

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
Education Committee Meeting
Oct 19, 2017

PRESENT: Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14 Kris Jorgensen, NWFR
Gary Baar, Lynden Scott Farlow, BPD
James Ochoa, BP

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sept 2017 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

HB 5751 Ability for Non EMS personnel to drive ambulances is still in the works.
HB 1358 – Reimbursement for Community Paramedic and CARES.
Agencies are being encouraged to switch to BEFAST from FAST for stroke assessment.

Training: no report

CQI:

No decisions were made due to low meeting attendance. A Doodle Poll was sent out with possible dates for the next meeting. Josh is interested in taking over Scott's position. All departments are cleaning pumps, except BFD who switches them out for new. The manufacturer recommends cleaning. A suggestion was made to introduce a "Topic of the month" to generate more interest in CQI committee memberships.

TAB: no meeting

EMS administrator interviews will be in November.

Hospital: no report

Unfinished business:

North Region Grant will be voted on at the November meeting.
i- gel –Josh sees no objections. 3 of the 6 available sizes are being used. The smaller 3 are not approved. It would be beneficial to have smaller sizes for pediatric use. Spokane valley & others have reported that seal is not lost when using with pod.
BVMs- cost 4 times as much as the masks currently used

New Business: A protocol test is being created. Kris has a test he will share.
Need to make protocol changes easy to find.

Good of the order: none

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