

**Education Committee Meeting**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17  
Steve Cohen, WCEMS  
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11  
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14  
Jody Engels, WCFD 7

Mike Hilley, WCEMS  
Tony Melillo, SWRFA  
David Moe, WCFD 14  
Scott Painter, WCFD 7  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

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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:** February 2025 minutes, stand as written

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**REPORTS:**

***North Region:***

The regional membership meeting was held today. The bank account is back up to about \$30,000. They are now working to provide a balanced budget to the state by July.

The grant reimbursement check has been sent to WCEMSTCC.

An extension was approved today for Mike Hilley to stay in the Chair position until the end of 2025.

North Region can receive a \$50,000 performance-based grant and distribute it to the 5 counties. These state funds are for opioid prevention, response, and education. Steve Cohen is taking on the project lead for Whatcom County. A subcommittee was created to begin work related to a new executive director hire. Whatcom County hired Amy Rydell as an IVP specialist.

***Funding:***

The \$12,000 reimbursement check was sent from N Region to Whatcom County EMS & TC Council for the End-Tidal capnography.

***Training officers:***

The training officers are considering bringing in an ITAC class. In the future one-off classes will be offered in place of the Region 3 symposium.

***CQI:***

The next CQI meeting will be in April.

**TAB:**

The last TAB meeting is March 5th

The budget for 2025 is somewhat balanced.

The finance committee is tasked with putting a package together for June/July EOB with recommendations.

The BLS allocation update was discussed.

The Stryker contract upgrade will trade all LIFEPAK 15 with LIFEPAK 35 this summer.

The gurney and stair chairs will be upgraded toward the end of the year.

Will start the Levy planning process in Fall.

OD response: Gordon Tupulua, an opioid response specialist, is available to help with the buprenorphine programs.

**Dr. Wayne report:**

Dr. Wayne would like to create a one-day sports medicine conference for sports teams and is also looking into Wilderness Medicine.

MCI training was discussed.

**Hospital:**

As soon as April 15<sup>th</sup>, the ED will do an initial assessment as EMS walks in the door and determine if they are going straight to a bed or not, which may delay turnaround times.

Pulsara- the hospital has things they need to do before EMS is brought in.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dr. Welch will be doing BLS focus training on end-tidal capnography use.

Steve C. will talk to Dr. Welch about adding capnography use into the protocols.

MCI's: paramedic school does one in the late spring/early summer.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dwight W. presented a proposal of an 8-hour day of skills training to cover all newly hired EMTs at Cascade with the goal of evaluating and bringing them into the county's OTEP plan.

*S. Painter /D. Cannizzaro motion to approve sharing the document as a resource with the condition of renaming it to Whatcom County.*

**Good of the Order:** SWFA is having a special presentation on reproductive health for firefighters at station 21, March 21, at 5:00 pm.

Dr. Wayne will be speaking at FDIC this year on pediatric burns.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm