

Bayfield-Ashland Counties  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEETINGMINUTES  
March 7, 2024

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 Jeff Byerhof, to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL – Steve Cordes reported that dues invoices have been sent out. A balance of \$10,835.33 was documented.

*Motion made by Jeff Bellile, seconded by Jeff Byerhof, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

STATE EMS OFFICE – Don Kimlicka reported he is now a NW Wisconsin resident.

Email: [Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Donald.kimlicka@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

- Drivers may be granted an LCA (Local credentialing agreement).
- Updated Scope of Practice to be released March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Curriculum/ hours – much discussion.
- 1000 training permits issued; 10% committed to working with ambulance upon completion of training.

NORTHWOOD TECH – Tom Renz reported.

- Barnes refresher in person begins 03/18.
- EVOC – 04/05-06 – Barnes

AMC (Ashland Medical Center)

- Construction signage will note which doors to use
- Prevent falls brochure for hanout by service to repeat patients when no transport required.
- Kevin Clarke new trauma medical director
- Working toward Level IV Trauma designation in the fall
- Thanks to EMS for what you do.
- Reach out to Tara or Robin.

HEMS – North Mike Zolik stated that all is good in air transportation.

NATIONAL TRAUMA SERVICE – Dr. Kevin Clarke

During COVID many providers were lost. Concern that we are killing our own people. Reach out to legislators and newspapers to bring attention to the need for change.

CURRICULUM/HOURS PROPOSED – Lengthy discussion related to proposed changes/increase in hours required for EMR and EMT:

- EMR – currently 50 to 90; proposed 108 hours
- EMT – currently 180; proposed 288 hours
  - EMT required to take EMR before entry into EMT class for a total of 288 hours.

Strong consensus that adding hours will be detrimental. Jeff Byerhof and Jan Victorson will work on letter be forwarded as appropriate.

MARENGO AMBULANCE – EMT Service, currently licensed as a transport servive with the state, moving to EMR as they are unable to get people.

What are the SOLUTIONS?

CONSOLIDATED PSAP – No director hired. No new applications.

AL PSAP – Mark Hill contact if any questions or concerns.

BA PSAP – Ashley Larson, Lead Dispatcher

BAEM – Meagan Quaderer will be out of the area. Maria Renz will be in the office.

ALEM – Christine Dzwonkowski – nothing new.

BA EMS ADHOC COMMITTEE – Meagan reported that the RFP for a study of EMS and possible solutions has been released and posted on website. Looking for a creative funding approach, collective and similar projects.

Question about annual reports. Most services provide reports monthly to oversight committees.

WASHBURN – Jeff reported that construction on HWY 13 begins March 18<sup>th</sup>. In the process of hiring a full-time EMT. He will resign as director April 25<sup>th</sup>.

TRAINING – Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> on “Behavioral Emergencies” – 6 pm at the Ashland Fire Station. Dr. Jonathan Shultz will be presenting.

April 20<sup>th</sup> – MCI training; contact Meagan.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm at the Ashland Fire Station and virtual at zoom link to be distributed.

*Motion be Jeff Byerhof, seconded by Alexis Kontny, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bellile	Washburn
Kurt Blakeman (V)	Ashland/Marengo
Jeff Byerhof	South Shore
Dr. Kevin Clarke	AMC
Steve Cordes (V)	Mason
Christina Dzwonkowski	ALEM
Brett Friermood (V)	Barnes
Jenna Gallagher (V)	Bayfield/South Shore
Laurie Gucinski (V)	South Shore
Mark Hill (V)	Glidden / AL PSAP
Tam Hofman (V)	South Shore / APIS
Don Kimlicka (V)	State EMS/Region 1
Tara Klevgard	AMC
Brian Kline (V)	Red Cliff
Anthony Lang (V)	Great Divide
Alexys Kontny	Mason
Chris Pribek	Ashland
Rob Puls (V)	Great Divide
Meagan Quaderer (V)	BAEM
Tom Renz (V)	Northwood Tech
Joe Schick (V)	Mason
Jamie Trembl (V)	Butternut
Jan Victorson	Iron River
Gwen Watson (V)	Mellen
Mike Zolik (V)	North Air