

Whatcom County EMS/TC Council
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday February 16, 2017
1:30 pm

Present: Ben Boyko, WCFD #7; Duncan McLane, President, WCFD #11; Chris Jorgenson, NWFR; Jennifer Keim, SJMC; Scott Farlow, Becky Stermer, SJMC; Jerry Debruin, WCFD #14; Jamie Watts, WCFD #8, Andrea Doll, Council Office

CALL TO ORDER J. Debruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education committee to order at 1:40 pm.

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

REPORTS

North Region: Printer cases still need to be purchased. Next meeting is in April.

Dr. Wayne will need to review protocols from Snohomish on alternate facility transport for Substance dependency and mental health patients. (Becky will get protocols from Martina.)

Funding: Duncan and Andrea are working on Chuckanut Grant, due April 1st. Grant from Lummi nation may be a possibility for more funds. Committee has agreed that it should request more funds from North Region next year.

Training officers: Dawn is still is working on BLS evaluators. BLS tied into EMT certification.

CQI Committee: The next meeting is at the end of March. No one has expressed interest in the chair position. Scott has volunteered to hold position until the end of year if no one offers.

Trauma calls- (would be helpful to stick to form NTL Medic Report Form)

Andrea will add form to council website.

Do not take pictures of accidents from personal phones.

Technical Advisory Board: no report. Administering hire job process now, wanted hired by June. A concern is that they have no representative from hospital. Becky will ask Ryan. Next meeting is on March 8th at the Garden Level Conference Room. (Meetings are held every other month).

Hospital: meeting with TIC next week about educational effort for EMS & ER nurses to work on handoff; this may possibly take place this summer. Would like an intro discussion on handoff.... no talking and just listen. Need to work on smooth transition/partnership and on coordination with patient at bedside. Goal is to keep each other accountable and foster better relationships. Hands on practice working on teamwork could take place in room at HEC. Classes would need to be spread over 4 days to cover all four shifts. Would like to run 4 hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Duncan sent out protocols.

Regarding football helmet and pad removal: Cut laces and remove before getting into hospital. Dr. Wayne must approve before putting in protocols.

In regards to communication with the hospital, it has been suggested that Quarterly, all communications would be using radio-UHF , no cell phones. Concerns were expressed that radios may not be reliable in the ER.

NEW BUSINESS

Jen is not getting BLS reports and would like a general reminder to all agencies to get BLS Reports in.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Zoll representatives will be visiting each agency on April 14th-16th.

Continue to have problems with suction while using the ResQPumps. Remember to bring a towel to wipe it off.

Next education committee meeting is Thursday, March 16th.

MEETING ADJORNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.