

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7	Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Chris Carleton, WCFD 5	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Steven Cohen, WCEMS	Rob Stevenson, BPD
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11	Shaun Ward, NWFRS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Mike Hilley, WCEMS	Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Physician
Michael Lish, WCFD 14	

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2021 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

Last meeting was on November 4th.
Member-at-large position is open.
All grants that were submitted to N. Region were approved.
Injury and Violence prevention meeting was last week. Half day conference will take place in mid-March on suicide prevention.

Funding:

N. Region grant will open back up with a short time frame for application submission for leftover grant money.
Rob Stevenson will check out what manikins are available to handle the newer bigger chest decompressions devices.

Training Officers:

There has been some conflict with the late rollout of the EMSconnect modules. Would like to have 6 months to finish OTEP instead of 3.

CQI:

The last meeting was on Jan 7th.
Working on the newsletter and the KPI's
Would like the crews to use the hospital activation tab in ImageTrend.
When they fall, elderly patients will have more significant injuries than younger patients and may not make good decisions. If they decline care, they need to pass the walk test.

TAB:

Last meeting was on Feb. 4th

Recommend to the EOB that the EMS Levy spend 5 million on EMS Agencies using the BLS allocation formula for 2022.

Paramedic school: Everyone graduated and passed the National Registry Test.

GRACE teams will be migrating into becoming county employees.

Hospital:

Today, the hospital has 70 patients admitted with covid. Yesterday had 75.

Still doing some elective surgeries but are selective.

Hoping covid spike will slow back down in a couple of weeks.

Can't get people out of the hospital because nursing homes are understaffed.

Dr. Wayne had a meeting today with the state to see what they can do to reduce hospital transports. One was to leave people at home that were not that sick.

Transported 147 suspected covid cases this month; 95 were positive.

Left 56 patients at home with suspected covid that weren't that sick.

Unfinished Business:

Resuscitation Academy: need to put videos together. May be able to use paramedic school for video.

Diversion protocols: The big problem is that we don't know bed count is from day to day.

New Business:

Notice of funding from SAMHSA: \$5.4 million is available for grant awards.

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing mental and substance use disorders. Can receive up to \$200,000 for a year project for training EMT's and develop modules.

Could run 3-5 EMT courses over 18 months.

Budget supplemental for training added in money for BLS evaluator conference.

Would like to get SEI's together to discuss how to better support them.

RH issues: Some agencies don't like it or use it.

Canceled the airway lab that was scheduled for end of the month. Will reschedule later.

Good of the Order:

Did not have graduation ceremonies for the last class or current paramedic class.

Would be nice to have some sort of gathering to pass out completion plaques and take pictures.

Thank you, Rob and Heather, for getting medic program back up and running.

Condolences to Scott Ryckman for the loss of his grandfather.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm