

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer	Duncan McLane, WCFD 11
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Denise Christensen, WCFD 14	Justin Thompson, WCFD 8
David Darrah, WCFD 18	Rod Topel, SWFA
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD
Michael Hilley, EMS Manager	Guests:
Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker	Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth
Greg Macy, WCFD 1	
Justin Thompson, BFD	

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2020 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive: No report

Finance:

Checking: \$9157

Savings: \$199504

Investment Account: \$250,243

\$458904 total assets

Education:

Nebulizer training is on Rescue Hub. The training is voluntary.

S. Cohen taught some train-the-trainer classes last week.

Salt Triage kits; getting rid of “bracelets” and going back to rolls of tape.

New gurneys are on their way. Training will be thru ops if needed.

Evaluator classes program is being firmed up.
Manikins are available to check out from the Council Office.
Send your agencies AED inventory info to Andrea.

CQI:

CQI meeting was held last week. Had good case review on a CPR call that was pulmonary embolism that the patient survived.
Will be looking at ground level falls at April meeting.
Becky S. volunteered with Marv to update the trauma part the CQI plan.

Discussion on i-gel movement. More likely to be push back due to its design.
Timing is critical: make sure chest is on rise.
Steve S. will start as Co-chair with Dr. Wayne in April.

Regional Council:

N. Region E-board on Jan. 14th
N. Region General and QI meeting on Jan 28th

MPD:

Protocols are out and are on Rescue Hub.
Nebs training is voluntary.
Looking at results of CQI and where we move on from that.
Vaccinations: Was able to negotiate with hospital and everyone who wanted to get immunized has been.

Concerns were expressed that Whatcom EMS is bypassing management of agencies.
The main concern was with direct communications and assignments to responders.
Would like communications and assignment to funnel thru the training officers.
Discussed how assignments were assigned in RH.
Rescue Hub is new and a work in progress.

Injury Prevention:

B. Stermer: would like to work on decreasing ground level falls.
Distributed the N. Region mini grants: SWFA received funds for new PFD's and remaining funds went to Safe Kids coalition.
Erica received an award for safe kid child seat project.
Drastically low numbers of car seat techs in the region. Next training will be this spring at South Snohomish.

NARCAN KITS are still available.
Permissible to leave Narcan kits with stay-at-home patients.

TAB

TAB met at the beginning of month. ALS360 equipment was approved by council on Dec 14th
Delivery estimate of mid-February.

Levy planning -all 4 sub committees are up and running. (Finance, communications, ALS/BLS and EMS Administration.) Duncan is chair and Mike H. as co-chair.

2021 topics: equipment exchange, deficiencies specifically thru dispatch, 5th medic implantation and verified responder.

Vaccinations: 400 scheduled last Thursday. Thank you everyone involved for the great effort.

Hospital:

New Trauma surgeon- Patricia Franklin.

New PA with trauma program, Allen C. and a new nurse practitioner.

COVID cases at hospital going up. Currently have 25 patients in hospital.

Stricter visitor restrictions are taking place.

Highest registry Trauma volume ever.

Walk in entrance under construction in order to distance and increase security area and create a triage greeter area.

WC Admin:

Steve Cohen started as training officer second week of November.

Fall prevention on top of priority list for 2021.

Paramedic schools budget worked on.

Two out of county students from Camino Island. (\$21,000 per student)

Spring transition from Rob Stevenson to Micah Cantrell as next course director.

Levy planning in full gear now.

Unfinished business: none

New Business:

Boyko motion to approve Dawn Cannizzaro's Education Committee member application. Approved unanimously.

Ben Boyko made motion to conditionally accept Kris Jorgensen's Education Committee member application pending supervisor signature. Approved unanimously.

Triage Tape: J. DeBruin made motion to approve \$1500 to purchase Carabiner with strap and rolls of tape. Approved unanimously

Scott and Erika will work on Bylaw revision to add Steven and add BTC.

Good of the order

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 7:58 pm