[WHATCOM COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL]

October 17, 2019

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Mark Billmire, Lynden
Erica Littlewood, Ski Patrol
Doug Krussow, BP
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Mitch Nolze, SWFA

Mike Hilley, EMS Manager Ryan Provencher, BPD Rob Stevenson, BPD Dr. Emily Junck, BPD Scott Ryckman, BPD

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2019 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

The next North Region meeting is on October 3rd. Grant decisions will be announced in November.

A Trauma meeting was held last week. There was discussion of being stricter on Trauma grant deadlines.

B. Stermer presented a case review.

There was also discussion on Trauma centers; mostly about Level 2 designations, criteria and need. There is a gap in central WA.

Funding:

Working on grant

Training Officers Report:

At the last meeting the 3-year OTEP plan was discussed and a list of questions was created. The recruit academy was another topic of discussion. BPD interviewed over 300 applicants. BPD will interview around 80, and initially hire 12, and then around 20 per year for the next 5 years.

CQI:

There was a case review and discussion of contamination issues.

S. Ryckman and B. Boyko will go to the hospital and talk to Lanae about the contamination concerns.

TAB:

Next meeting is in November.

No action items

EMS Training Position-TAB and EOB moved it with no problem. A compensation specialist in HR currently has it to set compensation and benefits package. M. Hilley should have the job description within a week.

Hospital:

The hospital is working on recreating a code sepsis. They need to figure out the criteria first. Hospice: Need to educate on how to dispatch to DNR's.

Old Business:

The BLS Evaluator Class on Nov 2nd is full with 12 students and has a 6-person waiting list. Should offer another class soon.

The new Projector for the council will be ordered soon.

Paramedic school has 8 students.

Will get Accreditation after the 2nd class is finished.

Graduation for 1st class in on Tuesday, Nov 19, 4-7pm at Settlemyer Hall.

The combining of ALS and BLS Protocols are nearly complete. Dr. Wayne will need to review.

New Business:

The subcommittee in charge of OTEP research recommends that the council move forward with EMSConnect starting in Jan 2020.

E. Junck motioned/B. Boyko seconded. Motion approved to start EMSConnect in Jan 2020.

Good of the Order -

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm