

Bayfield-Ashland Counties
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 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 – November 2023

Motion made by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Chris Pribek, to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL –

Balance reported of \$13,629.39.

Motion made by Alexis Kontny, seconded by Ted Gostomski, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported:

- FAP (Funding Assistance Program) applications are open – closing November 30th. Direct any questions to link on the website.
- EMR application is being reformatted to delete reference to National Registry requirement.
- EMR – military with medical training may apply to service as EMR requesting local credentialing agreement (LCA). Service Director assure the minimum requirements are met.
- RN – establish elicencing account; Make applications for equivalency. Upon approval by service director and medical director may operate on RN license to level of affiliated service.
- MCI Plan has been revised. Triage method has been removed; recommend use of SALT.
- Any questions contact Don at Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Jonathan Shultz, MD.

- More providers requesting LCA (Local credentialing agreement), LCA request assumes checks done by service. Any concerns about at individual, please have a direct conversation with Jonathan.
- Background checks done by the EMS Office only check Wisconsin information.
- Physician on scene – physician who increases the level of care to a patient should accompany the patient in the ambulance to the hospital.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz

- Current EMT class winding down.
- Next class: orientation January 4, 2024; class begins January 22.
- Drummond Health class has offered CPR to their students.

Motion made by Brett Frierwood, seconded by Lyn Cornelius, to cover the cost of CPR cards for Drummond students in the current class. (\$10 x 30 students.) Motion carried.

MMC – Doug Jennings reported:

- As of November 21, 2023, Memorial Medical Center (MMC) will be known as Tamarack Health - Ashland Medical Center.
- Armed intruder exercise scheduled for December.
- COVID numbers are up.

HEMS

- NORTH – Mike Zolik reported that all is well.
- Redirect to a second LZ is acceptable when there is a need to change location.

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

- Scholarships will be available for preparedness conferences, etc. again this fiscal year. Forms are on the NWWI HERC website.
- A listing of classes being offered in the region is also on the website.

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

- PHTLS courses have been scheduled for this fiscal year. Red Cliff is hosting one on November 4th. Information was sent out by Meagan Quaderer to all services.

ALEM – Christina Dzwonkowski reported:

An Integrated Preparedness Plan is being developed. A Preparedness Survey is being sent out EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, and Elected Officials. Please take the time to fill it out giving specific information when possible.

BAEM – Meagan Quaderer reported that a PSAP grant has been received to purchase new CAD software.

- Bayfield County budget contains monies for an rural EMS study.

PSAP CONSOLIDATION

- Letter sent to PSAP Board requesting voting membership on the Board.
- Mark Abeles-Allison replied thanking us for our interest.
- Larry Fickbohm also replied thanking us for our interest.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Motion made by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Chris Pribek to approve the mutual aid agreement as revised. Motion carried.

MARENGO AMBULANCE – The Town of Marengo has contracted with Ashland Fire for EMS beginning January 1, 2024. More information to come.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the EMS Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, 6:00 pm. Meeting will be both in-person at the Ashland Fire/EMS Training Room and virtual via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ted Gostomski, seconded by Jeff Bellile, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman (V)	Marengo
Sherry Carlson (V)	Washburn
Lyn Cornelius (V)	Bayfield
Christina Dzwonkowski	ALEM
Brett Frierhood (V)	Barnes
Ted Gostomski	Washburn
Laurie Gucinski (V)	South Shore
Tam Hofman	South Shore / APIS
Doug Jennings	MMC
Don Kimlicka (V)	WI DHS/EMS
Alexis Kontny	Mason
Anthony Lang (V)	Great Divide
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Meagan Quaderer (V)	BAEM
Maria Renz (V)	BAEM
Joe Schick (V)	Mason
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
John Shultz (V)	Medical Director
Jamie Trembl (V)	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson (V)	Mellen
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air