

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Steven Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Erica Littlewood, SWFA

Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Shaun Ward, NWFRS
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Physician

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2023 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

North Region will discuss bylaw changes and leadership position at the general council meeting next week.

They will have a work session soon to define grant criteria.

Funding:

The Council has received reimbursement for EMT equipment grant and Stop the Bleed grant.

Training Officers:

Discussed wording in protocol on replacing back plate on the Lucas device.

EMS evaluator course still have spots open.

Handtevy app is working now with ImageTrend.

Critical care skills program will be on Sept 30th & Oct 1st -geared towards ALS.

VR software was discussed.

If you would like to schedule a High-Performance CPR course, please contact Steve Cohen.

CQI:

Dawn is working on generalized data collection and looking at data resources.

She is still working with the sub ed committee.

Last meeting was on April 20th; next meeting will be in October.

Still looking for a CQI Co-Chair and a secretary.

CQI could take a look at what kind of patient response requests are being made.

Fall data was discussed.

Data for EMS Response to Opiate Overdoses can be found at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3734/EMS-Data>

TAB:

Had a meeting on July 13th

B. Boyko, J. DeBruin, D. Pethick are on a subcommittee to make recommendations on funding of training and education.

Another subcommittee consisting of S. Ryckman, B. Russell, Diana Clinch and Chris Hughes, is focusing on ALS for long term planning and how to analyze data when more resources are needed in the future. Will be starting to meet regularly soon.

BLS allocation update was given: encourage chiefs to get invoices ready to send in.

2024-2029 ALS contracts are being worked on.

There is interest in expanding the Community paramedic program.

Paramedic School: getting ready for the 2024 Class now.

May be a chance to develop affiliation agreements with Skagit Hospital and Providence Hospital.

Medic unit housing was discussed.

Hospital:

Dr. Wayne is having ongoing discussions on blood program with the hospital. Will be going to 2 g TXA once protocol has been changed.

Dr. Weiche will remind ER docs about the prehospital cervical collar protocols.

There will be some remodeling in the emergency department. Docs will be pushed out to the EMS island for a while.

No longer have any hand coverage at the hospital.

Hand injuries that require surgical intervention will have to be transferred.

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Unfinished Business:

The EMS education system in the county was discussed.

An Education Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for next week.

Discussed the idea of moving away from number system for our evaluations of EMT's to give a better and more subjective feedback.

Would like to begin Jan 1st if everyone likes the idea.

Good of the Order:

The next Education Committee Meeting will be on September 21st.

There will be no executive meeting before the July 24th council meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm