

Northwest Region EMS Council Minutes



January 11, 2024

Meeting via Zoom platform

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11:00 am QI Meeting

11:45 am TED

12:00pm Regional Council Meeting Call to order – Introductions/Roll call

1. Approval of Minutes

a) *November 9, 2023 *draft* - Tim McKern motioned, Joey seconds, all approve.

2. Chair Report - Introduction of new members

3. Treasurer's Report

a) *Profit & Loss statements FY24 YTD - Brandon Searles review the profit and loss report as presented. Tim McKern motioned to approve, Tim Wade seconds. All approve.

4. **MPD Report** - Dr. Carlbom shared that training has been occurring at Discover Bay for ALS partners around medications. Partnering with local hospital pharmacy. Revised the controlled substance guidance document. Dr. Hoffman shared that they are continuing to work on protocols, quarterly MPD meetings are occurring.

5. DOH Report

a) *attached in packet - Lots happening in legislation currently, Randi shared the most updated, as of yesterday, DOH report. Discussion and concerns around SB 5940 and HB 1888.

6. Air Medical - None.

7. **Region 2 PHEPR Update / Northwest Healthcare Response Network** - Elya notes the WMCC is seeing an increase overall. They continue to monitor pediatric populations. Hospitals are filling up, not due to one single thing but rather many. Work began on an All Hazards surge document. Required exercises are coming up around mass patient movement, radiological incidents. Looking for volunteers to help plan for such a really bad day incident. Look for gaps in the system, particularly needing all types of the sector. Commitment would be for a 1 hour planning meeting, and then a couple hours for another month or two.

8. Olympic National Park - none

9. Law Enforcement - none

10. Correspondence - none

11. Unfinished Business

- a) Accounting - Bank of America was updated with the appropriate people. Randi obtained more than 3 bids for help with our accounting and tax liabilities. Two firms showed promise, only one submitted a proposal. The Executive Board brings forward a recommendation to retain the services of LM Accounting. Michael Sexton motions to approve this recommendation, Dr. Craven seconds. All approve the retention of accounting services.
- b) WEMSIS Workshop - Reviewed above.
- c) DMCC - Working to bring together the right people on this topic. Randi will coordinate a group to come together and move this forward.
- d) Behavioral Health System - Joey provided an update on the consortium with United Healthcare. Dr. Carlbom mentioned a planning grant that Jefferson County EMS Council will be a part of.
- e) Naloxone Leave Behind Program - Dr. Hoffman is setting up accounts in RedCap for each county. Discussion around best distribution and reporting requirements.

12. New Business

- a) COVID testing opportunity - Kristi Allen and Erihia Coronel, Program Manager of the Health Commons project, attended and presented this opportunity for obtaining COVID and Flu testing for EMS agencies.
- b) Training Grants
 - a. Request forms for FY24
 - i. *Clallam - The TED committee met, reviewed and approved Clallam County's training grant request. Alex McCracken motioned, Dr. Carlbom seconds. All approve.
- c) New license applications - None

13. Strategic Plan

- a) Pre Hospital Min / Max report from Local councils - Most local councils have discussed and determined any changes necessary. Still awaiting final from Clallam.
- b) WEMSIS data quality workshop - Reviewed above.
- c) Survey to identify challenges to workforce recruitment & retention, Jan '24 - A survey is in our strategic plan but we still need more information and guidance. The group took a moment to brainstorm and discussed that this is an issue nationally, considerations of pay, benefits, work/life balance.
- d) Website updates: add IVP info & emergency preparedness links - Need to update with DOH links.

14. Committee Reports

- a) Executive / Funding Committee - Will continue meeting on alternating, even months from the Council meeting.

- b) QI Committee - Met just before Council meeting. Topic was Stroke and data from both DOH and St. Michaels were analyzed. Discussion on transport destination decisions particularly aeromedical. Next topic in March is Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse.
- c) IVP Committee - Has no met, already discussed naloxone leave behind program.
- d) Protocol Committee - Work has begun at the local level. Easy Retro comment board has begun.
- e) TED Committee - Met and reviewed Clallam grant request as discussed above.
- f) Nomination Committee - No reason to meet at this time.

15. Local Council Reports, System Planning & Development Issues, EMS & Hospital

- a) Clallam - Dr. Craven shared that overall things are going very well. Community paramedicine program received grant funding.
- b) Jefferson - EMT class ongoing. Narcan leave-behind program going well. Looking forward to a prehospital emergency airway course on 3/7.
- c) Kitsap - Lori reports that St. Michaels is experiencing higher than normal ED visits and admission. They are working to begin sexual assault nurse examiner training, a 40 hour class. ED boarding continues to be an ongoing problem. On the EMS side they have 2 EMT classes, 1 academy and 1 community and continue to onboard new providers.
- d) Mason - Mason General continues to report high volumes. EMT calls has 20 students. Training calendar is set for the year.
- e) West Olympic Peninsula - Tim Wade shared an update that the hospital restructured the Department and Tim is no longer the manager of the ED. He maintains his position as training and education director. EMT class going on. Dan reports that the call volume is up, thankful for support of neighboring agencies. Ongoing training with the clinic to bolster their skills.
- f) Communications - No report.

16. Good of the Order - Brian Neilson notes that ESF8 taskforce is looking for volunteers, Tim McKern offered.

17. Other – Next Meeting, March 14, 2024

18. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Tim Wade, second by Tim Manly. All in favor.