

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth

Chad Baar, Lynden

Gary Baar, Consumer

Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS

Janice Lapsansky, WCFD 7

Erica Littlewood, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol

John Granger, Airlift NW

Michael Hilley, WCEMS

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Sam Llobet, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol

Mel Blankers, WCFD 1

Marc Davis, Lynden

Denise Christensen, WCFD 14

Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol

Omar Mejia, WCFD 18

Josh Morell, SWFA

Greg Macy, WCFD 1

Emily Junck, BFD

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice President Denise Christensen called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, held at station 31, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2018 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive: no meeting/no report

Finance: no report

Education: Main focus lately has been getting everyone i-gel certified. All agencies are done except Bellingham. The disbursement of the \$10,000 grant money awarded for i-gel training is still being worked on.

Upon arrival at hospital please differentiate between ALS and BLS.

Teen Heart Screen in Ferndale screened 171 kids and had 9 significant findings.

A new committee for PulsePoint was formed. The committee consists of Janice Lapsansky, Rob Wilson, Jerry DeBruin, Mike Hilley and Erica Littlewood. Mike would like to add the verified responder program (\$2500) onto PulsePoint. This would allow EMT'S to have access to private residence addresses.

The committee will work on increasing numbers of PulsePoint users. Only 2200 have registered at this point in time. Medic One Foundation may come up and help do a PR/rollout and increase numbers. One idea is to hold a scavenger hunt for finding all AED's in county.

Some members mentioned they are not receiving some PulsePoint notifications.

Dr. Wayne got permission to have Nitrous on BLS units.

i-gel: be sure to hold in place until it is completely secured.

CQI: Had a good cardiac case review by Boyko and Jorgensen. It is important to get on reviews quicker to get all different angles. If you have any kind of case reviews, be sure to send to Josh or Kris J. as soon as possible so they have time to get documents in order for next meeting. CQI serves as steering committee for changes to ImageTrend that would affect all the agencies.

When on a call for a caregiver, have hospital help with placement of the caregiver's patient. After hours they would have to be admitted overnight. Need to explore more resources.

The CQI Committee would like more participation from all the agencies. It is important that all districts are represented in order for to get information out to the districts and for each district to have a voice.

Regional Council: No meeting; the next meeting is July 12th. There will be an Executive board meeting to make changes in bylaws. CQI meeting Thursday will have a cardiac topic.

MPD: The State MPD meeting was held in June. The state cannot fully approve carrying Nitrous Oxide until agencies request it. Departments need to write a letter to Dr. Wayne asking for it in order to be approved.

Emily is slowing updating protocols and combining ALS and BLS protocols. This will enable the protocols to be less wordy and also allow BLS to see what ALS is doing as well as enabling ALS to know all BLS protocols.

Injury Prevention: A DUI drill was done in April at FHS.

Jennifer Keim is putting info together for anyone else wanting to do drills.

The Safety Fair on June 2nd at Barkley had 1600 people attend.

Burlington FD will hold a regional Impact Teen Drivers train-the-trainer workshop on August 9th at Burlington Fire Department. The Executive Director will be teaching the course. Once training is completed you can teach and all materials are provided.

They will be taking the program into Burlington-Edison HS in the fall.

A regional child passenger safety technician training course will be held at Burlington Fire Department in November. Make sure to let Erica know as soon as possible if you have someone wanting to take the course.

TAB:

Next meeting is Wednesday. ImageTrend & Community paramedic was discussed at the last meeting.

The paramedic course was updated and the accreditation process is moving through the state. Office space was approved for Dr. Wayne, Mike Hilley and a data analyst at the Chestnut Professional building where the EMS Council is located.

Hospital:

The hospital has been extremely busy. June had a 50% increase in volume.

During full trauma activation at a MVA on June 30, EMT's found an ID, called ID in, and the patient was registered under that ID. It turned out that the patient had multiple ID's so the patient was registered under the wrong ID for awhile. Please remember that a piece of ID alone is not adequate for registration.

Mountain biker with a spinal injury was hypotensive in field. Looking into why the patient got sent to north side.

There are new openings for trauma registrars at the hospital.

Unfinished Business:

Injury prevention grant: applied for a fall prevention grant from North Region.

AHSI train- the- trainer course will be available soon through Erica.

New Business

N Region Annual Grant ideas: Pulse point promoting, CPR trainer in Airport, active shooter drill in outlying school.

New printer purchase for the Council office: Jerry made motion; Ben Boyko seconded. Motion approved (up to \$400).

Good of the order:

Fire Safety house: Please return all items and flush smoke machine with water

Mike H. needs ideas and input on ways to support your community such as an EMT that could serve some of the functions of a community paramedic.

GRACE program will be up and running by sept.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:25pm