

Whatcom County EMS/TC Council General Council Meeting

January 9th, 2017, 7:00 pm
WCFD #8, Station 31 (752 Marine Dr)

PRESENT:

Duncan McLane, President, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, 1st VP, WCFD #14
Matt Cook, 2nd VP
Jerry DeBruin, Education Chair, WCFD #14
Erica Work, Secretary, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Gene Bell, Treasurer
Gary Baar, Lynden
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7
Dawn Cannizarro, WCFD #17
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14
Scott Farlow, BFD
John Granger, Airlift NW
Jennifer Keim, SJMC
Rob Kintzele, WCFD # 8
Josh Morell, SWFA
James Ochoa, BP
Becky Stermer, SJMC
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Rod Topel, SWFA
Marvin Wayne, MPD
Janice Lapsansky, CQI
Omar Mejia, WCFD #18
Tyler Nielson, RMI
Wendy Paton, RMI

Call to Order: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at Station 31, to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 2016 General meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

Executive: The Executive Committee met on Jan 27th and all items discussed will come forward in later discussions.

Finance: The Council is converting from fiscal year to calendar year for 2017. The council had slightly higher expenses this year due to having three tax returns paid for in 2016, the expenditure of \$5424 for PulsePoint, and a Laptop purchase. The purchase of Triage tags/bags came out of ambulance fund.

The Council would need an income of approx. \$2000/mo to break even on operating expenses.

Some ideas to raise funds include grants, hosting mini-conferences, and a per agency fee of \$25-35. Council will need to decide what amount the reserve should be before entertaining an agency fee.

No interest was shown in organizing a special meeting to brainstorm funding ideas and to discuss reserve requirement. Members will email Andrea any ideas and they will get put on the Agenda for next meeting.

Education: ResQPod went live on Jan. 1st and everyone should be using them. Active shooter training is ongoing. Next teen heart screen is Feb. 15th at Meridian High School.

Conference: Tabled for now

CQI: Committee met on Dec. 22nd. One year position as co-chair was supposed to come up for reelection. No one has shown any interest so Scott F. will be sitting on position until March. Andrea will advertise position on website and send out job description.

Questions were raised about what the expectation of how BLS functions in the field with ALS. ALS has concerns that BLS providers are not proficient or are unknowledgeable. There have been reports of field ridicule and discussion in midst of a call. Need discussion with ALS about wanting BLS to participate but have no skill expectations. There is not enough time to go out and train together and overtime is too expensive. If time is available, use it as time to learn.

Telephone CPR Questions are confusing so some of the questions will be changed. If Public access AED was used, need to tell ER Staff. The info from the AED needs to be downloaded. Janice reconfigured carcass form; Epi is no longer on form.

Regional Council: The Regional grant funds have been used. District 7 is covering cost of cases. Next meeting is April 6th.

MPD: Good data collection on ALS level. Lucas 3 has more data capability than Lucas 2.

BLS performance is not getting looked at on CPR calls. In addition to quality of performance there are a variety of parameters to measure. Performance is very inconsistent. Need more feedback and data.

Wait for new MSO to delegate.

If using the pump CPR it changes our outcome.

Translucent back boards: either leave lucas to pick up later or quickly trade out back boards.

Heads up CPR-mechanical device for heads up CPR

A replacement MPD is being sought.

Injury Prevention: Teen Heart screen Feb 15th at Meridian High School. Funding is coming from supporting businesses. There is a basic EKG class for the volunteers.

Safety fair will be happening on the first Saturday in June at the Regal Cinemas Parking lot.

A gun safety event is being planned with Harborview as partner. Free safety locks will be given away. Possibilities for a gun shop to participate with are Dakota Creek and Custer shooting range.

Regional intervention prevention committee focused last year on pediatrics. This year the focus will be on substance abuse.

District 7 now has a trained child passenger safety technician who will be working with the Whatcom County team

TAB: no report

Hospital- Hospital has been very busy. North Region meeting included an airlift meeting about WATrac. A push is being made to update WATrac status more consistently (at least twice a day).

Trauma activation criteria updating medic report sheet. Drowning and hanging added to activation criteria.

Pulsara App for STEMI/Stroke patients could work well for Stroke and STEMI patients but there is no app for trauma in the module. Need to find out how to implement it with EMS.

Reminder: please mask patients with Influenza like symptoms.

EMT Course: 23 students are enrolled for the winter 2017 course. Class starts Feb. 9th. Mandatory meeting on Jan 11th for infectious diseases and the CPR class will be held Feb 7th.

Unfinished business: Duncan and Andrea working on Grant due April 1st.

New Business: 1st Vice Present Denise and Secretary Erica up for election. Anyone interested in being on Nominating committee please contact Andrea.

Restricted Account Funds: Still looking into Industrial Funds. CISM hasn't been used for over 15 years.

Motion by G. Baar, seconded by S. Farlow, to remove restrictions from the CISM funds. Motion approved.

Gurney maintenance will take place Thursday, Jan 26th at Station One, and Friday, Jan 27th in Lynden at Station 75.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.