

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jon Ahrenholz, NWFRS
Brian Atkins, WCFD 1
Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1
Dawn Carnizzarro, WCFD 17
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Michael Lish, WCFD 11
Tony Melillo, NWFRS
Stephen Mitchell, SWFA
Kelley O'Connor, Cascade
Scott Painter, WCFD 7

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7
Dr. Marv Wayne, WCEMS
Dr. Ralph Weiche, MPD
Dr. Emily Welch, PHSJ
Megan Williamson McCarthy, WCFD 19
Dwight Worden, Cascade

Guest: Diana Clinch, WCEMS
Melissa Rodriguez, WCEMS
Robin Stimac, PHSJ

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 2025 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

The North Region council is transferring executive director duties to another region.

Training officers:

Protocols and Handtevy training were discussed.
An Evaluator course was held Saturday, Sept. 13th.
CPR instructor course Oct. 11th

CQI:

The next CQI meeting will be in October.
SADS (Sudden Ambulance Death Syndrome) video was discussed.
Crews that were involved in a CPR with a shockable rhythm will be receiving report cards that are filled out by both Prospect for dispatch information, and by Dr. Welch for all of the BLS elements of CPR after reviewing the monitor file. ALS interventions will be reviewed by Dr. McNeilly, if BFD was involved.

TAB:

The last TAB meeting was spent discussing budget concerns and the possibility of expanding the paramedic program.

Hospital:

The revised Protocols have been approved by DOH. A training video has been made to highlight the major changes.

Dr. Weiche is looking for agencies that want to Beta Test the Pulsara app.

EMS will no longer be participating in the regularly scheduled EMS meeting with the hospital. Dr. Weiche is working on a more effective and efficient way of communication between the hospital and EMS.

BLS education proposal for consideration by the EMS Foundation: Having paramedics provide hands-on training for BLS providers.

Discussed needing to educate BLS providers on airlift criteria changes.

Unfinished Business:

Steve C. has finished filming the opioid response video.

Community paramedics and MSO1 will be carrying buprenorphine.

New Business:

Diana Clinch shared a video on using AI in ImageTrend that is being rolled out.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm