

NORTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021, Appvd.



REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE via conference call:

CLALLAM

¹ Keith Bogues, **Chair** excused
^{1A} Daniel Montana absent
² Trisha Duerr absent
^{2A} Jake Patterson absent
¹¹ Joseph Rodrigues, **At Large** excused
²⁶ Branton Byers absent
⁸⁵ Derrell Sharp excused
^{85A} Karl Hatton absent

MASON

⁸⁷ Brandon Searles, **Secretary/Treasurer**
^{5A} Matthew Welander absent
⁵ Michael Sexton absent
⁶ Tamarah Hoffman absent
¹³ Greg Yates absent
²⁸ Sabrina Nelson absent
^{28A} Kristyn Criss absent

WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA

¹⁰ Louise Smith
¹⁵ Timothy Wade, **At Large** absent

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

⁶⁵ Sky Sexton absent

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

⁶⁰ Kristin Kirschner absent

CONSUMER REP

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VISITORS

Andrew Clemens, Life Flight
Mikaela Hagberg, ALNW

JEFFERSON

³ Brad Martin, **Past Chair** excused
⁴ Tim Manly
¹² Tim McKern
²⁷ Sarah Schadler
^{27A} Cindy Kratochil
^{3A} Tammy Ridgway

KITSAP

⁷ Eric Chamberlian absent
⁸ Matt Million excused
²⁹ Mary Flick
⁸⁸ Kim Petersen absent
¹⁴ Jake Gillanders

MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

⁴⁷ Dr. David Carlbom
⁴⁸ Dr. Joe Hoffman, **Vice Chair**
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⁴⁶ Dr. Danielle Whitley excused

NAVY REGION NW

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

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COAST GUARD

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PUBLIC HEALTH/PREPAREDNESS

⁷⁵ Elya Baltazar excused

NWREMS STAFF

René Ralston

STATE EMS ADMINISTRATOR

Hailey Thacker

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Draft, May 13, 2021

Vice Chair Joe Hoffman called the Northwest Regional EMS Council meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. via the Zoom Meeting Virtual Platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim McKern moved and Mary Flick seconded to approve the March 11, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chair Report – Will be captured in the minutes below

Treasurer's Report – René Ralston reported on: Profit and Loss Statements for March and April FY 21 YTD; Bank Balance as of 4/30/2021 was \$41,045.16. Tim McKern moved and Tim Manly seconded to approve the Profit and Loss statement as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MPD Report – Dr. Carlbom reported that Jefferson County has hired Tammy Ridgeway as the new MSO

Dr. Hoffman reported that there was a virtual MPD meeting in April; they discussed Quality Improvement and Wemsis. QI has a lot of variance in what and how things are done. Next meetings are: 7/26 & 10/18 There is a Pediatric Emergency Conference being held 9/14-9/15 at Mary Bridge.

DOH Report – Report was attached to packet; DOH representative Hailey Green briefly went over highlights of that report:

- Legislation updates
- EMS Rulemaking and Stakeholders Meeting with proposed amendments to in WAC 246-976.
- Wemsis Rulemaking concluded SSB 5380 section 19.
- Steering Committee Recruitment has ended to full 10 positions. Next meeting to be held 5/19/21.
- 1276 Has passed, 5198 has also passed.

Air Medical –

Airlift Northwest have been busy. Email Mikaela if you need any patient follow up

Region 2 PHEPR Update/Northwest Healthcare Response Network – No Report.

Olympic Nation Park – No Report.

Law Enforcement – No Report.

Correspondence –

- A. **DOH** – Current Council list was included in the packet; Welcome to new members Greg Waters, Hank Teran, and Jake Gillanders

Unfinished Business –

- A. **DMCC** – Kitsap has a revised plan. St. Michael is not currently in a position to act as a DMCC. Harborview will act as temporary DMCC. Region DMCC does not have one established yet. Would be nice to start conversations regarding this. Trying to establish Clallam/Jefferson DMCC. St. Michaels has had lots of leadership change and had a recent move. With covid it may add up to reasons why they aren't yet ready and willing to step into role. They expressed they would take on this role once they are ready for this. We will continue to work with NWHCRN.
- B. **2021-2023 Region Plan** – Rene presented a draft plan with edits that captured the comments and suggestions of the Steering Committee Reviewers. The group had time to review the Regional Plan and with no suggested changes Rene asks for a motion to approve. Dr. Carlbom moved and Tim McKern seconded to approve the amended Region Plan as presented and have René submit to the DOH for final review and approval. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business –

- A. **Unused Training Funds** – Each year in May we review what each Local Council has/has not spent for the current contract period. Rene presented a spreadsheet of all 5 counties to date. It was expressed that all 5 counties intend to fully use and submit their training grant before the June 30, 2021 deadline.
- B. **Executive Board Past Chair Position** – The region was notified of the Resignation of Brad Martin thus leaving an Executive Board Position of Past Chair open. Chair Bogues asked the membership for any input to fill this position. Available options are Tim McKern and Tim Manly. Tim McKern expressed that he would gladly fill this position. This information will be shared with Chair Bogues and email will be sent out reflecting his decision on who he decides to appoint.

Strategic Plan –

- A. **Strategic Plan** – Rene' developed and shared a powerpoint with the Council that defined the differences between COPS, Protocols and Patient Care Procedures. This email will be sent out to all.
- B. **WEMISIS/Cares** – Feedback to better improve WEMISIS/Cares is that if you omit the zipcode it is being dinged.

Committee Reports –

- A. **Executive/Funding** – Will meet over summer as needed.
- B. **QI Committee** – Met today and had a Mass Transfusion Presentation.
- C. **IPPE Committee** – No Report.
- D. **Protocol Committee** – No Report.
- E. **TED Committee** – No Report.
- F. **Nomination Committee** - Nominations will open in September of 2021 Dr. Hoffman to Chair.
- G. **State TAC/Steering Committee** – RACTAC is scheduled for next week. The Steering Committee is working on Region plans review.

H. Local Council Reports/System Panning and Development Issues EMS & Hospital –

- a. **Clallam** – No Report
- b. **Jefferson** – Jefferson County EMS has appointed Tim McKern as the temporary Chairman. The have a new EMT class started, EMT-A class didn't pan out. County is continuing to work and assist with covid Vaccinations.
Sarah from the Hospital reported that their numbers are low, ER is varied. Working on staffing and possibly changing schedules and on calls. Reviewing ER director applications. Falls program still enrolling patients via ER and from the field.
- c. **Kitsap** – EMS reported that they just finished a Supraglottic Airway class and have 1 more in the fall. EMT course is complete, Fall EMT class is posted on website, difficult airway class currently being held and 6/3/21 Quarterly base station will be virtual. The Hospital reported that they have had an extensive increase in numbers. The have a new ED director, and 2 new ER Medical positions.
- d. **Mason** – They reported that they have completed their Supraglottic Airway course, they graduated their EMT class and completed their difficult airway course. More agencies have signed on with ESO giving Dr. Hoffman better access. They are also finishing up their BLS protocol tests.
The Hospital reported that their volume is down 26% at the end of 2020, volume trending back up however. Nursing Staffing is a big issue currently.
- e. **West Olympic** – EMS is back on track for regular meetings. Is trying to gain access to give vaccine with no success. Will reach out to Dr. Whitley for assistance.
- f. **Communications** – Clallam and Jefferson County have a new process called Enterprise. They plan to go live this Fall and are in the process of updating their response plans.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Nurse & Hospital week ending soon. EMS Week to start next week

Next meeting is September 9th, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14pm.