

**WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL**  
**October 5, 2017 6:00 PM**  
**WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD**

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**PRESENT:** Kathy Adamski, Sharon Brooks, Erin Davis, Charlie Drury, Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Liz Jessee, Kevin Kromm, Todd Kimball, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Todd Reiswig, Melissa Rodriguez, Alyssa Wells, and Neosha Zabel-Guse

**EXCUSED:** Meghan Debolt, David DeVere, Randy Hinchcliffe, Kate Hockersmith, Brian Jones, Holly Jones, Alysya Kyle, Brad Morris and Jim Romine, David Winter

**ABSENT:** Brian Callahan, Jim Estep, Steve Hoffman, Patti Loney, Dennis Waters, and Dr. Thomas Underhill, Eric Wood.

**GUEST:**

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Minutes approve

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\$21,403.30 all bills paid

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**MPD REPORT:**

NONE

**EMS DIRECTOR:**

Heather Lee reported –

- Welcome Kathy Adamski and Melissa Rodriguez.
- Alyssa is typing the ALS Guidelines and they will be sent for review.
- The 2017-2018 OTEP cycle started on October 2nd, with approximately 30 providers attending CPR/AED/I-Gel OTEP at WWCC. In prior years we've only held one OTEP session during the month of December, but due to low attendance we're trying something different this year. Instead of one eight-hour class on a Saturday we're having four classes during December like every other month. If attendance remains low this year, we'll remove OTEP during the month of December during the 2018-2019 OTEP schedule.
- The 2017-2018 training grant was submitted in the amount of \$11,810.44 on August 1st. We requested the standard OTEP costs (170 students @ \$50/each), \$1,000 for an ESE Renewal course, and \$2,310.44 for training aids (manikins, textbooks, I-Gel's, etc.). We're still awaiting our

official approval on the grant however, we don't anticipate any problems or a change in the amount we'll receive.

- On September 20th all AHA CPR Instructors in Walla Walla County that are affiliated with Trios Health received an affiliation termination letter. The letter gave instructors until November 21st to find a new AHA Training Center. We've reached out to many Training Centers and explored several options, including becoming an AHA Training Center. On November 7th Training Center staff from Grande Ronde Hospital will be coming to meet with all our AHA CPR Instructors. From conversations with the Training Center staff it appears that this will be the best fit for our instructors. More information will follow after the meeting in November.
- In-service training has begun with Walla Walla County EMS agencies as we transition from King Airway's to I-Gel's. I-Gels are less expensive, require less time to insert, and cause less tissue compression trauma than the King Airway's.
- We're excited to announce that College Place Fire Department (CPFD) received Department of Health (DOH) approval on August 29th for their BLS transport license. While CPFD is still in the process of determining how to implement this new change we are hopefully that in 2018 they will begin BLS transport.
- The month of August was heavily consumed with a project related to Training Program recertification through DOH. Both WWCC and Walla Walla County EMS training program credentials expired on September 30, 2018. Being a certified training program allows both agencies to teach EMS classes, which benefits our local fire agencies and the community. This year DOH implemented a new recertification process that involved creating student handbooks, instructor guidelines, schedules, equipment lists, etc. for every level of EMS class that the program can instruct. As this was a new process the required recertification documentation didn't exist for either program. In conjunction with WWCC we were successful in developing all the required documentation for both programs (WWCC is certified to teach the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); Walla Walla County EMS is certified to teach EMR, EMT, and Advanced EMT).

#### **REGIONAL:**

NONE

#### **LIFEFLIGHT:**

NONE

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Liz Jessee reported –

- Completed the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), including the HAZMAT response plan, and submitted it to the State for review.
- Hazard mitigation plan is in the works, with funding from a federal grant.

#### **TRAINING:**

Heather Lee reported-

- EMT class started on September 25th with 17 students, 10 of which are affiliated with local agencies.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

Nancy McClenny-Walters reported –

- We are already gearing up for Topsy Taxi, December 15-31, 2017. Volunteers are needed.
- The Every 15 Minutes Programs are already in the works. The participating schools this year are Walla Walla, Waitsburg and Burbank high schools. College Place High School may be participating as well. Volunteers will be needed.

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:**

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- We will be participating in the Providence Saint Mary Medical Center Flu Shot Round-Up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- According the EMS Council bylaws during the September meeting of odd years nominations are to be received for Council membership so a balanced membership list can be submitted to the Walla Walla County Commissioners prior to the annual EMS Council meeting. Heather would recommend we send a letter to all agencies requesting they submit the names of their two representatives by December 1st. This would allow us to approve the membership list at the December meeting and then present it to the County Commissioners for approval prior to the February meeting. A motion was made by Charlie Drury and seconded by Erin Davis to have Heather send out a letter to agencies requesting they submit their updated representatives.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Susan Leathers announced

- Providence will offer its annual **free** drive through adult flu shot clinic October 21 at **Providence St. Mary Medical Center** in Walla Walla from 9 a.m. to noon, or until the vaccine is gone. Volunteers are needed.

Liz Jessee announced

- Please register for the 2017 earthquake drill, the “Shake Out” will be observed on October 19, 2017 @ 10:19 am. Please participate with us!

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:29 PM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 7, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

*Alyssa Wells*

*Secretary – EMS Council*