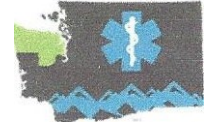


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REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE via conference call:

CLALLAM

- 11 Joseph Rodrigues, *At Large*
- 1 Derrell Sharp
- 1A Daniel Montana absent
- ZA Jake Patterson
- 11A Greg Waters absent
- 26 Branton Byers
- SSA Karl Hatton

MASON

- 87 Brandon Searles, *Secretary/Treasurer*
- 5 Michael Sexton absent
- SA Matthew Welander absent
- 11A Greg Waters absent
- 13 Greg Yates absent
- 28 Patricia "Renee" Byrd
- 28A Kristyn Criss

WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA

- 15 Timothy Wade, *At Large* absent
- 9 Heather Quinones

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 65 Mike Johnson absent

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

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CONSUMER REP

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VISITORS

- Dan Druge Kolby
- Konopaski Jason
- Norris Carly Bean
- Gabby Hadly
- James Richardson
- Alex McCracken

JEFFERSON

- 12 Tim McKern, *Past Chair*
- 4 Tim Manly, *Vice Chair*
- 3_A Tammy Ridgway absent

KITSAP

- 7 Eric Chamberlian absent
- 8 Matt Million
- sA Hank Teran absent absent
- 14 Jake Gillanders
- 29 Mary Flick

MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

- 47 Dr. David Carlborn
- 48₄ Dr. Joe Hoffman, **Chair**
- 46 Dr. Danielle Whitley absent

NAVY REGION NW

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

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COASTGUARD

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PUBLIC HEALTH[PREPAREDNESS]

- 75 Elya Baltazar

NWREMS STAFF

- Rene Ralston
- Lori Coleman, minute taker

STATE EMS ADMINISTRATOR

- Hailey Thacker
- Catie Holstein

NORTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Dr. Joe Hoffman called the Northwest Regional EMS Council meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. via the Zoom Virtual Platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Manly moved, and Matt Million seconded to approve the January 13, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chair Report - Dr, Hoffman thanked everyone for attending today. He mentioned that the state is opening back up a bit, in regards to COVID guidelines, this week and he believes those changes will not affect this meeting as the group continues to meet virtually.

Treasurer's Report - Rene Ralston reported on: Profit and Loss Statements for January & February FY 22 YTD; Bank Balance as of 2/28/2022 was \$51,129.72. Tim Manly moved and Mary Flick seconded to approve the Profit and Loss statement as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MPD Report - Dr. Carlbom reported that they are now doing EMT Skills for students in person; Their Behavioral Health Guidelines have been approved by the local council; they continue to work on Implied Consent as they can't train on this until its approved; staffing shortages continue and Aircare has been challenging with weather-related delays and cancellations.

Dr. Hoffman reported that the Quarterly MPD meeting was held in February, they discussed national standards for Pre-Hospital Analgesia and its best practices and what to avoid, noting that he feels his local protocols are good; he noted that Emergency Cardiac and Stroke systems will need to be evaluated after recent legislation changes and EMS provider provisional credentialing is still being evaluated by the DOH.

DOH Report - Report was attached to packet; DOH representative Hailey Thacker and Catie Holstein briefly went over highlights of that report:

- EMS and Trauma Rulemaking will meet again on 3/24/2022. Public can participate in this in person or via e-mail suggestions.
- EMS rules- COVID has delayed drafting these amendments in the official format; they will continue to progress as time allows.
- If you go to Leg.wa.gov and enter a bill number, you can look at the Bill Report which is a summary in plain talk regarding the bill.
- The DOH has a new member who is an EMS Preparedness and Patient Mover, his name is Adam Dallion.
- HB 5644 passed; this is for education for First Responders; the DOH will advocate for the EMS system. Dr. Hoffman added that he is not thrilled about another rule that requires mandated training.
- HB 1703 passed; this is for the DEM agency request for codification.
- HB 5281 passed; Cardiac Stroke study for established funding.

- SB 5754 and HB 1893 were rolled into one and DOH is requesting legislation amendments that allow EMS workers to continue to administer vaccines and COVID testing in collaboration with Public Health without the need for an emergency declaration.
- Karl Hatton reported:
 - That he will be sitting on a committee that is working on HB 1477; this will be working on mental health responses.
 - SB 5555 passed; this now makes Telecommunications members be recognized as First Responders and will codify statewide Telecommunications Training.

Airlift Medical -

life Flight: No report.

Airlift Northwest: Jim Richardson reported that they are doing LZ training in April in Jefferson County; on April pt they will start a whole blood multi-agency trial and he will have Rene send out the press release that talks about this.

Region 2 PHEPR Update/Northwest Healthcare Response Network - Elya Baltazar reported they are slowly getting back to Pre-COVID normal. While COVID is not gone, they have had a significant decrease in demand. She noted that they have had a significant uptick in Mental Health Patients though; specifically with Pediatric patients. They have been given permission to share the Mental Health Patient data with other entities. They continue to see long waits for placing people in Long Term Care facilities as there are just no available openings for incoming patients. They are starting to get back to their Pre-COVID meeting schedules. Dr. Carlborn added that he wants to re-start the discussions about DMCC's so that entities do not find themselves in need of one and no work has been done to identify these; he added that he is having a hard time getting pertinent members in Jefferson County to attend these talks.

Gabby added that they are starting to see COVID Vaccine and Testing sites shut down and that they are working towards how to navigate forward without FEMA funding by piloting a testing model for the future. They are also starting a joint After Action Review (AAR); other members asked if this data would be shared with this group and all attendees agreed to share AAR information with one another. She added that their data is always available for sharing.

law Enforcement - No Report.

Correspondence-

- A. **DOH -** Current Council list was included in the packet; Rene reported that there are many vacancies and asked local councils to try and fill these asap. The Council is at about 62%.

Unfinished Business -

- A. **DMCC-** Nothing to report
- B. **New Computer Shopping-** Rene found a computer and will purchase it; she will surplus the old one.
- C. **Audit Process -** Rene presented a new acceptable process for the financial audits; the process is almost identical; it will just be done virtually to accommodate the lack of in-person meetings. Tim McKern moved and Tim Manly seconded to approve amended NW Region Policies and Procedures for financial audits. Tim McKern moved again and Tim Manly

seconded again to approve amended NW Region Policies and Procedures for financial audits from this meeting forward.

MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Behavioral Health System** - This was talked about in the QI meeting today; Dr. Hoffman, Joey Rodrigues, Dr. Carlbom and Matt Million will work together and produce a survey to gather data on this topic from all counties.

New Business -

- A. Training Programs** - There has been some change in the way these courses are designated. Most counties' courses fell under the local council, some programs are having to re-apply as Private Vocational Schools, this will have an impact on who can attend each different type of school. Private Pay students may have to take courses at local colleges.

- B. Pre-Hospital Emergency Airway Course** - Rene reported that she has about one full class scheduled and is wondering if it is ok to open it up to general registration. She worries that if she does not do this and members cannot combine to one day, they will host a class that is not financially responsible. Many other agencies have recently had this training and they encourage open registration at this time as they do not need the spots saved for their agencies. Dr. Carlbom asked if this class is valuable to EMT's, Dr. Hoffman reported that he believes it is and has merit to sending those who support airway management.

- C. Website** - Rene reported that she has added a section on the NWREMS website for DOH meeting information.

Strategic Plan -

- A. County Pandemic Disease Plans** - Rene asked if counties have these; all counties do and they will ensure that they get forwarded to Rene to compile.

- B. Monthly Financial Reviews** - Are being done by Rene and the executive Board.

Committee Reports -

- A. Executive Funding** - No Report.

- B. QI Committee** - Met today; they had a robust discussion on Stroke patients and touched on Mental Health patients. They will discuss the C.A.R.E.S. program at their next meeting.

- C. IPPE Committee** - No Report.

- D. Protocol Committee** - No Report.

- E. TED Committee** - No Report.

- F. Nomination Committee** - No Report; will activate in August of 2023.

- G. State TAC/Steering Committee** - Will meet next week.

- H. Local Council Reports/System Panning and Development Issues EMS & Hospital** -
 - a. Clallam** - Derrell Sharp reported that LE has a new Liaison, Mike Johnson, he has 15 years EMT experience and is trained in TECC. LE has advised that they will be returning to procedures Pre-Pandemic in regard to HB 1310. They hosted PALS training in February. The EMT class this spring has low attendance. Clallam Fire 3 hired 5 new Paramedics. Olympic Ambulance has new RN's. Clallam Fire 2 has had a significant uptick in Trauma cases. PA Fire had some Paramedic Promotions. PA Fire is working on a project to install secure sharps containers around the city.

PA Fire's Community Paramedic was promoted to a Lieutenant; they will be looking for his replacement soon. Chief Sharp gave an overview of the Boston Paramedic program they send members to. OMC has had an uptick in Trauma cases; they are within a few weeks of filling their ED director position and all though COVID is decreasing they are still dealing with staffing challenges.

- b. **Jefferson** - Tim Manly reported that their local Behavioral Health Guidelines passed; their EMT class has 11 students and starts March 1st; they have an SEI candidate running the class and they are busier than ever, up 17-34% overall for call volume.
- c. **Kitsap**- Mary Flick reported that Kim Petersen has been replaced by Sam McClendon as the STEMI coordinator at St. Michaels and Mike Hasting is their new ED Director. Dr. Hoffman reported that they have an EMT class running now; they are offering Evaluator classes; see their website for information; their local Behavioral Health Guidelines passed and they have ALS Base Station on March 3rd.
- d. **Mason** - Reported that hospital COVID cases are decreasing; they are working on a mental health stabilization plan and transitioning from TPA to TNK for stroke patients. Dr. Hoffman reported that they have an EMT class running now; they are offering Evaluator classes; see their website for information; their local Behavioral Health Guidelines passed and call volume is increasing.
- e. **West Olympic** - Dan Drudge reported that they have an EMT class running now and he has 5 students in it.
- f. **Communications**- Tim McKern reported that Clallam and Jefferson have been on the new CAD system for a while now; Jefferson will go live next week on 3/22.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Next Monday is Pi day, 3.14.2022.

Next meeting is May 12th, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Sharp moved and Matt Million seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:35.