

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

October 4, 2018 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Kevin Kromm called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves and the agency represented.

PRESENT: Sharon Brooks, Patty Courson, Sgt Justin Destito, Charlie Drury, Bill Dunham, Rocky Eastman, Jodi Ferguson, Deb Fortner, Don Groat, Steve Hoffman, Liz Jessee, Brian Jones, Todd Kimball, Kevin Kromm, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Rob Nelson, Casey Potts, Todd Reiswig, Jim Ruffcorn, Eric Swanson, Dr. Thomas Underhill, Alyssa Wells, Mike Wickstrom and Neosha Zabel-Guse

EXCUSED: Kathy Adamski, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Brad Morris, and Melissa Rodriguez

ABSENT: Brian Callahan, Erin Whitney, Jim Estep, Mitch King, Alysa Kyle, Patti Loney, Jim Romine, and Dennis Waters

GUEST:

Catie Holstein Department of Health

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$21,109.86 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

Heather Lee reported-

Dr. Underhill would like to express his appreciation to everyone for the support they've provided during his tenure as MPD.

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee introduced-

- Catie Holstein with the Washington State Department of Health joined us via conference call. Heather distributed information from Catie regarding the RCWs and WACs in respect to the Medical Program Director and what his/her responsibilities are. Catie explained the roll of the local council regarding the MPD replacement process, as well as, the local hospital as there is no active medical society in Walla Walla County. The position would need to be posted for at least 30 days, if there were multiple applicants an interview panel would be arranged, once a recommendation was ready to be made to DOH the council and local hospital would write recommendation letters, and the Secretary of Health would make the final

appointment. Catie also explained that the State has seen an approximately 43% turnover in MPDs over the past four years. Due to the turnover she explained why DOH believes multi-county MPDs are a good option. Dr. Underhill has expressed his desire to resign by November 1, 2018. To achieve this timeline DOH could appoint an interim MPD while the posting, recruiting and interview process is navigated. She made the recommendation to appoint Dr. Lewis Neace who is the current MPD for our neighboring Columbia County. Dr. Neace is extremely qualified with many years of experience in emergency medicine oversight. Rob Nelson asked if Dr. Neace was interested. Catie said she had already spoken with him and he is interested. Susan Leathers mentioned that Dr. Minckler and Dr. Wutzke also are interested. Heather mentioned that Dr. Hurtwitz with VA Hospital is interested as well. Susan Leathers would like to see a younger doctor in the position. Bob Yancy asked if a physician without experience as an MPD could be mentored for a period after appointment? Catie said that would be a requirement. After a lengthy discussion Liz Jessee entertained a motion to make a recommendation to DOH that they appoint Dr. Neace as interim MPD and post the position so any interested physicians, as well as Dr. Neace could apply if they wanted to. Steve Hoffman seconded that motion. Vote was unanimously in favor. Catie thanked the council for their time and reiterated the need for the council and local hospital to send letters of recommendation to DOH. Susan Leathers stated that Chris Hall would write a letter recommending Dr. Neace as interim MPD and Heather Lee said she would write a letter for Liz Jessee to sign. Catie asked who her primary point of contact would be for the MPD transition process and was told Heather Lee would be. Catie also encouraged the council to form an Ad Hoc group to assist with the transition process. Liz Jessee entertained a motion to assemble an Ad Hoc group. Sharon Brooks made the motion and Justin Lessard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Suggestions were made as follows for members of Ad Hoc group: Brad Morris, Rob Nelson, Charlie Drury, Justin Lessard, Todd Reiswig, Todd Kimball, Eric Swanson, Kevin Kromm and Steve Hoffman. Heather Lee will set up a meeting for the Ad Hoc group.

- There are 25 recertifications due on January 31. Please make sure OTEP has been completed and documented and all applications complete.

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

Regional Council approved the Walla Walla County Min/Max adjustment and it will now go before the Steering Committee.

LIFELIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- We have completed Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) training
- We are in the process of planning a Mass Casualty Exercise with Bill Box with Fire District #4. We may be reaching out to you to be on that planning committee.
- Public Information Officer PIO training will be in Dayton, WA October 16-17. JIS/JIC training will be offered on the 18th. Both classes are prerequisites for the Advanced PIO training that is offered in

Maryland annually. ICS300 will be offered in Kennewick, WA on November 19-20, WWCO EMD will offer ICS400 on December 3-4.

TRAINING:

Heather Lee reported-

- EMT class is underway with eighteen students and the group has been extremely engaged and performing well.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

None

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported-

- CPR training is going on for Community Health employees. There are still some openings for the October 17th class.
- There will be drive thru flu vaccine clinic going on at the Providence Saint Mary Medical Center Outpatient Procedure Center drive-thru on October 20th from 9am-12pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Nelson reported-

- ACLS training will be hosted by the City on November 26th and 27th. During this training Justin Lessard will be working through the process to become an AHA certified ACLS instructor.
- Dr. Dryer will be providing a Head Injury class on October 5th at 8:00 a.m. at Station 1, all are welcome.

Susan Leathers reported –

- Stop the bleed instructors have been busy training many civic groups, churches, and nursing students. We have spoken with the WAHI Latino club advisor for assistance in reaching the Latino community.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:54 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 6, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells, Secretary – EMS Council