

Whatcom County EMS/TC Council
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday April 20, 2017
1:30 pm

Present: Ben Boyko, WCFD #7; Duncan McLane, Council President, WCFD #11;
Kris Jorgenson, NWFR; Jerry Debruin, Chair, WCFD #14;
Jamie Watts, WCFD #8, James Ochoa, BP; Andrea Doll, Council Office

CALL TO ORDER J. Debruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education committee to order at 1:36 pm.

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

REPORTS

North Region: Having problem with long transfer time in ER. (25 min transfer time from gurney to bed.) Snohomish is a no diversion county. Snohomish will develop plan on alternative transport for dependency and mental health. Other counties will follow. Bellingham has been collecting sales tax for mental health for years. Need to find out where the funds have been going.

Funding:

Ben and Jennifer will look into and work on North Region grant. PeaceHealth may be a distraction at teen heart screen; PeaceHealth could look into a grant for a separate event (gun prevention, etc)

Ferndale SD is very interested in Stop the Bleed. (High School teacher education on aid care such as tourniquets and chest seals.) Need to get supplies and provide training.

Training officers:

A plan is being worked on for ongoing training on active shooter scenarios.

For the EMS council to become a training program we need to commit to curriculum and need a SEI.

Possibly use state curriculum and modify it for county specific updates.

Need to find out if we can modify for Whatcom County.

Once a year for individual vs. once every 3 years for everyone

CQI Committee:

Please encourage council members to advocate for joining CQI committee.
Reminder: there are different ways to stop bleeding such as tourniquets, direct pressure, c-locks(sp?)
Use c locks and don't wrap up too much, communicate properly to hospital,
Remember to write pertinent info on the whiteboards in the ER.
Whiteboards are located in Trauma 1, 14, 28 or 29.

Hospital:

Scribe is not going to work. Medics just don't have time.
On arrival, say "stroke code arrival" instead of "medic code arrival"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All organizations need training on proper football helmet and pad removal.
EMS should take them off and put on vacuum splint. Prefer direct lift; no log roll.
Duncan, Jerry and Ben will meet before next Education Committee meeting to go through and update protocols.

NEW BUSINESS

Conference call with Mike Black, Michael Herbert, and Jay Bowers to discuss ResQPump training and implementation, including concerns over suction issues:

It will be at least a year before the adhesive piece for chest is available.
Suggest using 2 pads for large patients and remain vertical.
Be sure to store pump upside down (handle down, suction cup up).
Shave patient if needed and wipe down any moisture.
Reps will be sending up 3 pumps for Cascade ambulance. They will be delivered to Lynden.
The reps will check back with the committee at the next meeting.
It was encouraged for Whatcom County to start using 16's instead of 10's.

Pump performance will be tracked to see if a particular pump has an issue.
A suggestion was made to use stickers on the pumps when they have problems to keep track of them.

MEETING ADJORNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.