

Education Committee Meeting

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Committee Members in Attendance:

Jon Ahrenholz, NWFRS  
Dawn Carnizzarro, WCFD 17  
Cameron Clark, Cascade  
Alyssa Daschbach, WCFD 11  
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14  
Jody Engels, WCFD 7  
Michael Lish, WCFD 11  
Philip Magistro, BMRC

Megan McCarthy Williamson, WCFD 19  
Scott Painter, WCFD 7  
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14  
Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7  
Robin Stimac, PHSJ  
Dr. Marv Wayne, Em. MPD  
Dr. Emily Welch, Supervising Phys  
Dwight Worden, Cascade

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 2025 minutes, stand as written

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**REPORTS:**

**Funding:** WCEMS submitted an opioid training grant proposal to compensate all personnel for training time. Paying people directly is not permitted, so they are rewriting the grant and will submit it by the end of the week.

**Training officers:**

Alyssa noted that a new president will be elected next month. The subcommittee for the ops manual has reviewed chapters 1 and 3, with final recommendations expected in the first quarter. Jerry suggested reviewing the MCI chapter for potential updates.

**CQI:**

The last CQI meeting was held on Oct 14th.  
Dr. Welch is providing CPR feedback for CPR's that have a shockable rhythm. If you find yourself on these types of calls and are not receiving those reports, please contact Dr. Welch.

**TAB:**

The last TAB meeting focused on budget concerns.  
The next meeting will take place in 2026.

**Hospital:**

Robin mentioned a proposal for funding a cadaver lab in partnership with the Institute of Nursing Excellence.

The implementation of Pulsara was discussed, focusing initially on STEMI and stroke, with trauma to be addressed later.

Dr. Wayne shared his recent experience in Israel, where he delivered a keynote speech at the Jerusalem Emergency Medicine Acute Care Conference, highlighting advancements in disaster management and post-cardiac arrest care. He presented data showing improved outcomes for patients who received temperature management after cardiac arrest, with a 51% survival rate to hospital discharge compared to the national average of 15%.

***Unfinished Business:***

Dr. Wayne discussed ongoing efforts to integrate EMR and AEMT protocols into a single document for compliance with state requirements, which will have minimal impact on BLS and ALS protocols.

***New Business:***

Dr. Welch proposed updating the MCI chapter in the ops manual, focusing on triage and initial patient assessment for January training.

Megan mentioned the MCI chapter is due for review in 2027, but the team is considering updates now.

The group discussed updating MCI and triage protocols, with Jerry confirming a goal to implement new training by the third quarter of 2026.

They also discussed a new cervical immobilization device presented by Dr. Weiche, with Marvin sharing research showing that hard collars may cause more harm than good. The group agreed to review the new device and evaluate its effectiveness before making any protocol changes, with Jerry suggesting each district try one or two units for practice.

Phil Magistro represented Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council, which is working on its BLS program and plans to offer in-house OTEP training in 2026. Jerry supported the access to RescueHub and suggested exploring a funding proposal.

Dr. Welch mentioned potential collaboration with Mt. Baker ski patrol for OTEP training and mentioned she will hold a supraglottic airway course for BMRC on January 6th.

Jerry noted that the December meeting may be canceled.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm