

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2017

PRESENT: Duncan McLane, 1st V.P., Conference Chair, WCFD #11
Erica Work, Secretary, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Gene Bell, Treasurer, Consumer
Jerry DeBruin, Education Chair, WCFD #14
Gary Baar, Consumer
Chad Baar, Lynden
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Denise Christensen, WCFD 14
Marc Davis, Lynden
John Granger, Airlift NW
Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth
Janice Lapsansky, CQI
Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Josh Morell, SWFA
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Rod Topel, SWFA,
Andrea Doll, Operations Manager
Mannix McDonnell, BPD, Guest

ABSENT: Christopher Carleton, WCFD #5
Matt Cook, WCFD 16
Scott Farlow, BPD
Jessie King, STS
Rob Kintzele, WCFD 8
Rick Kowsky, Cascade
Joe Noonchester, WCFD 21
James Ochoa, BP
Dan Ohms, WCFD 11
William Pernet, NWFRS
Jerry Peterson, WCFD 16
Jim Petrie WCFD 17
Socorro Ruiz, WCFD 18
Christina Tersakian, WCFD #5
Justin Thompson, WCFD 8
Therese Williams, BTC

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at Station 12, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2017 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

The North Region Grant application, for funding of SGA recertification, has been prepared and applied for. There is approx. 420 EMT's that need certification.

Executive:

No Executive board meeting was held.

Finance:

There is \$306,000 in the checking & savings accounts. Most of this year's income came from training. The deficit this year is \$2,000, vs. \$20,000 for last year.

Education:

Ad hoc committee is still working on recommendation and pros/cons of I Gel.

Bag Valve mask is 3.7 times the price of currently used bags. They may be useful for pediatrics since these are used less often.

BLS Protocols are updated and will be sent out by the end of week.

Football helmet and pad removal protocols were already sent out.

Baar's secret stash of ResQPumps was discovered. Three were given to Cascade Ambulance and the council office has 5.

Bellingham switches out ResQPumps while the rest of the county cleans them after use. There may be a recommendation for the rest of the county coming soon on whether to switch out.

CQI: Due to low meeting attendance, no decisions were made but there was a discussion on how to increase participation. A Doodle poll was sent out for the next meeting. Please ask members of your agency to serve on CQI, as all 3 officers are vacating their positions this year. All agencies are to be represented on the CQI committee. Any questions contact Janice.

A suggestion was made to figure out which surveys on Survey Monkey are still serving their purpose and getting rid of the rest.

Regional Council:

Stroke is the quarter topic for CQI. Agencies/communities should consider BEFAST instead of FAST for stroke assessment.

Some Hospitals are practicing direct input from EMS to scan -something for PeaceHealth to consider.

Region would like to have a Regional Stroke activation standard for EMS.

Snohomish has volunteered their data for stroke report.

Recommend adding Sepsis as a topic to be reviewed on regular basis.

Stop the Bleed campaign: Skagit has Stop the Bleed kits next to AED.

Logistics are being worked on what that would look like at our hospital. A possibility is to combine with CPR training.

Ferndale teachers were trained by border patrol. Hope the campaign can reach out to schools.

ALS Licenses: Island air was approved.

Change for South Snohomish Regional Fire Authority approved

Postponed BLS license for Skagit County FD 14 until further clarifications made.

(Skagit County has no local EMS council. N. Region acts as agency for them.)

DOH updates:

HB 5751 Ability for Non EMS personnel to drive ambulances is still in the works.

DOH is working on updating "Travis Alert Bill"

HB 1358 – Reimbursement for Community Paramedic and CARES.

All vacancies filled at DOH

HB 1721 -Snohomish County is the first county to try alternate transport destination.

They worked on protocols and contracts, and all their data is available. Recommend Dr. Wayne take a look.

Regional Retreat and Workshop Dates:

Nov 30th 9-12-Membership Orientation and How to be an Effective Board Member

Dec 20th 9-12 – OPM, Archiving and Records Requests

Jan 31st - All day – Regional Strategic Planning Retreat

Suggestion from Snohomish 7 for SGA Course: put application with open date for 3 months then submit roster with certificates. 100 EMT's per course (4 courses)

MPD: no report

Injury Prevention:

-Stop the Bleed campaign

-Distracted Driving Drills: Jennifer will be travelling to Anacortes to see their distracting driving drill using "Every 15 minutes" program.

-Teen Heart Screen: no event this fall. Hoping to hold one at Ferndale in the spring.

TAB: The County is still negotiating a contract with ImageTrend. The contract will include one week onsite with two trainers. Still need the hospitals IT support to get it up and running.

EOB is allotting \$20,000.00 annually to TAB for equipment exchange.

Hospital-

New shed is up at hospital.

The new trauma medical director will most likely have a new structure for acute and trauma surgery starting in Feb.

Surgeons will be on call for a week at a time and take care of all acute and trauma surgeries.

There will most likely be an increase in trauma drills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chuckanut Health Foundation has approved \$8000 for a LUCAS Device for medic 45.

Ben will get application for Lummi Nation Grant

North Region Grant: Will be voted on at next Regional Meeting

Training Program: Being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Whatcom County is participating in and has received a Take Heart America Grant (www.takeheartamerica.org)

The emphasis is improving survival with good neurologic functions starting with awareness and CPR training. 1st goal is to increase number of lay rescuers, beginning with government employees.

Manikins must provide feedback. CPR card price has increased.

PulsePoint: attempted to schedule meetings twice.

Instructors need to be monitored and checked off.

Early 2018 roll out date.

Good of the order:

AirLift Northwest provides AirCare for \$79/family.

AirLift Northwest observation program offers ride along for EMS Personnel at no cost.

PeaceHealth is providing magnetic FILE of LIFE with info for refrigerator.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm