

**General Committee Meeting**

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Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer	Mitch Nolze, SWFA
Justina Bass, WCFD 16	Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7	Scott Ryckman, BFD
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17	Jennifer Squire, SWFA
Steven Cohen, WCEMS	Becky Stermer, SJPH
David Darrah, WCFD 18	Shaun Ward, NWFRS
Marc Davis, Lynden	Kristie Watson, Lynden FD
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14	Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD
John Granger, WCFD 11	Dr. Ralph Weich, Supervising Phys
Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16	Jeremy Wilson, STS
Michel Hilley, WCEMS	Guest: Rob Sullivan,
Robert Howery, WCFD 17	Guest: Tyson Curtis, Pioneer Health
John Lewis, BFD	Services
Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski	

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:03 pm.

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

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**REPORTS:**

Tyson Curtis-Pioneer Human Services presented information on the reasons they want to become an ESSO Agency. ESSO enables them to employ EMT's for site specific work. This was discussed at length and tabled until more information was gathered.

***Executive:***

The executive board recommends that the council approve \$7500 in matching funds for the N. Region Grant for the purchase of vacuum mattress splints.

The executive Board voted to officially nominate Jerry DeBruin for N. Region council membership.

***Finance:***

As of Sept 30, 2023:

Checking: \$6837

Savings: \$141,845

Capital Group Investment Account: \$285,881

***Education:***

SBAR was discussed when calling docs.

2 educational videos will be posted on RescueHub: one on SBAR format for communication with the hospital, and an educational video on splinting femur fractures.

***CQI:***

The last CQI committee meeting was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>

Documentation in image trend: need to fill in medications.

Stroke information is not as complete as it should be in ImageTrend.

The CQI co-chair position and secretary position is open.

***Regional Council:***

Becky Stermer stepping down from CQI committee.

\$7500 was awarded to WCEMSTCC for the purchase of vacuum mattress splints

Mini Grant application are available.

The strategic plan is being worked on.

Next meeting is next week.

Contact Steve Cohen for NARCAN kits.

***MPD:***

Working on field blood program.

Ski patrol transport and training was discussed.

***Injury Prevention:***

Car seat check event in Lynden in September was well attended.

Hosting annual Region 11 child passenger safety seat technician training in Burlington.

Next class will be in April.

Teen Heart Screen: planning for spring in Lynden.

PH Injury prevention had an event in Lynden in coordination with their first Stop the Bleed Course.

Gearing up for a HS event this spring.

Will have a Safe Kids meeting soon.

***TAB***

Worked on contracts.

Vacuum splint issues were discussed.

Next meeting will be in two weeks.

Next Medic class is officially starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Hospital:***

Pediatric simulation drill is planned in the next few weeks.

The ED has been doing pediatric re-education with nurses.

Third quarter for trauma program was 25% busier than last year.

DOH presented new Trauma Triage criteria.

For follow up on patient, reach out to Becky Stermer or Jennifer Keim.

Put Vitals and vital times in the vital sections not in narrative on trauma patients.

Write time of placement on tourniquet.

***WC administration:***

Two reminders: WEMSYS data will be mandatory reporting and there is an NEMSYS update.

***Unfinished Business:***

Pioneer Human Services request to become an ESSO Agency: An ad hoc committee consisting of Marc Davis, John Granger, and Scott Ryckman will do more research on the request.

***New Business:***

*Boyko/Cannizzaro motion to match funds for the N. Region Grant to purchase vacuum mattress splints. Motion to match up to \$7500 was approved.*

Will reach out to Chuckanut Foundation for additional funds.

*Boyko/Russell motion to nominate DeBruin for N Region council membership. All in favor; motion approved.*

***Good of the order***

½ day conference was discussed at the Education Committee meeting.

WCFD 11 had a vaccination clinic Friday and gave 400 vaccinations in 4 hours.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:40 pm