

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Janice Lapsansky, WCFD 7

Duncan McLane, WCFD 11

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth

CALL TO ORDER: Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2018 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region: has not met

Funding: no report

Training Officers Report: no report

CQI: Josh has stepped down as co-chair. The January meeting will be rescheduled. Need to get Survey Monkey forms into ePCR.

Will also need input for Nitrous and EEE form.

Is the EMS/ ED event form mandatory or not? Need to notify supervisor first.

TAB: no report

Hospital:

Becky is working on the TIC (sp?) committee to have monthly or bi weekly drills in the ER.

Eventually they will incorporate EMS into the drills.

Old Business:

Replacing EMS online: - Target Solutions has been looked at.

EMSconnect.org from Spokane is another option. No fire side; has training records component.

Duncan would like to create our own curriculum specifically for Whatcom County.

Duncan suggested the council take on the content cost for a year or two to see how it goes.

Ferndale and BFD have Rescue Hub for fire side. EMT and medics login to Rescue hub but it takes them to EMS online for content.

It is customizable and has a flat fee.

When looking at platforms, need to consider if it will work for fire side also. Plan to form a sub-committee at the Jan meeting.

Janice suggested they reinstate annual instructor workshop and provide stipend to those who attend. Right now they need one EMS evaluator workshop to keep current.

Nitrous Oxide Pilot Study: overview protocol is in BLS format already. Basically it is ALS minus chest pain.

For BLS, use mouth piece, (no masks) and make it Self Administer.

For Pilot, minimum age is 8 years old. Anything younger is ALS.

Need to vent rig when using Nitrous.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, chest pain, chest trauma and less than 8 years old.

Track adverse effects on ImageTrend.

Could move Nitrous off of pilot program after 6 months if all goes well.

Training PowerPoint is ready to go for Nitrous.

EMS Council will provide training roster and will collect and keep rosters.

Andrea will send EMS Council Training roster to Mike Hilley.

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The ability to offer OTC drugs with Medical Program Director's approval will be happening soon.

New Business:

Phrase change in protocol. Mike Hilley has current protocols.

ImageTrend will go live January 1.

Hospital has hub, they just don't have the connector for their system.

Good of the Order – none

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm