

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Deborah Arthur, WCEMS
Dawn Carnizzarro, WCFD 17
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Jody Engels, WCFD 7
Erica Littlewood, Ski Patrol

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Wes Segar, WCFD 8
Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7
Robin Stimac, PHSJ
Dr. Emily Welch, PHSJ
Dwight Worden, Cascade

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2025 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Training officers:

At the training officers meeting, they discussed the protocols and the EMS Evaluator class. A December refresher EMS evaluator course was requested.
At the Oct 21 BLS training, Dr. Shannon Boustead will give an introduction to Meth.

6 new CPR instructors were trained on Saturday.
Video grant: The video is in final editing.

DOH wants AEMT and EMR incorporated into the protocols.

CQI:

The CQI meeting was held on Oct 14th. Had a good case review.
Dr. Welch and Dr. McNeilly have started sending more thorough CPR reviews, specifically for shockable cardiac arrests, to both BLS and ALS crews.

TAB:

The last TAB meeting focused on budget concerns.

Hospital:

The ER doctors are starting to use Pulsara internally.
The radio system is being upgraded.
PeaceHealth wants to collaborate with EMS to consider a prehospital blood product program.
Mt Baker Ski Area will be having an aid room refresher training.
Looking at having a cadaver lab in 2026.

Wilderness Medicine Conference is Nov. 2nd.

Teen Heart Screen:

171 students and 17 adults were screened. 3 students had abnormal EKGs, 29 received echos, with 7 abnormal echos. 50 patients had systolic blood pressure greater than 120.

31 patients had a positive history of heart disease. One patient was sent urgently to their PCP. 27 were sent for routine PCP evaluation. 10 were referred to the school RN for follow-up.

132 students did not require any follow-up.

The average age was 15.27.

Of the adults screened, 2 had abnormal EKGs. None of the adults required echos; 11 were hypertensive. 2 were sent for a routine PCP visit.

All participants were taught CPR and learned how to use an AED.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm