

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

December 7, 2017 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT: Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Liz Jessee, Kevin Kromm, Todd Kimball, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Melissa Rodriguez, Alyssa Wells, and Rob Nelson

EXCUSED: Kathy Adamski, Erin Davis, David DeVere, Charlie Drury, Randy Hinchcliffe, Brian Jones, Holly Jones, Brad Morris, Dr. Thomas Underhill, David Winter, and Neosha Zabel-Guse

ABSENT: Sharon Brooks, Brian Callahan, Meghan Debolt, Jim Estep, Kate Hockersmith, Steve Hoffman, Alysia Kyle, Patti Loney, Jim Romine, Dennis Waters

GUEST: Rick Edwards

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$19,591.67 all bills paid

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

NONE

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported –

- LEO Narcan

Dr. Underhill and I have been meeting with local law enforcement agencies as they prepare to start carrying Narcan that they'll receive as part of a five-year grant from Blue Mountain Heart to Heart. The medication will be primarily utilized for officer safety; however, the policy is written so that the officers may administer to the public. We will not be administering law enforcements Narcan programs, policies, or training; however, we did agree to train officers to the BLS Healthcare Provider level to give them some airway management training.

- AHA Training Center Update

We met with Grande Ronde Hospital AHA Training Center staff and I'm pleased to announce that Walla Walla County AHA Instructor's will be aligning with Grande Ronde as our new training center. Grande Ronde was extremely accommodating of our instructor's needs and are allowing us to keep two training center staff and making this a very seamless transition for our instructors.

- **Advanced First Aid**

I attended a Commissioners meeting for WWFD #8 regarding the applicable RCWs and WACs related to EMS personnel and services. There were some questions from District staff regarding what their personnel could do on an incident if they weren't certified. We reviewed the requirements and developed a path forward to get their personnel trained to a minimum of Advanced First Aid. I've received the documentation from DOH regarding what they want covered in an Advanced First Aid class and will be developing this training.

- **WAC 246-976**

DOH has filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to open WAC 246-976-010 through -310, -330 through 400, -890, -920, -960, and -970. I would encourage all agencies to review the current WAC and participate in the Stakeholder meetings that DOH is having. This is our opportunity to provide input to DOH, so we should take advantage of that.

- **NAEMSE Instructor 1 Course**

There will be a NAEMSE Instructor 1 course in Wenatchee on April 6-8, 2018. I would like to suggest that the Council consider sponsoring Todd Reiswig to attend this training. Instructor 1 training is required for Todd to submit his SEI Candidate application to DOH, and we'd like to have Todd as one of two SEI candidates for the Spring EMT course. The total cost of the training including tuition, mileage, lodging, and per diem is \$926.49. We could look at the potential of reallocation of training grant dollars to offset some of this expense. Justin Lessard made a motion to pay for Todd Reiswig's tuition, using training grant funds, not to exceed the amount listed above. Kevin Kromm seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimously in favor.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- The Region is again going to start reviewing the min max numbers and trauma response area maps.
- Both the counties of Yakima and Grays Harbor have new MPD's.

LIFEFLIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- The Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), including the HAZMAT response plan, has been approved by the state. It will be distributed on thumb drive, as well as be available on the website. The HAZMAT response plan met all requirements. It should be noted it was one of a few in the state that did so.
- We have received a federal grant for the hazard mitigation plan. The state will cover ½ the cost. Northwest Management have submitted a bid. They should start next year.
- An MCI exercise is taking place tonight at WWCC EMT class. In hopes of heading off public panic, many Facebook and Twitter posts, as well as a news release have been circulated.

TRAINING:

Melissa Rodriguez reported –

- 17 students will be taking their written and practical testing next week.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Nancy McClenny-Walters reported –

- We are already gearing up for Tippy Taxi, December 15-31, 2017. There are posters and business cards for you to take with you to display and hand out. Please keep in mind Tippy Taxi covers Walla Walla and College Place only.
- Every 15 Minutes Programs have been scheduled. We will be in Burbank March 15-16, at WAHI March 29-30, and Waitsburg April 19-20. Volunteers are needed. We also need mock crash volunteers in Waitsburg.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- Advised that we should still encourage people to get the flu shot despite reports of it not being a good match. Please visit the link below for more information:

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OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council Membership

Heather reminded everyone that they need to submit their agencies EMS Council membership information. This information will be utilized to create the EMS Council Membership List that will be presented to the County Commissioners in February 2018.

- Election of Officers

Heather reminded the council that election of officers will take place at the council meeting in February. Officers will be seated at the close of the February meeting.

- ETLs Course

Heather would like the Council to consider sponsoring an Emotional Trauma Life Support (ETLS) class. This is an in depth two-day course that could provide our responders with some extremely valuable tools related to responder mental health, grief support, death (pediatric, Hospice, crime scene, etc.). Statistics show that first responders are 12x more likely to consider suicide, 19x more likely to plan it, and 20x more likely to attempt it; so, any proactive training we can do to support

our providers would be money well spent. The instructor charges \$150/person plus travel expenses for this training; however, the Council can choose to charge more for tuition to recoup expenses. If the Council decides to move forward with this course, she would also like the Council to consider sponsoring some spots in the course for our local providers. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table this discussion until the next meeting when additional information the Council requested could be presented. Jodi Ferguson volunteered to meet with Heather to look for grants that may cover some or all the cost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Heather Lee reported –

- A surprise retirement party for Larry Hector will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7:00 PM, at District #6 fire station in Touchet.

Rick Edwards reported –

- Region 8 Public Health is in the process of planning an annual hospital surge exercise. He will be reaching out to all agencies to see if they would like to participate.
- There will be an addition made to the current WATRAC system that will also tracking patients and their belongings. This change will take place sometime in Summer 2018.

Susan Leathers reported –

- Flu Shot Round Up was successful with all doses administered by 11:00 am. They also used this time to test the HAM radio operators as well.
- Ebola exercise was successful.

Liz Jessee reported –

- Yakima Emergency Management is hosting a Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks, on January 23-24. Deadline to register for this course is Dec 22, 2017 and the course will be in Yakima. For additional information please see the flyer below:



Course Flyer -
Complex Coord Atta

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:52 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 1, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells

Secretary – EMS Council