

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ben Boyko, WCFD 7
Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1
Alissa Daschbach, WCFD 11
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Michael Gustafson, WCFD 7
Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Michael Lish, WCFD 14
Erica Littlewood, SWFA

Tony Melillo, SWFA
Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14
Ben Russell, WCFD 7
Scott Ryckman, WCFD 7
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Dr. Ralph Weiche, Supervising Physician
Jared Wilhite, Border Patrol
Katie Poole, WCEMS

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 2022 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Katie Poole gave a presentation on the Rural EMS Training grant that was awarded to Whatcom County EMS. The grant was provided by SAMHSA as a means to increase EMS training and capacity within rural areas, specifically focusing on marginalized groups. The grant also requires a focus on behavioral health learning for EMS providers.

The grant is \$140,000, starts September 2022 for one year, with a possible one-year extension. WCEMS will hold two free EMT Courses for/within rural areas of the county. They will also create and teach a behavioral health module for the two EMT courses.

The behavioral health module can be turned into an accessible training for current EMTs. WCEMS will have a generalized plan for the Oct 10th meeting.

North Region:

New N. Region Grant applications are out.

N. Region council meeting is Oct 6th.

Lisa Edwards is the new chairperson on executive board.

Funding:

Applications for N. Region grant are due Sept 30th

Ideas for grant:

-Virtual reality for education.

-Fund books and equipment required to start EMT's course. BP cuffs, stethoscopes, and EMT Course Books, and eye protection.

Jerry and Ben will look into numbers for equipment to start EMT course and WCEMS office will look into VR for a future grant.

Training Officers:

Training officers met on Sept. 13th.

The Recruit academy is ongoing.

Training officers looking into holding a local training officer symposium in 2023.

Dr. Wayne suggested a one-day pediatric conference.

Dr. Weiche is contemplating holding a wilderness medicine conference.

CQI:

Have not had a CQI meeting this quarter.

The EEE Form went away with the arrival of ImageTrend.

M. Hilley will look into creating a form inside ImageTrend.

TAB:

The last TAB meeting was held on Sept 7th.

The following items were discussed:

-The levy, the strategic plan and developing a contingency plan should the levy fail.

-Developing contracts for ALS agencies for 2023-2028.

-BLS allocation

-Stryker power load and maintenance contract has been approved.

-Draft amendment for BFD for more lateral paramedic training.

Unfinished Business:

Refund has been received for the returned airway manikins. New manikins from TruCorps will be ordered soon.

The contract for the Handtevy app is done. Implementation and education of the app need to be considered.

The protocols have been approved by the state and are ready to be uploaded to Handtevy.

The contract is for up to 600 users in the system.

Will need to create a path on how take the app off personal phones when a provider leaves an agency.

Roll out will need help from ed committee.

Updates and changes will be pushed out automatically.

B. Russell, T. Fisher, and S. Cohen will work on it.

T. Melillo gave a presentation on the Aug. 24th meeting of a subcommittee, consisting of T. Melillo, D. Cannizaro, C. Carleton, E. Littlewood, and K. Jorgensen, with the goal of identifying and streamlining the training delivery system.

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Good of the Order:

Thank you, Chief Ben Boyko, for all your years of work on the Education Committee. Michael Gustafson will be taking on his role.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm