

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
February 2, 2017 6:00 PM WWCC BOARDROOM
MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm in the Boardroom @ WWCC

INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT: Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Liz Jessee, Kevin Kromm, Heather Lee, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Patrick Purcell, Kara Thonney, Alyssa Wells.

EXCUSED: Patty Courson, David DeVere, Brian Jones, Holly Jones, Todd Kimball, Susan Leathers, Justin Lessard, Brad Morris, Dr. Thomas Underhill, Neosha Zabel-Guse.

ABSENT: Melissa Bowe, Brian Callahan, Meghan Debolt, Charlie Drury, Jim Estep, Randy Hinchcliffe, Steve Hoffman, Alysya Kyle, Patti Loney, Brad Mason, Lori Wardlaw, Dennis Waters, and Eric Wood.

GUEST:

None

MINUTES OF MEETING:

No quorum for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$21,051.64 all bills paid

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

Dr. Underhill reported –

- EMS class has started with 16 students.
- Has been receiving positive feedback about Dist #4 transports
- Planning next month to update the EMS guidelines.
- MPD meeting in June, in Seattle.
- Providence Saint Mary Medical Center is taking over Walla Walla General Hospital. This should not affect EMS for the County. Susan Leathers added that the Adventist Health mission for our community will continue. Their intent is to keep both facilities fully operational.

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported –

- EMT class concluded in December. The class started with 17 students and 15 successfully completed the course. Of the 15, 8 have taken and passed the National Registry exam, 2 have attempted the exam and failed, and 5 still need to take the exam.

- The final 2016 National Registry Pass Rates for WWCC and Walla Walla County EMS are available. WWCC has an 81% pass rate and WWCO EMS has an 83% pass rate. Both are well above the 75% required by DOH.
- District 4 began BLS transport on January 3rd. They've had approximately 35 EMS incidents; 12 patients were transported, 8 patients were transferred to ALS, 11 patients were evaluated w/o transport, 2 patients were treated and transported POV, and 2 patients refused evaluation.
- The 2017 EMS Levy Distribution contracts have been distributed to all agencies. For 2017, the approximate distribution will be \$2,750,157.
- The ALS and BLS protocols are being reviewed and updated in 2017. We'll be starting with the ALS protocols and once those are completed we'll move to the BLS protocols. Currently WWFD is asking their personnel to review and comment on the ALS protocols; once that's completed we'll get a representative from WWFD, District 4, District 5, and Dr. Underhill together to decide on suggested changes and updates.
- Alyssa Wells received the Public Safety award at the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Awards and Recognition Luncheon. This award is presented to an individual in the field of public safety that has gone above and beyond in serving their community. Alyssa volunteers at the Every 15 Minutes programs, Topsy Taxi, Walla Walla Walks, and is the secretary for the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Council. Fire District #6 received the Good Samaritan Traffic Safety Award. FD #6 has responded to many traffic accidents this year. District #6 also participates in the Every Fifteen Minute Program. They make the mock crash possible. They also allowed students to tour their facility and offered for them to spend the night there when there was a power outage. Their staff is top notch and provides and valuable service to our county.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- The proposal to amend the Walla Walla County Min/Max Numbers will go before the State Committee on March 15th. Do to meeting cancellations over the holidays this has been a bit delayed, but we aren't anticipating any issues getting the proposal approved by DOH.
- A "draft" regional patient care procedure was handed out related to SHB 1721 – transporting patient to alternate destinations (i.e., mental health or drug/alcohol facilities). The Council put together a committee to review and comment on this PCP.
- The Regional System Plan is being updated and a draft will be submitted to DOH by March 1st. The goals and objectives are remaining the same, but the rest of the plan is being updated and written in a bit clearer language.

LIFEFLIGHT:

None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- Introduced and welcomed Patrick Purcell as her new employee.
- Emergency Management has been busy this month with weather related events. Potential for flooding and large chunks of ice on Bennington Lake and Mill Creek. The warming center has been

open more days this winter than ever before. There have been many new volunteers for the warming center. Patrick has been busy registering them. However, the warming center has incurred \$7,000.00 in heating bills to provide this service.

TRAINING:

Heather Lee reported –

- EMT class starts again in March and will end in June.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Nancy McClenny-Walters –

- Topsy Taxi was a success with 216 given safe rides home.
- The Every Fifteen Minutes Program will be at WA-HI, Prescott and WWVA. We hope to have a mock crash in Prescott. Volunteers will be needed for all programs.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported –

- Mumps and influenza are active right now. Children's vaccinations are available again. It's not too late to get your flu shot.
- She is currently working on the emergency preparedness plan, for Community Health, for WWCO.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funding ideas –

- Kevin and Liz would like Heather to come up with a clear message to present to community businesses when requesting donations for supplemental EMS Council funding.
- Jodi Ferguson suggest applying for grants. She will be sending a list of available local grants to Heather.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather Lee reported –

- The Ted Berry Memorial Scholarship (\$1,215.00) is available and applications are due by May. These can be applied for by Walla Walla or Columbia County residents who plan on attending the upcoming EMT class. Liz Jessee offered to post it to EM's Facebook page to help get the word out. Currently these funds are used for tuition only, but we have reached out to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation regarding the scholarship to see how else we might utilize the funds. We are hoping to be allowed to use the funds for books and reimbursement of National Registry testing fees. The EMS ADCOM has suggesting the possibility of allowing a 50/50 split of the funds.
- EMR class started on January 3rd and will run until approximately March 9th. The class has 12 students, 1 from Bluewood (Columbia County), 2 from District 4, and 8 from District 6. The class is going very well and the instructors are pleased with the progress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:41 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 6, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWCC Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells

Secretary – EMS Council