[WHATCOM COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL]

Education Committee Meeting

September 17, 2026

Committee Members in Attendance:
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Kassie Harkness, WCFD 14
Noa Harwick, PHSJ
Jacob Hill, PHSJ
Michael Lish, WCFD 11
Phil Magistro, BMRC
Megan McCarthy Williamson, WCFD 19
David Moe, WCFD 14
Scott Painter, WCFD 7
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Sean Roberts, BFD
Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7
Robin Stimac, PHSJ
Dr. Emily Welch, Supervising Physician
Dwight Worden, Cascade

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2026 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region/Funding:
Sean Roberts reported the North Region has awarded the Trauma Care Council a $13,000 grant for the Cadaver Lab. That brings the total to just under $40,000 for 2027.

Whatcom County Injury Prevention has been approved $6000 for a bike safety grant.
The AED grant was approved for $3000.
Jacob Hill will seek additional foundation funding for next year's AED project and potential aid stations.

Training officers:
A recruit academy is currently running, with both District 7 and District 14 participating.
Whatcom EMS is hosting an EMS evaluator course on October 10th at station 46. Registration is on Whatcom EMS's Rescue Hub. Megan will reach out to Debbie about 2027 BLS Evaluator Classes and give an update at the next Education meeting.

CQI:
Discussion took place on the importance of patient leave-at-home documentation, including assessment, rationale, consultation, and alternatives considered. Also, include the name of the consulting doctor.

Hospital:
Changes have been made to the trauma activation criteria.
Jacob Hill will contact the former teen heart-screening program assistant to determine whether a spring screening event can be scheduled.

Unfinished Business:
The last few edits of the Protocols are done. Once Dr. Welch approves, they will go to the state.

2027 OTEP Scenarios: Will have a meeting at the end of September. The target is to have at least Q1 2027 scenarios complete by December 1st.

A drop-down will be added to the community paramedic button in ImageTrend so the reason they are needed can be communicated. Education will be pushed out when it becomes available.

Cadaver Lab has been rescheduled to November 17th and 18th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm