

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council was called to order by Tam Hofman, President of the Council. A hybrid meeting was held via zoom and in person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room.

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

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported a balance of \$18,848.90. An expenditure of \$110.71 was reimbursed to Brett Frierhood for the zoon subscription.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Alexys Kontny, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- License renewal application is open.
- Services should have received their second FAP check.
- The second FLEX grant is in progress.
- ELECTRONIC OPERATIONAL PLAN has been added to service director's e-licensing account. Filing electronically makes updating much easier. Don is available for assistance as needed.
- EMS Week proclamation has been issued.
- Any questions contact Don at Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Kim Pearson reported that donations have been received to be directed to fund \$200 toward EMS training.

Tom Renz reviewed the schedule for upcoming classes. The National Registry will be held in June for the current EMT class.

MMC – Robin and Erika

- EMS Week is May 21-27. Gas cards and cookies were distributed to services in attendance as a thank you to EMS providers.
- ER busy; 18,500 visits 2022; 2023 already 1100 visits ahead.
- Will continue to update on construction.
- Please remember to provide hand-off reports to the hospital.

HEMS

NORTH – Mike Zolik reported that ready and available. Looking better with the sun shining.
LIFELINKIII – Ty Wiegman reported that nothing new to report. Please reach out if need anything.

NWWI HERC (Health Emergency Readiness Coalition) – Jan Victorson reported:

- Scholarships are still available. Forms are on the NWWI HERC website.
- A tabletop radiological exercise was conducted. DHS has radiological experts that should be called if anything radiological happens. Our protocol appears to be adequate.

NWWI RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Committee) - Jan reported:

- PHTLS course has been scheduled - one in Iron River and one in Washburn – dates of May 27th and 28th. Jan will resend the brochures.
- Budget will be developed before June. Please get ideas for EMS training or supplies/equipment to Jan as quickly as possible.

RESCUE DIVAS – Erika Kurtz reported that the Rescue Divas program will be conducted July 20 thru August 3 at Northland College. Applications are coming in. If you would like to assist during the camp please contact Erika.

Motion made by Lyn Cornelius, seconded by Jeff Bellile to continue the annual donation of \$1000 to Rescue Divas. Motion carried.

WISCOM – Jan reported that L3Harris held meetings with daily use counties. Their estimate for the project is \$95 million, not including towers, tower builds, rentals, etc. Those will be state costs. They are committed to providing coverage 95%/95% of the time – portable at the hip with testing being done every ¼ mile.

Although nothing is cast in stone, it is projected that Bayfield County (BA) will have a total of 18 to 20 tower sites on WISCOM.

OEC is negotiating 30 plus tower sites throughout the state. Some new information:

- Parallel systems will be maintained (VHF/800) for a period of time.
- No user fees will be assessed unless done so by the state legislature.
- Implementation will begin in the SW region due to prevalence of state agencies.

- Grants may be available for radios if legislation passes. Regions will be given priority as they implement the 800 WISCOM.

Guests:
 Don Kimlicka (V) EMS – Regional Coordinator
 Kim Pearson (V) Northwood Tech

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ASHLAND COUNTY – Candidates are being interviewed for the position.

BAYFIELD COUNTY – Meagan Quaderer stated services should have received checks from the county.

Flooding damage was widespread and has been the focus of EM.

AL PSAP – Ashley Larson, director of the PSAP, stated that part time openings are available.

BUTTERNUT FIRE/EMRs – Jamie Trembl has been participating in the Council for Butternut. Welcome.

Contact for “File of Life” info shared at a past meeting requested by Rob Puls, Great Divide. Meagan will follow-up.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 1st, 6:00 pm, and will be both in-person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room and virtually via zoom.

*Motion by Joe Schick, seconded by Chris Pribek, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
 Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Sheri Carlson (V)	Washburn
Steve Cordes	Mason
Lyn Cornelius	Bayfield
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Alexys Kontny	Mason
Erika Kurtz	Rescue Divas/MMC
Ashley Larson	AL PSAP
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech EMS
Joe Schick	Mason
Jamie Trembl (V)	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson (V)	Mellen
Ty Wiegman (V)	LifeLinkIII
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air