

□ Northwest Region EMS Council

MINUTES

September 14, 2023

Meeting via Zoom



10:00am Executive Boarding: Budget

11:00am QI Meeting

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- a) *May 11, 2023 draft in meeting packet.

Tim Manly motions to approve, second by Tim Wade, all approved.

2. Chair Report -

Introduction and appointment of new Executive Director Randi Riesenberg who started in this capacity on August 14, 2023. Provided an update on the work the Board had done over the summer. Dr. Hoffman also reported on Audit results. Recommendations include presentation and review of all warrants for the Region. Awaiting an invoice for the audit.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) *Profit and Loss statements FY23 & FY24 YTD
- b) Bank balance as of 9/5/23 is \$79,287

Brandon Searles reviewed the Profit and Loss reports and bank balances that were part of the meeting packet. Motion to approve financial report by Matt Million, second by Tim Wade, all approve.

4. MPD Report

Paul Craven, new Clallam MPD, introduced himself.

Recent MPD meeting reviewed Trauma Triage Tool updates.

Dr. Carlbom updated on naloxone project. Also March 7 will host a prehospital emergency initial airway course.

5. DOH Report

- a) Hailey Thacker - *attached in packet

Steering committee next week.

Discussion on Trauma Triage tools including a notice and public hearing.

David Carlbom: clarifying questions around pharmacy topics.

6. Air Medical

ALNW, Jim Richardson reminds everybody they are still carrying whole blood and blood products. Participating in a prehospital blood trial, they have entered 60 patients over the last year, and continuing.

LifeFlight, Lora York, introduced herself, no updates.

7. Region 2 PHEPR Update / Northwest Healthcare Response Network

Elya shared that the Network is working on the communications drill, a required federal drill. Taking this opportunity to work on their own communication plans. Upcoming district meetings. Monitoring covid, RSV, and ped's behavioral health.

8. Olympic National Park - No report.

9. Law Enforcement - No report.

10. Correspondence

a) DoH - [Current Council list](#)

Reviewed current member list, OPMA, encourage alternates and reviewed how to apply. Information sent regarding Safe Haven signage, will be distributed to the group via email.

11. Unfinished Business

a) DMCC

Lori Danko aims to get St. Michael's to be a point on DMCC for the Olympic Peninsula. Work on regional coordination within the plan. Mariah, NWHRN, discussions around conversations and encouragement to join the conversation around regional and state coordination. State level conversations happening around DMCCs. Is there a resource document - what are prehospital and ED resources that exist within certain time frames. Will work to compile and create such a resource list.

b) Behavioral Health System

This will be an upcoming topic in the QI meeting. Mental health continues to overwhelm both pre- and in-hospital resources. Was discussed at QI as it is a large issue in the pediatric population. Joey shared some information about the 988 bill legislation to include EMS and a transportation mechanism. Discussion ensued.

c) Air PCP*

Reviewed edits based on feedback. Tim Manly motioned to adopt edits, Jake Williams seconds, none opposed. Motion passes.

12. New Business

a) FY 24 Budget

There will be some revisions in the future based on changes made.

b) FY 23-25 amended contract signed

There will be another contract amendment to change the DOH contact with Hailey's departure.

c) Training Grant

a. Unspent FY23

b. Request forms for FY24

Training requests have gone out to the 5 local councils.

d) New license applications

a. *Olympic Ambulance trauma verification in Jefferson County

Olympic ambulance seeking trauma verification in Jefferson County. Jefferson County Council supports the application. Tim McKern motions to approve and Jake Gillander seconds. No discussion, none opposed. motion passes.

b. [Removed from the agenda.]

c. *Central Mason merger

Central Mason and FD 11 have merged. Local council has approved. McKern motions, Manley seconds. No discussion, no opposition, motion passes.

Dr. Hoffman will sign and send the two license applications.

e) Nominations for Board positions

McKern opens nominations and offers to keep current positions. Open for nominations. Manly motions to close nominations. Vote in November on Board nominations.

13.Strategic Plan

a) Goal 1, Objective 2, Strategy 1: County Councils review pre-hosp min/max

Randi will send each County Council chair their Min/Max for review.

b) Roster vacancies & emergency preparedness participation

Already discussed.

c) Goal 4, Objective 1, Strategy 1: WEMSYS data quality report

Randi reviewed the WEMSYS data quality report. Plan to get agency level data

14.Committee Reports

a) Executive / Funding Committee

Reviewed what has been done. Will work to make modifications to the budget.

b) QI Committee

Dr. Carlbom reviewed a case and pediatrics resources & discussion around the challenges and training around pediatric patient population and how EMS can best care and transport. Lori offered to be a resource for pediatric trauma education.

c) IVP Committee

Has not met. Back in the spring leftover funds were earmarked for naloxone leave behind program. Awaiting answer on request for naloxone unit doses for the kids to be dispersed to local councils.

d) Protocol Committee

Has not met, will get up and going when Dr. Craven finishes his Boards.

e) TED Committee

Jefferson County training grant request: Jake Gillanders motion, second by Paul Craven, no discussion, none opposed, motion passes.

Kitsap will amend the request to include #2 to include Years 24-25 for a total grant request of \$26,000.

Carlbon motions to approve, Tim McKern seconds, no discussion, no opposition, motion passes.

f) Nomination Committee

Discussed in new business.

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

a) Clallam

New MPD, Dr. Craven is the official MPD. Housekeeping as a Council to role out Public Meetings Act. EMT course coming up. Coordinating a TECC course in October. Olympic Ambulance started a relationship with city of Sequim to provide fleet services. 300 & 400 ICS course with a train-the-trainer component.

b) Jefferson

LUCAS pilot program, requesting an extension for more opportunity to use. Seeing a COVID increase.

c) Kitsap

Karmela Palmer is the new trauma program coordinator. Kitsap EMS having a cadaver lab in March, flyer will come soon. Various airway opportunities. EMT classes planned for fire/EMT and community class. EMS evaluator course coming up this fall. EMT bridge course hopefully in November for RN to EMT, or other advanced healthcare provider.

d) Mason

Seeing increased COVID, participated in Opioid meeting. EMT class in January. Evaluator course in near future. IV technician course. All available on the website.

e) West Olympic Peninsula

Dan Druge, Neah Bay has two students headed to Peninsula college. Slowly working to rebuild the workforce.

f) Communications

16. Good of the Order

Covid on the rise.

Shoutout to Dan Druge for attending and representing at the Prehospital TAC.

17. Other – Next Meeting, November 9, 2023

18. Adjourn