

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Brian Atkins, WCFD 1
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Jody Engels, WCFD 7

Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Tony Melillo, SWRFA
Scott Painter, WCFD 7
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Emily Welch, Supervising Phys
Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2025 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

The general membership meeting was held on March 20th.
They currently have \$16,000 in the bank and expect additional funds next quarter.
Mike Hilley's chair position has been extended until the end of the year, and Chief Bill Harris from Anacortes FD accepted a nomination for the secretary position.
The strategic plan was due on March 15th and has been submitted for review.
A committee was formed to begin work on hiring a new executive director.
The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th.

Funding:

The \$12,000 reimbursement check for the End-Tidal capnography has been received from the N. Region.
The financial audit has been completed.

Training officers:

Region 3 is not likely to continue the symposium due to low registration, but will have regional offerings of one-off classes.
A joint Training Officers Academy is scheduled for late August with District 7 and South Whatcom participating.

CQI:

The CQI meeting is planned for April 23rd at 1:30 PM, where Dr. Welch will discuss the meeting structure without presenting a case this time.
There has been an improvement in the number of vital signs taken.

TAB:

The TAB meeting was held on March 5th.

Concern about Medicaid funding and sales tax stability was discussed.

BLS allocation has been approved.

Stryker refresh will take place in June/July.

McDermott gave a dispatch center update.

Levy planning will start soon.

Discussed the opioid response specialist, Gordon, and how to access the Buprenorphine program.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th.

Hospital:

The hospital has implemented a new system for admitting patients from the waiting room, with doctors performing rapid medical exams in triage for the first few hours of their shift. Dr. Welch emphasizes that these changes may cause temporary chaos but shouldn't affect EMS operations and requests feedback if any issues arise.

Unfinished Business:

A trauma activation presentation by Steve and Becky is available on Rescue Hub and YouTube.

Opioid prevention grant: Will finalize tomorrow.

New Business:

The new protocols are at the state pending feedback.

A video is being worked on to cover changes.

Dr. McNeilly has offered to provide free high-performance CPR training at any interested station. Email Dr. Welch directly if your station would like to take advantage of this offer.

Good of the Order:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm