

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2022

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

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Tam reported that Dr. Shultz was unable to attend due to his work schedule but sent word:

- Development of “cliff notes” version of state protocols continues. Good work being done.
- Supportive of “cross credentialing”.

PROTOCOL GROUP

- All protocols have had one review. Working toward goal of final product in April.
- Revisions will be made to reflect 2022 Scope of Practice.
- BAEM is willing to assist with resources needed for final draft printing.
- Training on state protocols may begin.
- MMC may be able to provide resources for specific training (example: respiratory-suctioning).
- 2022 Scope of Practice and State Protocols will be posted on state website and effective March 31st.

STATE EMS BOARD – Dan Williams reported that the State EMS Board and Subcommittees met Tuesday and Wednesday.

- New staffing continues to be hired in the state office. (Community EMS Coordinator will be on board April 11th.)
- Individual waivers are being submitted to the office related to HS 110 requiring AEMT to be ACLS certified. This requirement was not intended to be in the rule.
- Governor Evers allocated one-time monies to EMS from American Rescue Act to be used as follows:
 - FAP (Funding Assistance Program) will receive a one-time increase of \$8 million in 2022.
 - EMR and Flex grant program \$12 million
 - Increase Medicaid payments by 16%.

- FAP application materials will be released in May.
 - Information only goes to the service director. [Make sure contact/email information correct in e-licensing.]
 - Only 30-day turn-around time.
 - Formula will most likely remain the same – Base amount, 5 cents per capita, and equal division of remaining funds.
 - All ambulance services strongly encouraged to participate.
- FLEXIBLE GRANT PROGRAM
 - EMRs will have first priority for funding.
 - No dates discussed for release of grant information.
 - Will need to justify requests/needs.
- EMS-C (EMS for Children) has sent out a survey to service pediatric champions (PECC). Please respond; ongoing grant monies are tied to percent of responses.
- Next state meetings scheduled for June 7 and 8. In person meeting planned; virtual option will be maintained.

NORTHWOOD TECH – No representative or report.

MMC

- Tara reminded all to use triage tags and report triage colors/categories to hospital during transport when multiple patients.
- Considering reinstating Triage Tuesday. Discussion.
- Visitor policy has changed.
 - Spouse/significant other may be in ER with patient brought in by ambulance.
 - One visitor allowed per day; once visitor leaves the hospital may not return-visit.
- Question related to use of third stall in ambulance garage will be researched.
- Reminder to move ambulance out of garage as soon as possible after bringing patient into ER.

BA PSAP – Reminder to stay off BALG when possible, to facilitate paging. (One person transmitting on BALG ties up the entire system countywide not allowing for additional paging or radio communications.)

ZOOM – Zoom subscription expires March 31. Consensus to have Brett continue the subscription and reimburse him the \$149.90 fee. Consensus also to continue using zoom when meeting in person.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Discussion about potential mental health resources (longer term) beyond CISM for EMS.

- Madeline Island will share information on a therapy group on-line they have worked with.
- Bayfield County pays the “entry fee” and encourages municipalities to offer services by paying the annual fee per EMT thru Sand Creek EAP (Employee Assistance Program). Counseling in financial, parenting, mental health issues available – first few sessions no charge. Referral may follow.
- Council consider retainer for professional mental health individual with emergency services knowledge for member services.
- Other?

CISM – Services reviewed.

- Defusing – immediate after incident/on scene support.
- Debriefing – formal meeting ideally scheduled 24 to 72 hours after an event.
- Education – emergency services stress, resiliency, how to take care of ourselves, each other and our families.
- Questions – contact Jan Victorson 715.813.7127 or jan.victorson21@gmail.com.

Updated brochure was included as an attachment to the meeting notice.

ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Communication with Ashland Chamber of Commerce offering space for ambulance awareness, education and recruitment at upcoming community events. Discussion. Chris Pribek will follow-up and report.

ADHOC COMMITTEE – Based on information gathered and issues identified, three subcommittees have been formed within the Bayfield County EMS AdHoc Committee: Legislative, Staffing and Training. Anyone who has an interest may join one of the subcommittees by contacting Meagan Quaderer.

CROSS-CREDENTIALING – The process to cross credential with another service was reviewed. It is a solution from within the local EMS system. The process is easy with two willing services and a willing person. The credentialing agreement is available/filled out through the e-licensing system, then emailed to service director for approval; if approved, emailed to medical director for approval; if approved, credential issued.

Other issues:

- Malpractice insurance is based on the amount of coverage not number of personnel.
- Worker’s compensation is based on payroll (i.e. exposure to risk); the only increase may come when payout on a claim – not based on reports.
- Develop simple policies: define issue, solution and enforcement.
- Develop MOU for potential disciplinary action based on policies.
- Consider consistent policies among services. Dan is willing to assist.

TRAINING CENTERS – Training centers other than the local technical college may be used for initial and ongoing training. Subscriptions are available to vendors to facilitate flexible training.

PHTLS – Two offerings of the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course are being funded by the NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) and are scheduled for Saturday, May 14th in Ashland and Sunday, May 15th in Barnes. Brochures are in development. A good showing at these classes would help demonstrate the need for training in our area. All will be welcome.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 7th, 6:00 pm via zoom. All are welcome.

Motion by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Cynthia Dalzell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Sherry Carlson	Washburn / MMC
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Cynthia Dalzell	Madeline Island
Brett Frierhood	Barnes
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Tara Klevgard	MMC / Mellen
Adam Olson	Iron River
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer	BAEM
Matt Sherrard	BA PSAP
Dorothy Tank	ALEM
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Dan Williams	WI Rural EMS Coordinator

Minutes submitted by Jan Victorson, Secretary.