

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Duncan McLane, WCFD 11	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Matt Cook, WCFD 16
Joshua Morrell, SWFA	Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Rod Topel, SWFA	Marc Davis, Lynden
Denise Christensen, WCFD 14	Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth
Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS	Janice Lapsansky, WCFD 7
Omar Mejia, WCFD 18	Gene Bell, Treasurer
Erica Littlewood, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol	Laura Smith, WCFD 16
John Granger, Airlift NW	Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Michael Hilley, WCEMS	Dr. Emily Junck, BFD
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1	Susie Johnson, SJH, Guest
Doug Krussow, BP, Guest	Justin Thompson, WCFD 8
Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD	

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, held at station 31, to order at 7:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2018 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive: New council Bylaw addition for PIO duties:

Article VII

Section 12:

Public Information Officer: The President shall be responsible for providing information to the news media, general public, and other entities as necessary to respond to inquiries and provide information about Council activities. Other Council members shall refer inquiries for information to the President.

CQI committee meeting date was changed to Jan 17th at station 31.

Tax Firm will remain the same for 2019 Taxes.

Equipment issues at the hospital were discussed.

Elections for Secretary and 2nd VP will be at April meeting. Jerry is heading up nominating committee. Mel and Omar were volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

Council Membership, Education Committee and CQI Applications were viewed and voted on at E-Board meeting.

Finance: \$9223 revenue. Available funds are \$398,000. PeaceHealth will now be charging the council office rent of \$117.67/month.

Education: Nitrous Oxide Pilot Study was discussed at the last meeting. The PowerPoint for Nitrous training is out there. It needs to be taught by a SEI or at least a paramedic. National guidelines have been approved to offer OTC meds to patients. (Ex. Tylenol)

CQI: The next CQI meeting was changed to Jan. 17th, 5pm-7pm, at Station 31. CQI is looking for a new co-chair. Need to make recommendations for which survey monkey forms to move onto EPCR. Would like as many agencies as possible to attend the meeting.

Regional Council: The next meeting is on Jan. 31st.

MPD: Emily is now officially Supervising Physician for BFD. Nitrous Oxide Pilot Study is now going. National guidelines for EMT's are revised, including OTC meds. BLS protocols have some minor changes (if a patient is needing airway, consider putting in i-gel.) Hitting 90% of getting i-gels in. ALS-albuterol as an alternative. PPP app costs \$9.99. It would cost \$3000 for a global subscription so everyone can have PPP on their personal phone. Branded version would cost around \$6000. Dr. Wayne and Mike Hilley will be moving into offices at 800 E. Chestnut Building the first week of February.

Injury Prevention: Sedro Woolley held teen heart screen. Blaine High School will hold one on March 21st, and Burlington will hold one in the fall.

TAB: Next meeting on Jan. 16th

Hospital: Director of ER and Trauma, Susie Johnson, was introduced. There were 1324 patients on the Trauma Register- which was 30% more than last year. There will be a Level 2 trauma designation survey on March 6. The opening session is at 7am in conference rooms 5 & 6. Mock trauma codes will be held in the ED, starting with one or two a month. There will be one this Wednesday 16th at 7:00 am. There has been an update to trauma activation. The plan is to implement it in February. Nursing trauma improvement committee has been working on the trauma time out. -Hand off before transferring patient

Marv: All agencies need to go to small bags (800 cc's). They are being purchased from Bound Tree. These are basically a pediatric bag with an adult size mouthpiece. In the future we will be looking at getting bags with a timing light on it.

Airway training for the EMT-bring up to Education Committee.

Greg Macy: Need more heads up on whether going into room or triage.

Mike H: ImageTrend needs another two months to get going 100%.

Pull data out and target some training based on data.

Will be sharing information with the Health Dept.

Unfinished Business:

Injury prevention grant:

Encourage county wide and bring Stop the Bleed kits to schools.

City Parks Dept is interested in joining.

May 22, week of EMT appreciation- would be a good week for Stop the Bleed.

PulsePoint: Part of the \$7700 North Region Grant 7700, is to pay for verified responder.

Bellingham and South Whatcom will start.

CERT members will track down AED's in the county. Prizes will be awarded.

Will work on PR piece.

Equipment shed has had some near misses with unclean equipment. If you see issues, take pictures, document the incident and send to supervisors. Susie Johnson said she would be addressing the issue as soon as possible.

Send a request to Mike Hilley for equipment before you purchase it.

Annual Gurney maintenance is being worked out.

New signs will go in shed that read "cleaned equipment only"

New Business

New PIO bylaw: Topel motioned/Boyko seconded. Motion Passed

Member Applications: Scott Ryckman, General council, CQI and Education Committee. John Granger, General council, CQI committee. Emily Junck, Education Committee.

Boyko motioned/DeBruin seconded. All applications are approved.

Otep: EMS online is not meeting our needs. Ad hoc committee is needed to look at options.

Good of the order: none

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm