

# WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

February 4, 2021 6:00 PM

## Online Zoom Meeting

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Rob Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Online Zoom Meeting.**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Sharon Brooks, Patty Courson, Charlie Drury, Darren Goble, Steve Hoffman, Liz Jessee, Brian Jones, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Jenny Mayberry, Dr. Lewis Neace, Rob Nelson, Todd Reiswig, Jim Ruffcorn, Alyssa Wells, and Neosha Zabel-Guse

**EXCUSED:** Dr. Michael Minckler, Kevin Kromm, and Brad Morris

**ABSENT:** Angelica Can, Randy Charles, Mark Crider, Justin Destito, Jim Estep, Jodi Ferguson, Deb Fortner, Don Groat, Ruben Hernandez, Randy Hinchliffe, Kate Hockersmith, Kris Kerr, Mitch King, Joe Klundt, Alyssa Kyle, Casey Potts, Dennis Waters, Erin Whitney, and Jodi Worden

**GUEST:**

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

Minutes Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

\$22,654.62 all bills paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**MPD REPORT:**

Dr. Lewis Neace reported-

- A meeting was held with PSMMC, Community Health, Rocky Eastman, Heather Lee, Bob Yancey, and David Winter regarding the EMS role in the vaccination clinics. It was decided that they could volunteer for observation. More training will be needed prior to allowing providers to administer vaccines. If your staff plans on volunteering at the vaccination clinic, please let us know.
- During the State MPD meeting it the MPDs agreed they would distribute a letter in support of the COVID-19 vaccinations for providers.

**EMS DIRECTOR:**

Heather Lee reported –

- ALS protocols have been approved by the state and are to be implemented no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- BLS protocol for pain management with nitrous oxide has also been approved.
- National Registry renewals are coming due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remind personnel.
- The state is calling for input regarding POLST forms and DNR forms. Heather will forward the email for your input. They would like a response no later than February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- The EMS Levy contracts have been sent out for signatures. We are anticipating dispersing \$3,287,570.00 through the Levy. Since this is the beginning of the six-year Levy they will be getting the full \$0.50 per \$1,000.
- OTEP is continuing via Zoom. It appears to be getting easier for all of us as we learn this method.
- EMT class started Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue through March 18<sup>th</sup>. There are 23 students. This class is a mixture of online and in-person. The struggle continues to be having enough time to practice practical skills. The affiliated students are fortunate to receive more in-person training through their agencies. If we must continue with this model for class, we'll look at increasing in-person classes.
- The Region is discussing a change to the way the training grant is calculated. Currently the calculation is based on total providers per county, however the adjustment would only count EMRs, AEMTs, and EMTs. With a new calculation we could potentially see a reduction in training grant dollars. We will keep you advised as these discussions progress.

### **REGIONAL**

- The pediatric training dollars were discussed. The Region will be purchasing supplies with these funds and we'll update you as more information becomes available.

### **LIFEFLIGHT:**

Rob Nelson reported-

- Last week there were discussions regarding some frequency issues. It was determined that fire primary will be the frequency used.

Heather Lee reported-

- A question was asked at OTEP as to who can request Life Flight, BLS or ALS providers/agencies. BLS agencies/providers can request Life Flight. Remember when you're requesting Life Flight to launch them, not put them on standby. While on standby Life Flight can still be dispatched to another incident.

### **EMERGENCYMANAGEMENT:**

Liz Jessee reported -

- Text to 911 is out. Will be fixed sometime tomorrow.
- Inland cellular had an outage on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Registering volunteers for the vaccination clinics. 370 have been registered thus far.
- Continuing to work with Heather Lee as the county PIO.
- We are continuing to take requests for PPE. Please contact our office with your needs. There is a shortage of nitrile gloves and needles.

### **TRAINING:**

NONE

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

NONE

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rob Nelson reported-

- ACLS class has been rescheduled for March 15,16 & 17. Dr. Neace offered to help.
- PALS has been rescheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. PALS will also be offered in Dayton. If you cannot make the May 3<sup>rd</sup> class, please let Rob know and they will find you a class.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Heather Lee reported-

- Commissioner Jenny Mayberry is our new representative on the BOCC.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

Rob Nelson adjourned meeting at 6:46PM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.** Zoom meeting online.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alyssa Wells, Secretary*