Bonner County EMS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.
Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Hwy 2, Ste. 338, Sandpoint, ID 83864

Members Present: Jeff Lindsey, Janine Shepard, Alan Brinkmeier, Doug Dixon, Ron Jenkins, Gavin Gilcrease, Marian Martin
Members Absent:

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Chief Lindsey called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of Minutes
Janine Shepard made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026 Minutes
Gavin Gilcrease seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Action Items: Discussion / Decision / Recommendation

BCEMS Metrics – Report

Alan talked about the metrics. He also talked about a new form that was requested by Commissioner Williams to better explain what each metric means in layman's terms. There was one code black, obvious death. Average scene time of 12:58 for strokes. He discussed the rest of the scene times for the quarter. The longest response time was for 32:35. This was a Priest River engine responding to a Sandpoint call.

Annual training was just completed. Alan also talked about success rates for various call types.

New proposed metrics format –
Jeff talked more about the new metrics format requested by Commissioner Williams.

A correct motion was not made, and although a vote was taken, this item will have to come back to the next meeting for another vote.

Partner Agency Metrics – Report
Vicki Woodward said they are still getting used to the 12-lead time. She talked about the Clark Fork metrics for the past quarter. There was no specific list for CPR, but she will bring one next time. Trauma – scene time is 16:08. No strokes this quarter.

Partner Agency Representative Opening – Report
There is a position open on the committee. That will be talked about at the BCASD meeting, and interviews will hopefully be scheduled soon.

Old Business –

Optional Module Update – Report

The state allows Dr. Jenkins to put EMT basics into effect. They are able to practice things like placing IVs. One group on each shift put on this training over the last few weeks. Alan thanked everyone who attended, and he feels like things went very well. He got great feedback from the trainings.

EMS Training Needs – Report
Jeff talked about advanced skills training that was just had. They are continuing to work to hit their normal training goals. They are looking to get some funding for the summer to put the chase paramedic out in the Clark Fork area for a period of roughly two months, during the area's busiest time.
Alan gave a shout out to Captain Albright, Chip, for going out to do training at places like Clark Fork, Priest Lake. Alan said he has been going above and beyond.
Gavin asked if the state has any emergency medical service provider conferences that counties can send people to for training and such. Jeff said there are none state-wide. There was one in CDA, but that has disbanded. Grangeville hosts one, and one is starting in Boise.

Marian talked about transporting care facility patients to and from the hospital. She said it is difficult getting patients back to their care homes after they are transported to the hospital. She asked if there are any opportunities that BCASD would be able to help with that. Jeff said that from the BCASD side of it, these are patients that don't fit a medical necessity usually. Discussion followed. Jeff said that the fight between the care facilities and the hospitals are not BCASD's problem and they don't want to be a part of it. They don't mind sitting at the table to help the two reach an agreement, but they are not going to offer free rides because the other two don't want to find a solution on their own.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Clerk: Lauren Reichenbach

Approved by

10/21/2026
Date