

**Education Committee Meeting**

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Committee Members in Attendance:

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17  
Steven Cohen, WCEMS  
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14  
Mike Hilley, WCEMS  
Greg Macy, WCFD 1

Tony Melillo, SWFA  
Ben Russell, WCFD 7  
Shaun Ward, NWFRS  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 2023 minutes, stand as written

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**REPORTS:**

***North Region:***

Strategic plan was reviewed and approved by the state.  
The leadership positions have been filled.  
The grant announcements will go out soon.  
N. Region Council is looking for representation from Whatcom County.

***Funding:***

The reimbursement request for EMT Equipment grant has been submitted.

***Training Officers:***

Still working on the February 2024 training officers conference.  
WCEMS discussed the May 25<sup>th</sup> BLS focused training

Discussed EMS Class that starts June 6<sup>th</sup> at Lummi Administrative Building.  
High performance CPR: If any agency wants training, please contact Steve Cohen.  
The LUCAS device and anterior/posterior video has been recorded and will be out shortly.

Protocol final changes have been made. Handtevy app has been updated. ImageTrend has found the problem and should have it corrected by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CQI:**

Last meeting was on April 20<sup>th</sup>; next meeting will be in July.  
Still looking for a CQI Co-chair and a secretary.

**TAB:**

Last meeting was April 26th

Working on getting quotes for station 12 buildout.

Hoping to get BLS and AIs contracts through council in August.

A subcommittee was formed to identify goals in levy plan.

**Hospital:**

Too many patients in the ER: Call early and give as much info as you can.

PeaceHealth is closing the allergy and immunology center, the palliative care clinic and the night sleep study clinic.

**Unfinished Business:**

Education Subcommittee:

Tony is working on a draft defining role of each position from state level to local level. Will work on document explaining the different committees.

Supervising physicians are in communication with each other when needed to discuss issues when they arise.

Teen heart screen update: Lynden and Lynden Christian will be the week of Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

WCEMS EMT Course -would like to get another 2 ESEs in the labor pool. Job posting will be open until May 30<sup>th</sup> on WCEMS website.

**Good of the Order:**

De-escalation course will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dr. Wayne and Sheriff Elfo are co-Grand Marshalls of the Whatcom Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

All Hands Whatcom Opioid Summit June 27-28 at Bellingham High School.

([www.allhandswhatcom.org](http://www.allhandswhatcom.org))

The county is setting up a multi-agency command group to do emergency type of work on the opioid crisis.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm