoc Committee.

PROTOCOLS – The protocol work group will be meeting next week. Work continues.

COVID ISSUES

- Services short staffed due to staff and/or family members with COVID.
- Some concern about vaccine mandate – Jan. 4th. (Ad hoc meeting topic.)
- Service EMTs vaccinated and weekly testing.

DOT / AMBULANCE INSPECTION – Registration and license plates for ambulances will be required as of June 2023. DOT will continue to inspect vehicle, tires, etc. but will no longer inspect medical equipment/supplies.

HOSPITAL DIVERSION – Discussion about Hayward Hospital being on divert. Situation of being overwhelmed with volume and critical status of patients.

BAD RIVER – Dee Gokee-Rindal, Tribal
Operations Manager for Bad River. Announced that
Bad River is looking for a Public Safety
Coordinator. Contact: TribalOps@badriver-nsn.gov

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 6:00 pm on
Thursday, December 2nd via zoom.

*Motion made by Joe Schick, seconded by Mike
Lang, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Brooke Ahlers	Life Link III
Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Dee Gokee-Rindal	Bad River
Tam Hofman	APIS / South Shore
Matt Jakubik	North Air
Don Kimlicka	WI EMS Region Coordinator
Michael Lang	Red Cliff
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Joe Schick	Mason
Jan Victorson	BAEM / Iron River
Jewel Yanko	Mellen

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.