Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Matt Cagle, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Steven Cohen, WCEMS
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Michael Lish, WCFD 11
Erica Littlewood, SWFA

Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Tony Melillo, SWFA
Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Scott Ryckman, WCFD 7
Shaun Ward,
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Physician

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2022 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

A suicide prevention half day conference will take place in Anacortes on May 11th
State is requesting all agencies that received a grant write a small narrative on how the grant was used and the benefits.

N. Region is looking at how to distribute grants differently in the future.

Funding:

Andrea will purchase the EMT course equipment.

Training Officers:

Training officers annual conference has been moved to February 3rd & 4th. WCFD 11 canceled pediatric assessment class. WCFD 1 will have an ISO Course on March 11th and 12th and on April 27th and 28th

Bylaws are being revisited for training officers.

Training officers are looking at taking more ownership over regional type training.

CQI:

Last meeting was on Jan 5th

Still receiving info regarding support for EMT's and Medics.

Open positions for CQI Co-chair and secretary.

Bellingham will do next case review.

Be aware of geriatric car crash patients-they do not always present typically.

TAB:

Next meeting is March 1st.

May increase the budget for Vacuum mattresses.

Hospital:

The hospital is in the process of hiring a new CMO. The goal is to have the position filled by end of March.

MPD:

Seattle is converting IN Narcan to IM Narcan.

Overdosing of Narcan and the need to educate citizens and law enforcement was discussed.

Fentanyl is being mixed with xylazine.

Discussed Shock vector change: Put on another set of pads opposite and use vector change after 3 unsuccessful shocks.

Steve will get a notice put together before next ed meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Handtevy:

Made a few changes with protocols.

Will be ready as soon as ImageTrend fixes a bug.

Will Have a video to introduce everyone to Handtevy.

Diana Clinch, the new data analyst, started February 13th

Subcommittee:

Would like to work on the basics of OTEP and get ESEs organized.

BLS Evaluator Course:

Dates are set for the year for the 8-hour class.

WCEMS will pay for the instructor cost and cost of putting on the class. Class is full on Feb. 25th at Lynden City Annex.

Discussed medical radio usage with hospital.

WCEMS is looking for SEI's for their EMT class.

BLS training on documentation will be on March 9 at 7:00 pm.

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Paramedic class started 4-5 weeks ago and is a full class of 10 people. Once the site visits are done the Paramedic class will be fully accredited.

Medic 75 is up and going.

Virtual Reality: SWFA tried out and the responders loved the VR but there were lots of problems.

New Business:

Good of the Order:

Sheila Hanlon from prospect has retired.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm