

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Adam Anderson, WCFD 16

Chad Baar, Lynden

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Mel Blankers, WCFD 1

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Steven Cohen, WCEMS

Marc Davis, Lynden

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

John Granger, WCFD 11

Mike Hill, WCFD 8

Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS

Rick Kowsky, Cascade

John Lewis, BFD

Michael Lish, WCFD 11

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Greg Macy, WCFD 1

Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Jennifer Squire, SWFA

Rod Topel, SWFA

Shaun Ward, NWFRS

Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

Jeremy Wilson, STS

Guest: Jennifer Keim, SJPH

CALL TO ORDER: 1st VP Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:06 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2022 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The Executive Board discussed the following items:

-Election for President and 2nd Vice President.

-Recommendations for finances: keep investment in Capital Group and possibly move some funds from the WECU savings account into a short-term investment account.

-Matching funds from council for airway manikins purchased with N. Region grant.

-Proposal to increase operations manager salary to \$30/hr.

Motion: (Kowsky/Petrie) to increase operations manager salary to \$30/hour. All in favor; Motion was approved

Finance:

Checking: \$6,435

Savings: \$189,796

Capital Group Investment Account: \$293,788

Treasurer Gary Baar recommends keeping the council investments at Capital Group. He will look into short time investment options for a portion of the funds from the WECU savings account.

Education:

Resuscitation academy is being worked on.

Paramedic class is going strong.

East County EMT class just finished.

BTC EMT class is starting soon.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on April 7th

KPI's: still monitoring pelvic sling and glucose monitoring.

There is button in Image Trend for patient feedback.

Discussed EMS provider care on difficult calls.

CQI Plan: CQI Plan was revised for 2022 and distributed for review.

Motion: (Granger/Boyko) to approve the 2022 CQI Plan with the change from blood thinner to anticoagulant. All in favor, Motion was approved.

Regional Council:

Martina Nicolas has resigned as Executive Director of North Region Council.

Mike Hilley has accepted the position of treasurer.

Grants were awarded.

MPD:

MPD meetings have been taking place at the state level: Discussed covid response, protocol development and Handtevy pediatric system.

Removed the term "excited delirium" from protocols. Replace with the term combative agitation.

Injury Prevention:

April 30th: YMCA Healthy Kids Day at Shuksan Middle School.

May 7th: Care Seat Check event at Britton Loop Station.

Received \$2100 to buy car seats for low-income families

Safety Fair is scheduled for the first Saturday in June.

Teen heart screen may take place in the fall.

Steve Cohen has been teaching online Community CPR.

PeaceHealth is working with Children's hospital on a gun safety course for the fall.

TAB

Levy preparation and 5th medic unit work is ongoing.
BLS funding moved onto EOB and county council.

Hospital:

Staff will be shuttled to hospital during parking garage construction. Construction on another tower where the new ED will be housed, will begin after the garage construction.

The hospital continues to have staffing issues.

Covid numbers have significantly dropped to where there is only one covid unit.

Trauma has been increasingly busy. There has been a big increase in penetrating injuries.

Provider suicide prevention symposium put on by N. Region EMS is online 8am – noon May 12th.

http://www.northregionems.com/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/form_page.cfm&formID=70528

Tulip Pedal needs volunteers on April 23rd.

WC Admin:

Rosalee Cowan has started working full time in the office as EMS Coordinator.

Unfinished business:

Bylaws will be revisited in July

New Business:

N. Region approved \$16,000 for airway grant.

Motion: (Wayne/Kowsky) to approve up to \$10,000 for the purchase of airway manikins. All in favor, Motion was approved.

Motion (Petrie/Cannizzaro) to approve the applications of Ben Russell to the CQI Committee, and John Lewis, Michael Lish and Ben Russell to the council. All in favor, Motion was approved.

The nominating committee, Erica Littlewood and John Granger, recommend Jerry DeBruin for president and Ben Boyko as 2nd Vice President.

There were no floor nominations.

Jerry DeBruin was elected as president and Ben Boyko was elected as 2nd Vice President

The 1st Vice President position is now open and can be filled at the next council meeting in July.

Peer support groups are available.

Good of the order

Cascade Ambulance was purchased by Metro West Ambulance on March 16th.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm