

General Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Baar, Treasurer

Justina Bass, WCFD 16

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17

Steven Cohen, WCEMS

Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14

John Granger, WCFD 11

Kassie Harkness, WCFD 16

Mike Hill, WCFD 8

Mike Hilley, WCEMS

Robert Howery, WCFD 17

Rick Kowsky, Cascade

Steve Larsen, BFD

Guests: Andrew Jones, Cascade

Robin Stimac, SJSH

Dwight Worden, WCFD 14

John Lewis, BFD

Michael Lish, WCFD 11

Erica Littlewood, Mt Baker Ski

Sam Llobet, Mt Baker Ski

Mitch Nolze, SWFA

Heather Ripke-Olson, WCFD 14

Jennifer Squire, SWFA

Becky Stermer, SJPH

Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7

Jack Warner, WCFD 8

Dr. Marv Wayne, MPD

CALL TO ORDER: President Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS & Trauma Care Council, to order at 7:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2024 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

Executive:

There was no executive meeting.

Finance:

As of June 30th, 2024:

Checking: \$8559.00

Savings: \$131432.00

Capital Group Investment Account: \$360,234

Education:

The OTEP plan for 2025-2027 is being worked on.

End-tidal is being looked at purchasing through a grant or the EMS Levy.

CQI:

The last CQI committee meeting was held on July 18th.

Becky Stermer presented a good case review, and Steve C. and Diane C. gave the KPI report.

The CQI secretary position is open.

Regional Council:

N. Region council met on July 11th for the monthly Executive board meeting.

Kowsky gave a treasury report. The cost of the audit put the council in a financial hole at this point.

There are Board executive openings.

Executive contract renewal was discussed.

The next meeting will be on Aug. 8th.

The next general meeting will be on Sept 19th.

MPD:

There will be 2 new EMS physicians at PeaceHealth that will start in August.

Dr. Wayne will be handing over the MPD position at the end of the year.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Whatcom County EMS. There will be a celebration/fundraising event for the Whatcom County EMS Foundation in the fall. It will be held at the Chuckanut Distillery on Nov 2nd. The raised funds will be used for special projects and education. Peter Antevy will be the key speaker and will talk about the future.

If anyone has any memorabilia, memories, etc. please share

Injury Prevention:

The safety fair was held on June 1st. about 2500 people attended.

New car seats will arrive at the end of July.

Child seat safety technician training will be Oct 9-11 in Burlington.

SafeKids Northwest is still being worked on.

Fall prevention - WCEMS has a small supply of fall prevention equipment.

The hospital has Trauma Grant funds that could be used for fall prevention.

Stop the Bleed- The next class will be held on August 7th

WCEMS has trained close to 200 people in the last two years.

92 high school students at Lynden High School were trained in the spring.

Registration for classes is on their website and their FB page.

TAB:

The last meeting was on July 10th

A finance budget update was given.

TAB member configuration was looked at.

Opioid response: looking at medication-assisted treatment in the field.

BLS allocation update: working through numbers for reimbursement.

The paramedic class has received full accreditation.

Hospital:

Robin Stimac is the new trauma nurse coordinator.

ED capacity is regularly exceeded.

PH ran a hospital wide cyber-attack drill before they were involved with the CrowdStrike problems.
The anatomy lab will be skipped this year.

Unfinished Business:

AED's-two AEDs were placed at Bender Fields. The lockbox numbers can be put into PulsePoint.
Looking into placing additional AED's in Star Park and Hovander Park in Ferndale.
Protocols are being worked on.

New Business:

CQI membership application was approved for Scott Painter.
Council Membership application for Jeff Sluys was approved.

Good of the Order:

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:15 pm