

Bayfield/Ashland County EMS Council

Meeting Minutes

Date October 7th, 2021

I. Call to order

Brett Frierhood called to order the regular meeting of the BAC EMS Council at 06:00 pm on 10/07/2021.

II. In Attendance

Brian Kline – Red Cliff EMS
Chris Pribek – Ashland Fire/EMS
Matt Jakubik – North Memorial Air
Jeff Bellile – Washburn EMS
Meggan Traaholt – Mason EMS
Lance Ritola – Marengo EMS
Steve Cordes – Mason EMS
Brett Frierhood – Barnes EMS
Lyn Cornelius – Bayfield EMS
Brook Ahlers – LifeLink III
Jeff Byerhof – South Shore EMS
Jewel Yanko – Mellen EMS
Rob Puls – Great Divide EMS
Dr. Jonathan Shultz – Medical Director
Tom Renz – Northwood Tech
Michelle Anderson – Bayfield County Emergency Management
Meagan Quaderer – Bayfield County Emergency Management

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as presented.

IV. New & Open Issues

- a) **Financial Report** – Steve Cordes: Current finances stand at \$17,842.07. See Monthly October Finance Report attachment for statement breakdown. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Jeff Byerhof and Jeff Bellile second, motion carried.
- b) **2022 Budget**: Lyn Cornelius moved to adopt the 2022 budget, Jewel Yanko second, motion carried.
- c) **Regional EMS** – Don Kimlicka: Agencies are requested to create a QI/QA (Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance) for runs and training as part of

their protocols. They are also asked to have an MCI policy. The State did notice in their requirements for Advanced EMT's that there was a policy that made them have ACLS. This is going to be removed and there will be a temporary waiver process put in place until the requirement can be officially removed. Don also advised that agencies have until October 17th to fill out the funding assistance request.

- d) **Medical Director Report** – Dr. Jonathan Shultz: Dr Shultz advised that hospitals have been busy with COVID positive cases, and they have been increasing at a continuous gradual climb. Agencies are reminded to continue to use PPE precautions. Dr. Shultz also recognized the burn-out that is being felt by everyone in the medical field.
- e) **Northwood Tech** – Tom Renz: EMT & EMR Classes are scheduled to be held in January and registration will open on November 10th. Agencies are reminded that students will need WMD and their current immunization records. CPR Class is going to be held on January 31st, February 1st, and February 2nd of 2022. There is an upcoming EVOC class being held in Red Cliff and Tom will work with Don Kimlicka to get an EMS directors class set up for the Ashland campus.
- f) **Protocol Committee:** Protocols are coming along and there is ongoing dialogue with the State. The hope is to make the January 1st implementation deadline. Committee members advised that the council will adopt the state protocols but the committee is condensing them into a smaller reference book. They are hoping to have a “train the trainer” type training for directors regarding once the protocols are finished. The State is working on an app for the protocols, Brett Friermood was unwillingly nominated to find a way to make the condensed version digital as well.
- g) **HEMS and Landing Zones:** Both Lifelink III and North Memorial report no new business. Bayfield County Emergency Management requests agencies to review their landing zone lists to see if there are any changes to be made as a new Emergency Response Map Book is being created.
- h) **MMC:** There is a new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for MMC, and his name is Douglas Jennings. He can be contacted at the following:
Email: Dsjennings@ashlandmmc.com
Office: 715-685-5327
- i) **Trail Access:** Jeff Byerhof advised when the snowmobile trails are closed, they are often gated and locked. Agencies can contact Jenifer Bratsch with

Bayfield County Forestry to obtain keys. She can be reached at the following:

Email: Jenifer.Bratsch@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

Office: 715-373-3306

Cell: 715-209-3419

- j) **Wildland Recue:** Several members of the council expressed interest in wilderness rescue and trail response training. Brett Friermood also reminded agencies to check their jump bags, so they include medications such as current epi-pens and albuterol. These are often located in an ambulance and not in the jump bags which are regularly taken on wildland rescue calls.
- k) **WISCOM & Local Government Radio update:** An email was sent out by Emergency Management recently for agencies to submit any questions for the upcoming RFP process directly to Keith Kesler, the president of the WISCOM subcommittee as soon as possible. Additionally, there is a new local government repeater going up on Star Route. The repeater will be named Star Route. It is expected to be completed within the next month, we are waiting on one piece of equipment to arrive at DSC and then it will be finished. Agencies are reminded that while dispatch can speak and page on the repeater agencies will be able to hear the transmissions but will not be able to transmit until they program their radios.
- l) **EMS Advisory Committee:** Brett Friermood was added to the committee as a representative from the Council as well as for an EMS Director. The first meeting is scheduled to be held on October 21st, 2021, at 3:30 pm. There is a virtual link, and the county is looking for a physical meeting location to give the attendees a hybrid option. See the attached agenda for more details on the meeting. Please know that this advisory committee is not intended to be a move for the county to create a county-wide EMS. It is to create an integrative group of stakeholders that have varying disciplines and input to attempt to provide solutions to a nationwide EMT shortage that has been greatly affecting our area agencies. Meagan Quaderer will provide updates to the council regarding the advisory committee information.
- m) **Election of Officers:** Lyn made a motion to keep the current elected officers for another year, Jeff Bellile seconds, motion carried. Current officers will serve in their current positions through 2022.

Tam Hoffman – President

Brett Friermood – Vice President

Steve Cordes – Treasurer

Jan Victorson - Secretary

V. Adjournment

Brett Frierhood adjourned the meeting at 07:43 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4th, 2021, at 6 pm virtually through Zoom.

Minutes submitted by: Meagan Quaderer