

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

Duncan McLane, WCFD 11

Dawn Carnizzaro, WCFD 17

Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth

Chad Baar, Lynden

Gary Baar, Lynden

Gene Bell, Treasurer

Janice Lapsansky, WCFD 7

Erica Littlewood, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol

Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

Rod Topel, SWFA

James White, Border Patrol

Michael Hilley, WCEMS

Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol

Wendy Paton, Remote Medical

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Sam Llobet, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol

Denise Christensen, WCFD 14

Marc Davis, Lynden

John Granger, Airlift NW

Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS

Omar Mejia, WCFD 18

Josh Morell, SWFA

Justin Thompson, WCFD 8

Marv Wayne, MPD

Therese Williams, BTC

Brian Wilson, SJMC

Mannix McDonnell, BFD

Don Paton, Remote Medical

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, held at station 31, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2018 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

There are 3 applications for general council membership.

Amendments were made to bylaws to add terminology for EMS Manager and supervising physicians, and to add corresponding positions on the council as advisory members:

Article IV

Whatcom County EMS Manager: Shall mean the manager hired by Whatcom County to provide oversight of the EMS delivery system.

Prehospital Supervising Physician: Shall mean physicians contracted by agencies to provide QA, quality of care, education, and procurement oversight of EMS supplies and equipment.

ARTICLE V

Section 1

D. The Whatcom County EMS Manager to serve as an advisory member to the council.

E. Whatcom County Supervising Physicians to serve as an advisory member to the council.

Dr. Wayne would like the council to consider making the EMS Manager a voting member.

Finance:

The council holds \$288,000 in cash. The investment fund is down a bit due to conservative investments. The council is on budget for first quarter. Net income was \$5400. The tax return will be done before May 15th.

Education:

i-gel training is ongoing.

Encourage system to get paramedic program up and certified.

Promote purchasing of i-gel

Dr. Wayne suggests changeover to avoid confusion that may occur if there are two choices.

CQI:

The last CQI meeting was held on March 29th. Becky did a case review focusing on trauma and the elderly.

Need to read elderly patients a little closer and work with charge nurses.

Would like to have more information from the responding agency as well as from ER in the future.

Suggest laminating charge activation criteria's and put in rigs so responders are looking at the same thing as the charge nurses are.

Regional Council:

There were two meetings: Quality assurance meeting and the general meeting.

Focus this quarter was trauma and most of the talk was regarding Hospital transfers, both Ground and airlift.

Skagit has airlift go to the hospital and take patients from there.

The region is doing better the last few years on keeping patients in the region rather than transferring them out of region.

Received reports from each district at the General Meeting.

North Region Injury prevention grant applications are due by June 27th

Regional grant opens July 1st

MPD:

i-gel is easier to use than the king tube

The hospital has committed to purchase three translucent back plates. An invoice has been given to Dr. Marschke for the three back plates.

MPD committee meets once a year.

BLS protocols have been approved by state.

Alternate transport facility in Whatcom County will eventually be available. The Whatcom County Triage Shelter will be expanding in the next year.

Injury Prevention:

Teen Heart Screen will take place at Ferndale High School on May 30th.

Training will take place prior to the event. The dates for training have not been set.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Contact Jennifer if your agency is having drills or you would like to set something up.

Safety Fair will be held June 2nd at Barkley.

Tulip Pedal on April 21st still needs volunteers.

Stop the Bleed: North Region encourages agencies to apply for stop the bleed grant.

One idea is to purchase some kits which have a tourniquet and a coagulant.

North Region suggests putting together your own kit.

Most agencies are adding Stop the Bleed to CPR training.

Erica: Impact teen drivers program sponsored by California Casualty will take place in Burlington.

Will hold a Train the trainer course in summer/fall

TAB:

Paramedic training was discussed. Work is being done to get BTC program up and running.

Unfinished BUSINESS:

North Region Grant- need to send in reimbursement information by June 1st.

SGA Training-most agencies have finished training.

PulsePoint: Reminder when teaching a class to the public to remind them to download the PulsePoint app.

Need to discuss with school districts

AED for law enforcement-need to follow up

ASHI – Erica will have train the trainer class in summer/fall.

New Business

i-gel purchase- It will cost roughly \$10,000 to purchase size 3 & 4's.

Jerry made motion for council to pay for i-gels. Seconded by Ben. Motion Approved.

The Council will order in bulk from Life Assist.

Membership applications for Sam Llobet, Mannix McDonnell and Jared Wilhite were approved by the council.

Bylaw amendment:

Ben made motion to approve bylaw amendments, Denise seconded. Motion Approved.

Ballots:

No floor nominations were made for either position.

Duncan McLane was voted as president and Ben Boyko was voted as 2nd vice President.

Good of the order:

Congratulations to Marc Davis whose baby boy was born 3 days ago.

Ben and Duncan attended the Chuckanut Foundation luncheon.

Gene invited all to Four Points Sheraton on the 17th at 6pm.

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With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:30pm