

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Matt Cagle, WCFD 7
Steven Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Michael Lish, WCFD 11

Erica Littlewood, Ski Patrol
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2023 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

Annual audit is being completed.

A subcommittee will be put together to work on equitable way to split grant money next year.

One more council position is open for Whatcom County.

The secretary position is also open.

Funding:

Reimbursement has been submitted for the vacuum mattress splints.

WCEMS ordered 25 mattress splints that will be shipped to Lynden.

Training Officers:

A protocol committee is being established.

Discussed establishing an OTEP committee.

7 candidates for the EMS Evaluator course.

BLS focused training march 19th will be on pediatrics.

May 18th evaluator course will be at Station 46.

Narcan/CPR for the public will be next Wednesday.

Information session on grant funded EMT course on Saturday.

Please email Steve Cohen if you have interest in joining the EMS conference committee.

High performance CPR course April 20th will be in Garden Room.

Manikins and Stop the Bleed Training Kits are available for agencies to borrow.

CQI:

I-gel: need to mandate measurement of CO2. Will look into options for purchasing.

Jennifer Keim has agreed to be a co-chair.

TAB:

Discussed at last TAB meeting:

- Subcommittee with priority list.
- Subcommittee for another medic unit placement.
- Medic class.

Hospital:

BLS providers: Charge nurses would like diastolic/basic vital signs.

Opioid problem: State may approve BLS able to give Suboxone.

Lummi is willing to take patients, and cascade medical is willing to take patients.

Narcan: DO NOT WAKE PATIENT UP, just want them breathing.

New Business:

2025-2027 OTEP committee: Ben Russell will chair, with Steven Cohen and possibly Scott Ryckman.

Good of the Order:

Teen Heart Screen March 8th-looking for female volunteers.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm