

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Consumer
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Denise Christensen, WCFD 14
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Michael Hilley, EMS Manager
Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS
Dr. Emily Junck, BFD
Jennifer Keim, PeaceHealth
Doug Krussow, Cherry Point

Janice Lapsansky, WCFD 7
Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker
Sam Llobet, Mt Baker
Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Omar Mejia, WCFD 18
Megan McCarthy, Glacier
Josh Morell, SWFA
Scott Ryckman, BFD
Becky Stermer, PeaceHealth
Rod Topel, SWFA
Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Denise Christensen called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, held at station 31, to order at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2019 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The executive committee met on June 25th.

Gene Bell resigned the treasurer's position effective July 1st. Gary Baar has been appointed to Treasurer by the executive committee. The Council will need to confirm.

Will keep EMS online for OTEP until 2021. EMS online will not be offered outside of King County after 2020.

Finance:

\$7,337.51 in checking

\$249,318.45 in savings

\$186,850.19 in investment account

Total assets: \$430,000.00

Education:

There is a sub-committee to look at future OTEP.

The plan is to have a recommendation to Dr. Wayne by August 2020 and have it approved by September.

Stop the Bleed Kits are being put together.

Evaluator class is being taught July 10th and 11th by Erica L.

BEFAST-Eyes and Balance for Stroke

CQI:

Becky, Emily, Ben, Sheila did a case study on a MVA.

MVA with 3 patients; one DOA, two transported ALS.

Did not recognize 2nd patient earlier because they thought he was a bystander.

More resources on scene were needed. There was a short on scene time even with complications of scene management.

Suggestion to bring back to crews and show documentation on it.

Activation criteria were gone through. Death in vehicle automatically brings that up.

Sheila on dispatch did a good job keeping people away from car with downed line on it.

Many agencies are preloading the i-gels.

Regional:

CQI and general council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th.

Becky and Ben are combining with airlift to present a case at CQI meeting.

General meeting will continue to look at PERS retirement option for their employee.

MPD:

Dr. Wayne has talked to Neurology regarding BEFAST. It will not result in calling more stroke codes. The goal is to not leave patients on scene.

Look for **acute** changes in balance.

Education is needed first and then will need to evaluate how well it is working or not working.

Will start processing the idea in the fall and get it up and running early next year.

The goal is to reduce delay of assessment at hospital and reduce patients being left on scene.

Injury Prevention:

Teen Heart screen will take place in Burlington on Nov. 5th and in Lynden next spring.

A last minute request to North Region was approved for buying two sets of height and weight equipment for teen heart screen.

PeaceHealth/council request for Stop the Bleed kits were approved.

Injury prevention grant had money left over. The left over funds were dispersed to general councils.

Request from Jennifer Keim that the \$750 goes back to Stop the Bleed Kits.

Stop the Bleed Classes are scheduled for July 27th, Aug 17th, Sept 26th, and one in October.

Bellingham School district would like to host Stop the Bleed classes.

A suggestion was made to add Stop the Bleed to CPR classes.

Oct 11th nurse school conference is being held at Semiahmoo.

Stop the Bleed kits would be useful in logging trucks and in school classrooms.

SAM medical sells them for around \$34

Wayne will call and see if we can get decent price.

Need to decide if the council will give them away or sell them.

The Stop the Bleed Kits could be given out with the Stop the Bleed classes.

The Safety Fair on June 1 had over 3000 attendees. NW Airlift was present.

Safe Kids Northwest holds these events each year:

Tulip pedal in April, Safety fair in June, and Splashtacular in Anacortes on July 25th

Car seat techs are needed.

Car seat laws are changing on Jan 1, 2020. Handout on new laws was passed out.

A DUI drill was done for a Nooksack high school senior project. J. Keim did a great job!

TAB:

Will meet this week.

A committee for the next Levy was put together at the last meeting.

Paramedic class is going great. All students are out in rigs getting evaluated.

Finance committee to look at next budget for levy.

Medical group has been set up to look at what the future looks like for medic education and will take a look at BLS system as well.

Levy kick off function will be in late September/early October.

Hospital:

Trauma bay has been converted from a 4 bed space to a 3 bed space in order to make it more workflow friendly. Walls will be added to create privacy and some storage.

Had 190 Trauma registries' in July. Some of the increase is due to hip fractures going into trauma registry and also head trauma with Anti-coagulants.

Job Position is posted for Trauma Registrar.

Unfinished business:

Injury Prevention Grant application for height and weight equipment for Teen Heart Screen trailer was approved.

PulsePoint rollout: Postcards are being sent out; advertisement at the Pickford Theatre starts in August and will run every other month for a year.

We are waiting our turn for WTA bus placard. The advertisement will be on every bus, on every route, for a year. This is free other than the printing costs.

M. Hilley has a bunch of Posters if anyone wants to check one out for their station.

There are also Postcards to pass out.

New Business:

J. DeBruin motioned/B. Boyko seconded/ all approved for Gary Baar to become treasurer.

Office Computer

O. Mejia motioned \$1500.00 for office computer/J. DeBruin seconded/ all approved to purchase office computer.

Projector: The council would like to buy a portable projector. The discussion was tabled for now until more information was available for type of projector needed. We can use Dr. Wayne's for now.

Good of the order

There is a waiting list for ESE Evaluator Course.

ASHI CPR Train- the -Trainer Course will be taught Aug 14th and 15th at station 31 by E. Littlewood.

The question of getting Emily on ImageTrend was brought up. This was just an overlook and Mike H. will get Emily access.

Stryker Power gurney is on medic 45.

Will use for a few more weeks and will then ask for formal evaluations from those who used it.

WCFD 7 is looking at purchasing harnesses for kids that will go on gurney.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:20pm