

Whatcom County EMS/TC Council
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday August 17th, 2017
1:30 pm

Present: Ben Boyko, WCFD #7; Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth; Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth; Duncan McLane; president, WCFD #11; Mannix McDonnell, BFD; Andrea Doll, Council Office

CALL TO ORDER D. McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education committee to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the July 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

North Region:

North Region requires orientation training as part of the membership. There will be an orientation training scheduled. They will also schedule 3 mini sessions of other training, dates and topics to be announced.

Funding:

Marv's foundation can provide up to \$1000.00 without board approval. The committee is looking into funding from the refineries.

Becky will contact Anne Rasmussen about the feasibility of the hospital purchasing the translucent backing plates. They may be able to purchase items that will benefit hospital patients.

September grant deadline for north region grant

Training officers: no report

CQI Committee: no report

TAB meets Sept 5th

Hospital

The Trauma activation for the pedestrian hit by hospital was good because of earlier trauma activation beforehand. Not sure how it would have been otherwise given the proximity of the accident to the hospital.

Harborview is sponsoring a trauma conference on Sept. 25th. A Disaster course is being held the day before the conference on Sept. 24th. Scott Farlow will be

attending from BFD. The hospital will pay \$150 for registration but not travel to send another person. Ben will get back to Becky by Tuesday about his availability to attend. If Ben can't attend someone else from the agency should.

The invoice for the hospital shed has not been received.

Jen is still having problems getting reports.
Won't have that problem in Jan when ImageTrend is in place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Football pads and helmet removal need an education piece to provide more precise education for county.
Protocols should have football pad and helmet removal information in the spinal mobilization section.

Ben will work on a PowerPoint for football pad/helmet removal and will send to education committee for approval before widespread distribution

Protocols will be updated and sent to Dr. Wayne one last time.
Ben will look at protocols to see if there is any info he can put in there regarding the use/non use of c collars.
(Use terminology such as "Preferred method")
Use sections instead of page numbers for easier updating of document.

Need to put on a class for supraglottic airway with one instructor per 10 students and rotate the course through different parts of the county.

The committee would like a Technical Review Committee to look at the i-gel airway. They will be tasked to provide a determination of risk/benefit to changing from the KING LTSD to include review studies, evaluate placement, compare pricing and variations of how the change could occur (soft switch over time as King tubes are used up and expire, or all at once.)

Andrea will send email to general council members to see if anyone is interested in serving on committee.

According to Ben, the i-gel is faster and easier to put in, and also works with dist 7 manikins (laerdal airway).
He suggests sticking with the 3 adult sizes (3,4,5). Purchasing the 4 sizes for kids would be too expensive.
i-gel with kit includes storage tray, lubricating jelly, and strap to secure it to the patient.

NEW BUSINESS

BVM

No final verdict yet whether smith medical is the bag to go with.

The bags were fine but the masks given were too small; one was pediatric and one was small adult. New larger masks were received from the company and added to each bag. Immediate feedback was that they were fine.

Requests have been made to have large bag on rig just in case.

There is interest in product that is not being manufactured until October.

Would like to hear what Erica has heard from crews.

MEETING ADJORNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.