

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Adam Anderson, WCFD 16

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1

Steven Cohen, WCEMS

David Darrah, WCFD 18

Marc Davis, Lynden

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

Mike Hill, WCFD 8

Michel Hilley, WCEMS

Rick Kowsky, Cascade

John Lewis, BFD

Michael Lish, WCFD 11

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Greg Macy, WCFD 1

Jim Petrie, WCFD 17

Ben Russell, WCFD 7

Jennifer Squire, SWFA

Becky Stermer, SJPH

Rod Topel, SWFA

Jeremy Wilson, STS

Guest: Susie Johnson, SJPH

Guest: Jennifer Keim, SJPH

Guest : Nadja Baker, N. Region

CALL TO ORDER: 1st VP Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2022 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

The Executive Board discussed the following items:

Vacant 1st VP position

One council membership application

Proposal to bylaws

Finance:

Checking: \$11,433

Savings: \$141,867

Capital Group Investment Account: \$257,590

Education:

The protocols will be finished soon.

Resuscitation academy is on track. CPAP may be pursued next year.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on April 7th

Next meeting will be in the next few weeks.

3rd edition of the Stay-in-the-Loop EMT Newsletter went out last week.

Regional Council:

Completed audit and shared findings.

Updated contact lists and brainstorming how to get updated needs assessments.

Suicide symposium will take place in the fall.

N. Region will be getting a website overhaul.

Brain storming ideas for fundraisers to improve EMS Grants

Looking for the locations of the N. Region manikins.

Recruiting to fill holes in council.

MPD:

Whatcom County EMS Foundation is being created. They are currently establishing a board of directors and looking for people who are interested in participating.

Injury Prevention:

Safe Kids Northwest Safety Fair will be on Aug 20th

Child Passenger Safety Technician course will be 1st week of October in Burlington.

PulsePoint reminders:

1. Discuss app at the end of your CPR class and encourage people to download the app.
2. If you would like to become a Verified Responder Agency reach out to Ben Boyko or Mike Hilley.

Teen Heart Screen is on hold until the hospital is ready.

Hovander Park is holding a senior event. WCFD 7 will be there providing information.

Sept 17th-Safe Firearms storage event at Sportsman's Warehouse. Will need to register to receive a trigger lock or gun safe. The event is sponsored by Seattle Children's and PeaceHealth.

A Stop the Bleed class was held in June; the next one is on August 15th

Would like to hold the class at least once a quarter.

Community CPR classes will start in September.

TAB

TAB meeting last week. Discussed with council amendments to levy plan; Reduction of rate and some diversity language.

Hospital:

ED has been very busy and staffing has been a struggle.
EMS access will be rerouted July 25-29
Active shooter table top drill will take place on July 29th.

Unfinished business:

Bylaws: *Motion: (Kowsky/Cannizzaro) to approve the bylaw revisions (see attachment at end of minutes). All in favor, Motion was approved.*

Executive Committee recommends that Marc Davis become 1st Vice President.

Vote for Marc Davis to become 1st Vice President was unanimous.

The 7-Sigma airway manikins purchased with the N. Region Grant were defective so they are being returned.

Will be testing out manikins from TruCorp.

Motion: (Boyko/Davis) to approve \$1000.00 in matching funds for Stop the Bleed equipment. All in favor, Motion was approved.

New Business:

Motion (Petrie/Boyko) to approve the application of Rachel Carlson to the council. All in favor, Motion was approved.

Good of the order

Raspberry Festival in Lynden is this weekend.

Chief Spinner Memorial Firefighter Challenge is on July 14th

Lynden PD is hosting a car seat checkup event Saturday at the Fairgrounds.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm

Proposed revisions to Whatcom County EMS and Trauma Care Council Bylaws, for consideration at the July 11, 2022, general meeting. Proposed additions to the bylaws are in bold.

Article IX

OTHER COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 2: Standing Committees

D. Standing Committees

Education Committee: The Education Committee shall be responsible for all areas of provider education. The committee chair minimum requirements are: current EMT, state recognized BLS evaluator, CE/OTEP instructor, and have a minimum of 5 years field experience as an EMT or higher. **The Whatcom County EMS Manager, the Whatcom County Supervising Physicians, and the Whatcom County EMS Training Specialist shall serve as advisory members of the Education Committee.**

CQI: The CQI Committee shall monitor, improve and address challenges in the quality of pre-hospital care in Whatcom County. **The CQI Committee follows the CQI Plan approved by the general council membership.** The MPD is a permanent Co-Chairperson whose term does not expire. **The Whatcom County EMS Manager, the Whatcom County Supervising Physicians, and the Whatcom County EMS Training Specialist shall serve as advisory members of the CQI committee.**