

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer	Sam Llobet, Mt Baker Ski
Justina Bass, WCFD 16	Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7	Mitch Nolze, SWFA
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Christopher Carlson, WCFD 5	Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Steven Cohen, WCEMS	Jennifer Squire, SWFA
David Darrah, WCFD 18	Becky Stermer, SJPH
Marc Davis, Lynden	Kristie Watson, Lynden
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Marvin Wayne, MPD
John Granger, WCFD 11	Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol
Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16	Jeremy Wilson, STS
Michel Hilley, WCEMS	Guest: Susie Johnson, SJPH
Michael Lish, WCFD 11	Guest: Diana Clinch, WCEMS
Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski	Guest: Jennifer Keim, SJPH

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2023 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The executive board recommends the approval of the council membership applications for Kristie Watson and Kassie Harkness and the CQI membership application for Justina Bass.

The executive board recommends approving a raise of \$2.00/hr. for the council operations manager.

Finance:

As of March 31, 2023:

Checking account balance: \$4,426

Savings account balance: \$127,146

Capital Group Investment Account balance: \$277,843

Education:

Subcommittee: working on clarification, identifying roles and streamlining processes.

Cpap will remain on backburner for now.

Discussed having blood products on the medic units.

The overuse of NARCAN was discussed. The goal is to get the patient to breathe.

Info will be going out soon on the position change of pad placement.

EMS evaluator class will take place on May 20th

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on April 20th.

Dawn C. is stepping down as co-chair of CQI. Both the co-chair position and the secretary position are open.

CQI Committee would like to have one or two representatives from the agencies.

Next CQI meeting will be in July.

Regional Council:

The Strategic plan was updated and submitted last week.

M. Hilley updated trauma response zones.

Discussed education and pooled resources in the area of training.

Looking into whether anyone is interested in a 3-county training plan.

A few leadership positions are still open.

Looking for more representation from Whatcom County.

MPD:

Whole Blood program: Looking for approval from the hospital.

Minor protocols changes have been made and uploaded to Handtevy.

Injury Prevention:

Safe Kids Northwest: There is interest from some Skagit county agencies to join.

Looking into who the lead agency will be and how to manage financial side of things.

Safety Fair will be on Saturday, June 3rd at Barkley.

Have 24 attendees including two helicopters.

Need more Fire/EMS participation.

There were two attendees from Whatcom County at the Fire and Life safety educator training that took place in Pasco in March.

Trained 15 new car technicians at the car seat technician class in Everett last week.

May 6th -free car seat safety checks in Skagit county.

PulsePoint Verified responder- D7 had 3 activations within a month. Encourage chiefs to offer this in their departments.

Teen Heart Screen: Looking to run one event in the fall and another in the spring.

TAB

Discussed at March 1st meeting:

First Response and ALS providers contracts.

Medic 75 update was given.

Paramedic school: had oversight board meeting and discussed the accreditation process. Ben Russell was elected to chair of the paramedic training group.

Hospital:

Officially redesignated as level 2 trauma center.

Covid cases with staff have been rising so masking requirement is back.

WCEMS are holding Stop the Bleed classes at least once a quarter.

May 4th DUI and Distracted Driving Drill at Meridian High School.

WCEMS is putting a labor pool together of ESE's and SEI's for training classes.

Dr. Wayne will be Co-Marshall for Ski to Sea Parade and would like to honor EMS.

Unfinished business:

Protocols need to be reviewed by each provider before June 30th

Handtevy has been updated.

New Business:

Motion: (Boyko/Davis) to increase the operations manager wage to \$32/hr. All in favor; Motion was approved.

Motion: (Boyko/Nolze) to accept council membership applications of Kristie Watson and Kassie Harkness and the CQI application for Justina Bass. All applications unanimously approved.

Council Board Elections:

Marc Davis was voted in for 1st Vice President and Ben Russell for the Secretary position.

Good of the order

Chuck Henkel retirement will be at station 1 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in Bellingham.

Great outcome for Cardiac Event at Mt. Baker Ski Area.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:14 pm