

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

October 3, 2019 6:00 PM

WWPD CHUCK FULTON COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm in the Fulton Room @ WWPD

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves and the agency represented.

PRESENT: Sharon Brooks, Charlie Drury, Bill Dunham, Jodi Ferguson, Otis Garbe, Don Groat, Neosha Guse, Liz Jessee, Brian Jones, Todd Kimball, Kevin Kromm, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Larry Hector, Kate Hockersmith, Justin Lessard, Nancy McClenny-Walters, Dr. Lewis Neace, Casey Potts, Todd Reiswig, Melissa Rodriguez, Alyssa Wells, and Jodi Warden

EXCUSED Rob Nelson, and Dr. Michael Minckler

ABSENT: Kathy Adamski, Patty Courson, Justin Destito, Jim Estep, Deb Fortner, Darren Goble, Randy Hinchliffe, Steve Hoffmann, Kris Kerr, Mitch King, Alyssa Kyle, Patti Loney, Brad Morris, Jim Ruffcorn, Dennis Waters and Erin Whitney

GUEST: Randy Charles and Suze Wood

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$20,382.36 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

Dr Lewis Neace reported-

- He attended an MCI training at the Pasco airport. Multiple agencies were in attendance. It went well.

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported -

- The EMS Advisory Committee will meet next Friday to discuss how the EMS will appear on the ballot. It will then be considered for approval by the County Commissioners to be put on the ballot. The EMS Council will consider ways to advertise the Levy at the next meeting.
- EMT class currently has 17 students. Unfortunately, one of the students that was awarded our scholarship has dropped the class. So, we currently have two scholarships still available.
- A flyer has been added to our website. It lists suggestions for care facilities as to when to call 911 and when not to.
- The Department of Health EMS will be holding Trauma Assessment Public Forums around the state in October and November. It is highly recommended that a representative from each agency attend to let

this corner of the state's voice be heard. The state has issued a moratorium on trauma designations until they have completed the process. For more information please visit the link below.
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSandTraumaCareSystemAssessment>

REGIONAL:

Heather Lee reported –

- The Patient Care Procedures are getting updated. The final draft should be presented at the December meeting. There should not be many changes to content. The changes will primarily change the format.
- The state has vouchers to offset the cost for EMTs to take National Registry Testing. Agencies are encouraged to contact Dawn Felt with the Washington State Department of Health. Here is the link to the National Registry information on DOH website. Please scroll to “Vouchers for NREMT initial cognitive certification examination” click on it for more information.
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSEducationandTraining/NationalRegistryInformation>

LIFEFLIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- On Sunday evening Emergency management attended the “Earthquake Roadshow” presented by the Department of Natural Resources. It was a good quality presentation. Liz has document for sharing if you're interested.
- The Great Washington Shakeout will take place on 10-17-19 @ 10:17am. This is the world's largest earthquake drill. Please plan to participate. More information is available @ <https://www.shakeout.org/washington/howtoparticipate/>

TRAINING:

Melissa Rodriguez reported –

- The EMT will move from Allied Health to the Continuing Education department and Jodi Warden will our primary point of contact. Angelica Can will still be the Program Specialist. Jodi or Angelica will be representing WWCC on the EMS Council. Melissa has also moved to the Continuing Education department but will now oversee outreach.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Nancy McClenney-Walters reported-

- The bike and child passenger safety programs have concluded for the year.
- The next volunteer opportunity is Topsy Taxi. Please let Nancy know if you are interested.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported-

- The Department of Health has completed a report on vaping illness and injury. Amy Osterman is the local contact for more information. aosterman@co.walla-walla.wa.us
- With Hepatitis A outbreaks in neighboring counties, Community Health is being proactive by visiting the Jail and Sleep Center.
- Flu shots are now available.

Susan Leathers reported –

- On October 26th the Providence Saint Mary Medical Center will host the Flu Shot Drive Thru. It will be held on the 7th Street side of the hospital. It will be from 8:00-12:00 or until doses run out. 500 doses are available. It is free for adults only. No children will be vaccinated. Volunteers are needed.
- They also have a new K-9 security program in the works. This will be a dual-purpose dog for security and narcotics.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Cody Maine presented-

- He attended the Mental Health First Aid training. He will be training each shift at WWFD. He will also be doing training during OTEP. It will be split into 2, 4-hour sessions.

Heather Lee Reported-

- We moved the meeting to Lobby, as another group had scheduled use of the room at 6:30 PM. Kate Hockersmith was concerned about lack of ambulance service in Waitsburg. Dr Neace explained that he spoke with the state about the situation in Waitsburg and everyone agreed that they should transition to an Aid license instead of a transport license. This will allow them time to grow their volunteers and when they are ready, we could see about getting their license back. Kate said they were going to put some programs in schools to foster interest in volunteering and provide preliminary training for those interested in EMS. Heather explained that they are covered by Columbia County FD#3 for BLS service and Walla Walla Fire Department for ALS service. Dr. Neace is willing to speak to the fire commissioners when they are ready to move forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Liz Jessee adjourned meeting at 6:35 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 5, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.** @ WWPD Fulton Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells, Secretary