

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer
Justina Bass, WCFD 16
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Steven Cohen, WCEMS
Scott Crowe, WCFD 18
Marc Davis, Lynden
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
John Granger, WCFD 11
Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16
Mike Hill, WCFD 8
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Robert Howery, WCFD 17
Jennifer Keim, SJPH
Rick Kowsky, Cascade

Steve Larsen, BFD
John Lewis, BFD
Michael Lish, WCFD 11
Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski
Sam Llobet, Mt Baker Ski
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Grace Schackel, consumer
Jennifer Squire, SWFA
Becky Stermer, SJPH
Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD
Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Phys
Jeremy Wilson, STS
Dwight Worden, Cascade

Guests:

Joe Frank, BFD
Robin Stimac, SJPH
Susie Johnson, SJPH

Dr. Emily Welch, PHYS
Dr. Bryan McNeilly, PHYS

CALL TO ORDER: President Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2024 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive: The executive committee met at 6:00 this evening. The executive committee recommends approval of the 5 applications that were reviewed.

Finance:

As of September 30th, 2024:

Checking: \$5,662; Savings: \$126,627; Capital Group Investment Account: \$379,708

The year-to-date interest on the Capital Group account was 20.43%

Education:

The OTEP plan for 2025-2027 is nearly completed.

End-tidal is being looked at purchasing through the North Region grant.

WCFD has put together a training video for the use of dopplers on code calls.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on October 23rd.

The Review case discussed geriatric trauma and the needed emphasis on repeat vital signs.

Leave at home percentage is trending lower.

A trauma standby sheet used when doing training during OTEP would be beneficial. Becky S. will send trauma activation criteria to Andrea.

Regional Council:

N. Region council met on Sept. 19th.

N. Region is struggling with budget issues. Grants are not affected.

There are some chair positions open.

NW Health Regional is asking for volunteer help.

MPD:

There are two new physicians: Dr. Welsh and Dr. McNeilly. Dr. Wayne will stay on for quality management, innovation, and research.

EMS Anniversary Gala will be held on Feb. 8th.

Injury Prevention:

Teen Heart Screen was canceled due to low sign-ups. The next event will be in the Spring.

Car Seat: A 4-day child passenger safety technician course was held in Burlington. Skagit County Fire District 6 hosted 8 students.

22 cars seats were purchased for the Nooksack Indian Tribe.

Fall prevention: The hospital wants to partner with EMS on a Whatcom County fall prevention coalition.

AED's have been placed in Ferndale and Lynden.

The remaining \$430 will be used for signage.

The lock code has been put in PulsePoint.

A distracted driving drill will hopefully take place in the spring.

Stop the Bleed: The last class of the year was held class on Oct 16th. 7 classes were held in 2024.

TAB:

Sept 4th last meeting. A budget update was given.

PH is now offering the treatment regimen for buprenorphine, overuse disorder treatment along with a referral to a local provider.

Hospital:

The request for Pulsearra has been accepted. PH will need to meet with EMS to get it implemented.

The Trauma Improvement Committee has created a subcommittee on injury prevention. Along with distracted driving, there is also interest in focusing on mountain bike injuries.

WC Admin: moving around Nov 15th to State Street.

New Business:

Grant: Granger/Littlewood motion to approve 12,000 in matching funds to match N. Region grant to purchase end-tidal capnography kits.

Education committee membership was approved for Jody Engels.

Council Membership for Dwight Worden and Grace Schackel was approved.

Education committee, CQI, and general council membership were approved for Scott Crowe.

Good of the Order:

Andrea will be on vacation from Nov 1 to 15th

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:15 pm