



**WCEMSTCC**  
**Continuous Quality Improvement Committee**

March 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the CQI Committee was called to order at 17:01 on **26 March 2019** at the Chestnut Building by Chief Duncan McLane, Interim Co-Chair.

Agency/Position	First Name	Last Name	1/4/18	3/29/18	7/5/18	10/4/18	1/17/19	3/26/19
MPD; Co-Chair	Marv	Wayne	✓	✓	exc	✓	exc	exc
Supervising MD BFD	Emily	Junck	✓		✓	✓		✓
Co-Chair	Josh	Morell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
QA Coordinator	Kris	Jorgensen	✓	exc	✓	exc	exc	exc
Secretary	Janice	Lapsansky	✓	exc	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Mel	Blankers						
5	Chris	Carleton						
7	Janice	Lapsansky	✓	exc	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Ben	Boyko	✓	exc	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Duncan	McLane		✓		✓	✓	✓
11	Dan	Ohms	✓			exc	exc	Granger
14	Jerry	DeBruin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Matt	Cook						
17	Dawn	Cannizzaro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Omar	Mejia					✓	
19	Ben	Thompson						
ALNW/11	John	Granger	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
BFD (guest)	Joe	Frank	✓	✓		✓		
Dispatch	Sheila	Hanlon		✓		✓		✓
Lynden	Gary	Baar	✓				Billmire	?N/A
Mt Baker Ski	Erica	Littlewood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NWFRS	Kris	Jorgenson	✓	exc	✓	exc	exc	exc
PH Trauma Mngr	Becky	Stermer	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Trauma Registrar	Jennifer	Keim	✓			exc		
STEMI Coord	Lucy	Autumn						
Stroke Coord	Terry	Carter						
SWFA	Josh	Morell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SJH ED								
WCEMS Manager	Mike	Hilley		✓	✓	exc	✓	✓
Guest (Seattle Fire)	Claire	Nordeen		✓				
Whatcom ME	Gary	Goldfogal						✓

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the 17 January 2019 CQI Committee meeting were approved by consensus.

## B. Agenda and Discussion Items

1. Dr. Goldfogal lead invited discussion on EMS interactions with ME in Whatcom Co.
  - a. Distinguished the roles of ME vs. Coroner
  - b. 5 categories of **non-natural death** that need ME investigation (15% of deaths in Whatcom Co); another 15% NJA (non-jurisdictional authority)
    - Suicide
    - Homicide
    - Undetermined
    - Therapeutic/medical “misadventure”
    - Accident
      - Exceptions are GLF >70 (most die within 12 mo)
  - c. Autopsy begins as soon as EMS pronounces the patient dead; do nothing as soon as patient is declared dead; ask ME if unsure
    - Lines, bags, devices, tubes, etc. are left in place; identify (e.g. circle) marks made by EMS to distinguish b/w marks made by patient or others
    - Similarly, EMS should report any injuries caused by interventions
  - d. Discussed damage done by LUCAS device (time dependent); **remove ASAP** after ceased efforts; placement **too high or too low** on sternum increases chances of sternal/rib fractures
  - e. Let ME’s office know when new devices are introduced into the system, e.g. IGel
  - f. Dr. Goldfogal invites any and all interested EMS to observe autopsies; text 360-920-3818 to begin arrangements
  - g. Mike Hilley will work with Dr. Goldfogal to allow access to information in ImageTrend PCR
  - h. Specific incident discussed regarding getting EMS back into service. Each incident is different; suggested moving body in body bag to fire station. Some tension between EMS and LE on scene; communication is key. Dr. Goldfogal is sensitive to these issues. LE has jurisdiction over the scene; the ME has jurisdiction over the body.
2. CQI Plan update
  - a. Notes from planning meeting discussed (3/13/19)
  - b. Transfer of Survey Monkey data collection to Image trend nearly complete
    - Be certain that all CAREs data is collected (e.g. add ResQPump as piece of equipment)
  - c. Chief McLane will organize a second meeting
3. High performance CPR training needs discussed; goals need to be identified. Education Committee to organize a Resuscitation workshop (BLS evaluators) with a focus on feedback during training and after calls
  - a. Schedule station visits (using OOS Aid Unit?)
  - b. Sim Man (4 in county)
  - c. Universal feedback/rating tool (including CodeStat access)
  - d. Lucas training (missing county-wide training)

- e. Health Information Exchange (HIE), \$8K – stopped at PH Systems
- 4. CQI representation from Lynden (Chief Billmire?) and Dist. 11 (Scott Zander? [szander@nwairlift.org](mailto:szander@nwairlift.org))
- 5. Incidents involving ED triage and patient disposition issues discussed. EEE must be used to report these incidents. Timing to coincide with PH initiative “Safety Stop”
- 6. Dispatch doing QA on fire, medical, and CPR calls; compliance required for upcoming accreditation; surpassing compliance
- 7. New air ambulance in Port Angeles (Life Flight). If Airlift NW unavailable, this other civilian resource should be called before Whidbey NAS. Dr. Sullivan has a decision tree that may help agencies.

**C. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Reports on action items  
Case review  
Update of CQI Plan

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1915 by Chief Duncan McLane, Interim Co-Chair. The next CQI meeting on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, at Chestnut Building.

**Minutes submitted by:** Janice Lapsansky, Secretary