

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jon Ahrenholz, NWFRS
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Jody Engels, WCFD 7
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Michael Lish, WCFD 11
Erica Littlewood, SWFA

David Moe, WCFD 14
Scott Painter, WCFD 7
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Wes Segar, BFD
Becky Stermer, SJPH
Robin Stimac, SJPH
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Dr. Emily Welch, Supervising Phys
Dwight Worden, Cascade

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2025 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

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. The work needs to be done by June 30th. There are openings on the North Region Council.

Funding:

The reimbursement request for capnography kits was submitted.

Training officers:

A new training consortium was created.
The training tower project is being worked on.
The protocol updates were discussed.
MCI instructor for BLS focus training is needed.
Handtevy: there was an increase in users over the summer at the BLS level.

CQI:

Quarterly BLS training: Dr. Welch gave a training on CQI which is now on RescueHub and also <https://youtu.be/Wa1qx-BCik8>

TAB:

The next TAB meeting is March 5th

This summer, the Stryker contract upgrade will trade all LIFEPAK 15's with LIFEPAK 35's. Upgrades to gurneys will be in the fall and will come with new batteries, chargers, and mattresses.

Hospital:

New trauma activation criteria will be effective March 3rd.

The ER has been full with record-breaking numbers.

Unfinished Business:

Recommend including the training module Wes Segar created in the quarterly CPR training. Training Steve put out.

Death with Dignity was discussed.

Community Outreach Manager, Daniela Miranda from MAID(Medical Aid in Dying), is willing to tailor education to our county needs.

New Business:

Dwight W. presented a proposal of an 8- hour days of skills training to cover all new EMT's coming in at Cascade with the goal of evaluating and bringing them into the county's OTEP plan.

Steve and Becky will work together to distribute the new criteria and education for the trauma activation change.

Good of the Order:

Kudos to Lynden and Bellingham for an ambulance call.

The Gala event was a great time.

Kudos to SEI's for all their hard work.

EMS Bills that are in legislation currently:

SB 5201	HB 1722
HB 1545	HB 1864
PSSB5229 Commitment...OD	HB 1809 advance behavioral health
HB 1187	training
HB 1724	HB 1828

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