

WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

August 5, 2021 6:00 PM

Conference room @ 310 W Poplar & Online Webex

MINUTES OF MEETING

Kevin Kromm called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made

PRESENT: Sharon Brooks, Patty Courson, Mark Crider, Charlie Drury, Rocky Eastman, Jodi Ferguson, Larry Hector, Steve Hoffmann, Liz Jessee, Brian Jones, Kevin Kromm, Susan Leathers, Heather Lee, Justin Lessard, Dr. Lewis Neace, Rob Nelson, Jim Ruffcorn, Rusty Waite, Alyssa Wells, Erin Whitney, and Neosha Zabel-Guse

EXCUSED: Jenny Mayberry, Todd Reiswig,

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

GUEST:

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$19,105.43 all bills paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

MPD REPORT:

NONE

EMS DIRECTOR:

Heather Lee reported-

- A guidance letter was distributed regarding ALS vs. BLS transport. It will be sent out tomorrow morning to each agency, provider, and the hospital.
- A draft OTEP calendar was distributed. It was decided that we will have a mixture of in- person as well as Zoom classes. The Zoom classes will be spread out over the entire year.
- The county received some of the ARAP dollars. We put in a request to buy each BLS aid agency 1 Zoll Auto Pulse and each ALS agency 2 Zoll Auto Pulses. It appears it will be approved for the BLS agencies. Heather will be asking for the ALS agencies to get them as well, apart from College Place Fire as they already have them. There will be a workshop at a future date.

REGIONAL

Heather Lee reported-

- A demonstration was given to the council on EMS tactical gear.
- The County Operating Procedures (COP) need to be reviewed. We have a group that volunteered to review them, Justin Lessard, Rob Nelson, and Charlie Drury. The response area map needs to be updated as well. It will be sent out to each agency for review.

LIFELIGHT:

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Liz Jessee reported –

- The state is back in business of providing PPE, with the rise in COVID 19 cases. Please contact emergency management with your needs.
- Completed the Union Pacific Railroad exercise.
- We are preparing for the Cascadia Rising Exercise 2022. If you are interested in participating. Please join us in the planning piece.

TRAINING:

Heather Lee reported-

- There will be an EMT class in January 2022 at Walla Walla Community College. It has been asked if the students will need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. When we get an answer, we will let you know.
- There has been an overwhelming interest in an EMS evaluator course. There will also be a refresher course for current evaluators. Tentatively it will be held the end of September or beginning of October. It should be about 4 hours in length. We are not sure on location yet.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Jodi Ferguson reported-

- COVID cases continue to rise, 338 as of tonight.

with caution.

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	33,815	30,649
% of Total Population	55.7%	50.4%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	33,813	30,648
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	64.3%	58.3%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	31,894	28,987
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	66.2%	60.1%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	10,046	9,087
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	88.4%	80%

See more information on what these data mean.

CDC | Data as of: August 4, 2021 6:00am ET. Posted: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:07 PM ET

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Crider called into the meeting to discuss the new laws regarding law enforcement response to calls where EMS is involved. It was decided that another meeting will be scheduled between law enforcement and fire agencies to work on guidance for providers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Nelson announced-

- In the first 3 months of the community paramedicine program Cody Maine has saved PSMMC over \$80,000 in unnecessary costs. It has also helped EMS call volume. Cody is doing an awesome job!

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Kevin Kromm adjourned meeting at 7:11 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be **Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Wells, Secretary