

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Steven Cohen, WCEMS

Marc Davis, Lynden

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

John Granger, WCFD 11

Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16

Mike Hill, WCFD 8

Michel Hilley, WCEMS

Robert Howery, WCFD 17

Jennifer Keim, SJPH

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Sam Llobet, Mt Baker Ski

Greg Macy, WCFD 1

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Becky Stermer, SJPH

Kristie Watson, Lynden FD

Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD

Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol

Jeremy Wilson, STS

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: October 2023 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The executive board recommends approving Jennifer Keim's N. Region reappointment and the CQI application for Jody Engels.

Finance:

As of Dec 31, 2023:

Checking: \$16,556

Savings: \$110,850

Capital Group Investment Account: \$319,613

Will have an audit done on the books this year and create a schedule for future audits.

Education:

The January Education Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather.

The OTEP plan for 2025-2027 will be addressed at the next meeting.

22 vacuum splints were ordered with the N Region Grant.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on April 20th
The CQI co-chair position and secretary position is open.

Regional Council:

There is a new CQI committee co-chair and three new N. Region council members including Chief DeBruin. The Secretary position is open.

Trauma activation criteria for the state has been changed.

Secondary Traumatic Stress Training with Pat Ellis will be held on Feb. 29th 1800 in the Garden Room at 322 N. Commercial St. Bellingham.

Next N. Region meeting is in March.

MPD:

Attended National Association of Physicians meeting in TX

Injury Prevention:

Teen Heart Screen: March 8th at the old Lynden Middle school for Lynden Christian and Lynden.
The walk thru will be on Jan 25th.

Car Seats:

Received \$1200 from the chief's association to purchase 12 car seats.
9 car seats were given away in January.
Will have \$1000 from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to purchase more car seats later in the year and have applied for a grant from Bellingham Bay Rotary for \$2400.

SafeKids Northwest:

Need to meet to discuss getting SafeKids up and running again.

TAB:

The last meeting was on Jan. 10th
Discussed 2024 work planning
Paramedic class started in January.

Hospital:

Trauma simulation on 7th

Reminder: penetrating wounds to the head, neck, chest, abdomen, back, and groin is full trauma activation.

Injury prevention: There will be a high school impaired and distracted driving drill this year.

J. Keim will be reaching out to EMS agencies for help, once a high school location is decided.

WC administration:

WCEMS office has a new employee named Melissa Rodriguez.

Unfinished Business:

Pioneer Human Services requests to become an ESSO Agency: An ad hoc committee consisting of Marc Davis, John Granger, and Scott Ryckman met in November. Will report at April meeting.

New Business:

Jennifer Keim approved for North Region.

Jody Engels CQI committee membership was approved.

WCEMSTCC will partner with PeaceHealth to provide AEDs at youth sports fields.

Motion to match the hospital funds of \$5000.00 (Ben Boyko/Dawn C.) All approved, contingent upon if the subcommittee can create a feasible, plan.

Subcommittee was formed: Jennifer Keim, Marc Davis, Robert Howery, Steve Cohen, and Jeremy Wilson.

Bring to ops or chiefs so every agency can come up with a list of locations.

Rachel Lucy is hospital contact.

The President and 2nd VP positions are up for election this year.

Ben Russell will head the nominating committee with help from Dawn Cannizzaro and Erica Littlewood.

Good of the order

A provider received a PulsePoint alert and was able to make a save at Safeway Lynden.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:08 pm