

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Kris Jorgensen, NWFRS
Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD

Tony Melillo, SWFA
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Erica Littlewood, SWFA

CALL TO ORDER: Ben Boyko called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2020 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

Discussed finances and the decreased revenues for North Region.

Grants were reviewed and awarded. WCEMSTC Council was awarded \$8,200.

M. Hilley would like to put together a community coalition that may bring money in for fall prevention equipment. Still needs equipment installers.

N. Region would like to get the Healthy aging coalition back up and running again.

Need a Whatcom EMS council representative on N. Region injury prevention team.

B. Boyko volunteered the WCFD 7 community paramedic to be part of the Healthy aging coalition.

Funding:

Council has received funding for the BLS Evaluator update grant in the amount of \$8,200.

Injury Prevention Grant application is due November 15th.

M. Hilley would like to put in for some grab bars. He will call Becky Stermer, who has indicated the hospital has money for fall protection equipment.

Agencies that are interested in having leave-at-home Narcan kits, please contact Ben Boyko.

Training Officers Report:

Training officers are getting a shared calendar going for training. Would like to get 3 years of development courses on the calendar.

Would like to use WCEMS Rescue Hub calendar for training opportunities.

Training officers have an interest in getting the EMS Coordinator involved in training.

Interest in anchoring the calendar off the recruit academy and EMT Classes.

Also, interest in a second fire based EMT Course towards end of year.

Operations Manual Content Change:

Suggestion: once the operational manual is updated and approved, would like to make a video/PowerPoint with the content expert explaining the how's and whys behind the changes.

DEA members need ride-a-long and training, in order to maintain their EMT certification. Boyko offer WCFD 7 for ride-a longs and to share training days with them if they would like to attend.

MCI Chapter: Looking to bring in an instructor for an MCI class that will focus mostly on officers. Tentative date of April.

CQI:

Discussed CPR and what we can do county wide to focus on basics.

Would like to put a group together to move around county and do high performance CPR to deliver same content to all BLS providers.

Discussed inviting Dr. Levy, from Anchorage, to give a presentation.

The council received a grant to host a resuscitation academy. Looking at a target date of March for the online one-day academy.

Whatcom county was requested to present a case for North Region. Will present on a Cardiac arrest on Lummi Island. Involved many agencies, including dispatch, Lummi island, ferry, airlift northwest, medic 45 and hospital.

TAB:

Moved on to the EOB:

-Paramedic school budget: scheduled to start in March. 3 students from Bellingham, 2 from North Whatcom.

South Snohomish District 1 has 3 or 4 students they would like to send to school.

National Guard would also like to send one soldier to the school.

-TAB pushed forward medic unit to go to Lynden (most likely 2022).

-Budget update-will be putting more money into community paramedic programs.

-Co-responders models in 2021. (24/7 crisis response team which would consist of community paramedic, social worker and police officer)

Crisis stabilizer center due to open Nov 1.

Drafting protocols for diversion for both EMT's and paramedics.

Hospital:

Protocols are done and are being reviewed by the state.

Added musculoskeletal back pain for nitrous.

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Unfinished Business:

Nebulizer training: a medic has created a short presentation and will be working on a short video. Will submit to education committee for approval before it goes out to everyone. (The presentation will be for Nebs in a non-covid era).

New Business:

Updated training plan has been submitted to DOH.
DOH would like both BLS and ALS plans submitted together with one application.
Would like the Education committee to read the details and distribute the plan county wide.

Suggest two-year plan instead of 3-year plan in order to follow EMSconnect.

DOH easing quarterly requirements for this year.

Good of the order:

Erica Littlewood is working at North Sound Accountable Community of Health.
Will be helping advance the community paramedic rule making.

Dr. Cooper from Snohomish County has been writing legislation that would allow diversion centers to become Emergency Services Supervising organizations.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm