

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer
Mel Blankers, WCFD 1
Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
John Granger, WCFD 11
Michael Hilley, EMS Manager
Rod Topel, SWFA
Justin Thomspson,BFD

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker
Sam Llobet, Mt Baker
Greg Macy, WCFD 1
Duncan McLane, WCFD 11
Laura Smith, WCFD 16
Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD
Guests:
Jennifer Keim, SJMC

CALL TO ORDER: President Duncan McLane called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2020 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

E-Board will look at Bylaws to add the Training coordinator position as non-voting member and address stipends for chair positions.

Recommend the council approve Duncan McLane and Ben Boyko as President and 2nd VP, respectively.

Finance:

Checking: \$3621

Savings: \$206,348

Investment Account: \$230,919

Education:

EMS Connect is going well.

There was a presentation from Joe Bertels about CPR. Biggest takeaway was interruptions of chest compressions. Reinforce quarterly training and the need for continuous chest compressions with little or no interruptions.

Some Evaluator courses were done over summer.

Hoping to get Nebulizer training out soon for those interested:

Video should be done around Oct 23rd

3 items will be available for nebulizer training:

-short PowerPoint to go over with EMT's

-quick video

-five question quiz

Nitrous will now be approved for chronic muscular skeletal back pain.

CQI:

Talked a lot about Data. There has been requests to get Image Trend data collection group back together and push out some standardizations

Getting back to basics on CPR: Maximizing hands on chest and minimize interruptions.

New protocols will be coming out with continuous compressions regardless of airway.

Training coordinator will be starting mid- November and will be co-chair with Dr. Wayne.

Grant was submitted and approved for 3 Evaluator classes and a resuscitation academy.

There was also talk about funding for evaluators to go throughout the county so all providers are receiving the same CPR training.

Duncan is working on a check out/inventory sheet for the 3 new manikins.

Old manikins are being refurbished. The manikin stationed at SWFA is missing recorder for feedback. The manikin that was housed at WCFD 7 is still missing. The East County manikin will be transported soon to WCFD 7 to be checked over.

Regional Council:

Grants were awarded.

State still in their WAC updates

MPD:

State has agreed to put Afrin (Oxymetazoline) back in the BLS protocols.

Glucagon was approved to be used in BLS in areas that have a need.

Need to resend protocols to the state now that changes have been made.

Ralph Weiche is now supervising physician for BFD.

New protocols states that if a patient has any abnormal vital signs, and you are going to leave them at the scene, you need to talk to the doctor.

Two facilities are being developed in Whatcom County: one for substance abuse and one for mental health. Substance abuse facility will have 24-hour nurse and is Physician supervised.

Mt Baker Ski area has plans to be open this year. They have many policies in place to prepare for large gatherings.

Injury Prevention:

There has been growing interest in revisiting and revamping the fall prevention programs. The biggest struggle is finding contractors to install equipment.

Narcan kits: have to track and report on those.

Agencies have to agree to report usage. Can report through ImageTrend if you want to track it that way.

Reach out Ben Boyko if interested in the kits.

Erica Littlewood: North Region Injury prevention grants are open and applications are due mid-November.

Child passenger safety: Have been doing virtual car seat checks and have donated many seats. Have lost a bunch of car seat technicians recently.

TAB

A recommendation was sent to EOB to have the fifth medic unit located in Lynden.

Capital equipment for ALS program was approved by TAB and EOB.

Chief's association made a recommendation to add power cot gurneys, to all BLS units. EOB has approved.

Paramedic school has been moving forward.

Levy planning group has started to meet virtually.

Hospital:

ED is revamping the patient entrance. It should not affect EMS side of entrance. Have a new manager and are looking for new assistant manager.

The hospital plans on starting simulation drills again.

Increase in MVA's, suicides and ground level falls.

Hired new registrar about 9 months ago.

Email is the best way to communicate with registrars, as they are all working remotely.

Reminder to please get reports in within 11 hours.

WC Admin:

EOB moved on recommendation of TAB to put 5th medic unit in Lynden. It will take some time for station upgrades, staffing for the unit, etc.

Draft contract to council in Dec. or Jan.

Trying to get budget together for paramedic school, which will start in march.

5 paramedic candidates right now, 3 from Bellingham and 2 from North Whatcom.

Possibly of having 3 South Snohomish students and a National Guard student next year.

Budget for EMS for 2021

Unfinished business: none

New Business:

Council membership application from David Darrah and CQI application from Joe LaChaussee. DeBruin /Boyko motion to accept applications. Accepted unanimously.

John Granger /Dawn Cannizzaro motion to approve Duncan McLane and Ben Boyko as President and 2nd Vice President, respectively.

Will be adding change to bylaws to add the training coordinator as non-voting member and also add some wording detailing CQI Co-chair stipend.

Good of the order

DOH is preferring just one training plan for entire county.

The plan is under review right now. Will bring it back to education committee for approval once DOH has approved the plan.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm