

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Duncan McLane, President, WCFD 11
Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Paul Pluschakov, BFD
Marc Davis, Lynden
Jennifer Squire, SWFA
Jennifer Keim, PH
Sam Llobet, Ski Patrol
Adam Anderson, WCFD 16
Justina Bass, WCFD 16
Rick Kowsky, Cascade
Chad Baar, Lynden

Erica Littlewood, Ski Patrol
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Jared Wilhite, Customs
Becky Stermer, PH
Scott Ryckman, BFD
Marv Wayne, MPD
John Granger, WCFD 11
Gary Baar, Treasurer
Mike Hill, WCFD 8
Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2021 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The council received 8 applications for council membership, 3 applications for the Education Committee, and 2 applications for the CQI committee. The executive board recommended that all applications go forward to the council for approval.

Discussed revising the bylaws by adding supervising physicians as advisory members to CQI and Education committees. All members will get a copy of the recommended changes before the July meeting.

Finance:

Checking: \$7688

Savings: \$199,504

Investment Account: \$250,474

Education:

- Resuscitation Academy: meeting on April 13th to work on ALS/BLS integration.
- Q2 scenarios were approved by the education committee and have been distributed.
- OTEP ad hoc subcommittee worked on 2022-2024 Whatcom County OTEP plan
- Rescue Hub Subcommittee: will take 4-6 weeks to make most of the requested corrections. Administration of Rescue Hub will come up at Education Committee.
- ESE Evaluator courses: will be offering more soon.
- CPAP: may be doing class later in the year. Would like to roll it out by 3rd or 4th quarter.
- Nebs training was rolled out a couple months ago.
- Protocols: recommending a second set of pads get put on before LUCAS gets placed.
- Supervisory Physicians have agreed to the AHA recommendation to train EMT's to do a displacement of a fetus during CPR: pull or push baby off vena cava during chest compressions.

CQI:

CQI meeting was held April 8th, the case review was on a significant trauma.

Recommendations:

- be aware and open to upgrading your response as appropriate when the on-scene evaluations differ from the initial dispatch
- Keep skills up so if technology fails you can go back to basics
- Avoid tunnel vision of prearrival reports
- Consider additional ALS training for using existing IV ports

Data:

Looked at ground level falls data. Will be figuring out what details need to look at.

Last quarter there were 43 Narcan administrations, 64 BLS Stroke transports, 23 CPR calls and 32 i-gel insertions. No equipment failures or complications. 56 patient requests and disposition reviews. 6 autopsy reports.

There is a request to add a Disposition request button to Image Trend epcr.

Dawn C. has been appointed as co-chair to CQI Committee and has been updating the CQI Plan.

Regional Council:

Ben Boyko is stepping down as representative for Whatcom County. Will need more representation from Whatcom County.

Next meeting is on July 8th.

MPD:

Completed the alignment of the new Lifepak 15's, gurneys, and LUCAS devices.

Protocols have had mild revisions, mostly for ALS.

MPD meeting is next week.

Looking at starting a new immediate trial at the start of next year.
Looking at new concept called heads up CPR.

Injury Prevention:

There have not been any Teen Heart Screen events due to Covid.
Fall prevention fall coalition: Mike H. has been working on the state fall coalition.
Started a local group here in partnership with St. Joes, EMS and NW Regional council to come up with a program to reduce falls, look at data and maybe post discharge preventions.

data from EMS side:

450 classified as ground level falls in 2020. Average height was 3 ft
Broken down by age/agencies/disposition/how many were treated and transported

data from hospital:

MOI 2020 Ground level falls was over 50% of injury patient population
Hospital has good data, just need to figure out how can we use the data to help people.
Will combine data from EMS and the hospital.

grant update: recent HUD grant -\$500,000 over 3-year period that would include an OT therapist.
The grant offers money to be used for ramps, grab bars, etc. to make homes safer. Hoping N
Regional council, opportunity council or the hospital would put in. Applications due May 15

N Regional Council would still like us to use referral form. They are still processing and accepting referrals. Need to look at updating the form, perhaps making it electronic thru ImageTrend.

Child safety passenger safety program still going strong yet remotely. Only have 18 active technicians in the four counties. Hoping to hold a technician class in June and another in October.

The Safety Fair in Barkley Village is the largest attended fundraiser, usually have around 3000 attendees. Possible date of Saturday, August 7th this year. Will put some thought into how to hold it safely.

Biggest fundraiser is the Tulip Pedal Bike Ride, held Saturday April 17th.

TAB

TAB met on March 3rd and discussed the following:

-Equipment exchange program.

A subcommittee will be updating the document for vacuum splints and power cots.

Translucent backing plate: Not seeing as many patients going straight to cath lab so will not be recommending buying more.

Primary units still have them and should be utilized first.

-Medic 75 should be up and running middle of next year.

-Paramedic school: passed motion for EOB to approve the 829,000 budget. EOB Passed it with concerns about cost of class and the sustainability of it. Talked about inviting outside county members to utilize the school.

-KPI: set some basic KPI for response times, cardiac save rates.

-Medic units responding to echo fires and what their roles will be.

-Whatcom County Ambulance Franchise ordinance will be looked at to see what needs to be changed.

Hospital:

Simulation drills will be every 4-6 weeks.

Working on a fragility fracture order set.

'Left without being seen' numbers in ED have gone down.

Hospital is working on an expansion project that will take several years.

WC Admin:

Paramedic School: County Council passed the budget but there is concern about the price and sustainability.

Levy planning - Strategic Plan has a target date of May.

Input wanted on EMS Training, (EMT Classes, SEI's, ESE's, CPR instructors)

Crisis stabilization center is open and have taking patients since Jan 15th

Protocols for mental health diversion is being worked on.

Unfinished business:

Bylaws: Scott Ryckman will help Erica with the bylaw revisions. If you would like to help, please contact Erica.

New Business:

Jerry DeBruin made a motion to approve all applications. All applications were approved unanimously.

Elections:

Jerry DeBruin was voted in for 1st Vice President position.

Erica Littlewood was voted in for position of secretary.

Confirmation for CQI Co-chair Dawn Cannizzaro took place.

Erica proposed that WCEMSTCC open meetings with a land acknowledgment.

Good of the order

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:17 pm