

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES



**Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council
 Attendance Record for January– December 2020**

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec							
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A						
Consumer	Loren Belton, YVCOG	Open			CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19															
Medical Control	Kevin Hodges MPD	Designee																		
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Kay Funk, City of Yakima	X	X											X		X	X		
Law Enforcement	Open	Open																		
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Bill Harris, Sunnyside FD	Open													X		X			
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X													X	X	X		
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Brian Ireton, EMS Ops Manager	X												X	X	X	X		
	<i>Diane Koch, Secretary</i>	None	X						X		X									

UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec						
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A					
Fire Service	Ken Frazier, Glead FD	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	X	X	CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19							X	X						
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	Open	X											X		X			
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Treena Russell, ALS		X											X	X	X		

LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		June		Aug		Oct		Dec						
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A					
Fire Service	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD	Joel Byam, FD #5, Chair	X	X	CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19						X	X		X					
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	<i>Open Astria Toppenish Hospital</i>	<i>Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital</i>																	
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, Chair-Elect	Ken Anderson, SSFD	X	X										X	X	X			

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen		CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19				X
Yakima Health District – Emergency Response Coordinator	Nathan Johnson	X					

It is the responsibility of the representative to contact his/her alternate when he/she is unable to attend the meeting.

By-Law, Article III

- 1.1 Each seat will select one representative and one alternate to the Board of Directors. Each seat will be permitted one representative with one vote. Alternates vote in the absence of the regular representative. All members of the Board of Directors shall be selected prior to the annual meeting for the coming year.



1. **Roll call** with 14 present. Nine representatives and five alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.

2. **Guests:** Ryan, Airlift Northwest, and Kim Bersing, Virginia Mason Memorial.

3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**

Ken Eakin moved to approve the minutes from August 27, 2020, as sent. Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence**

None.

5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

A. Tony Miller – no report.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. **EMS Rule next meeting is October 21, 2020, 14:00 and is a webinar only.**

The DOH continues to meet with stakeholders to propose amendments to sections of WAC246-976. Meetings are occurring monthly. Webinar access is available. To learn more about meetings and how to participate, please visit our website at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RulesDevelopment>

B. **WEMSIS Rulemaking** – The rule-making process for the EMS reporting requirements signed into law in 2019 (SSB 5380 section 19) has begun. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to weigh in on the Washington Administrative Code beginning in November, which will define the rules for complying with the new requirements. Will be posted on the DOH website.

C. **EMS Education**

➤ The voucher program has a limited number of EMT, EMR and AEMT vouchers available. Additional EMT vouchers will be purchased as funding becomes available. (If you need assistance finding the form, contact Diane at diane.koch@co.yakima.wa.us)

➤ The Department of Health has updated the Washington State EMS Skills and Procedures List based on recent revisions to the national EMS scope of practice model and in consultation with the state EMS medical program directors and Prehospital TAC. EMS policies and procedures that may need to be reviewed and updated include department approved MPD protocols, county operating procedures and patient care procedures. Changes should be adopted and reflected in protocols and other applicable documents by January 1, 2021.

➤ Reminder: Course applications should be submitted to DOH a minimum of 3 weeks before the course start date. Applications for courses with a start date less than 3 weeks in advance may not be approved. Approval letters for courses are sent from DOH to the training program director. Also, please send changes to approved courses to our general hsqa.ems@doh.wa.gov.



Please note, that means that every class run Yakima County, in order to meet the state deadlines, it needs to be requested 3 months in advance. This ensures there is enough time to obtain council approval and signature, MPD approval and signature and get the course application and attachments sent into the state.

D. EMS Cardiac and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee

The next round of categorization begins on July 20, for South Central and East regions. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, applications are now due in 90 days instead of 60 days as they had been in the past. The due date is now 10/20/2020.

E. Steering Committee

Steve Bowman has been hired as the Trauma epidemiologist.

Hospital min/mas project is the highest priority from the ACS review. First workshop meeting held back in February and they were scheduled to have their second meeting on September 29th to:

Identify indicators, establish the criteria and threshold for the indicators, develop a model to incorporate.

DOH has been asked by the Governor to submit a budget that would account for the reductions to the general fund. Regional Councils and the Poison Center would see 15% reductions under the submitted proposal.

Presentation on using EMT's in diversion centers.

F. Regional Council

County work: do a CQI swot analysis, Min/Max review, Regional Trauma Response Area Map review (discussed under new business).

The training grant matrix was discussed:

1. review the current formula
2. assess if that percentage is a fair division
3. look at how other regions divide their program funds to consider other options
4. decide on how best to proceed in the future

The Region recently had an audit and had no findings, just 2 suggestions.

There was discussion on COVID-19 system impacts.

SunCom 911 – Brad Coughenour

No updates this month.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. Brian Ireton is working on EMT course and 2021 OTEP. We have started filming the 2021 OTEP and working on student text.



- B. We have restarted our in person OTEP workshops.
- C. We are hoping to purchase new tech for the classroom to improve classes.
- D. The iGel skills training is continuing and protocol update testing is continuing.
- E. We are waiting for a response from Dr. Hodges on whether new hire protocol testing is required, and if a skills exam will also be required for paramedics.
- F. Training report for July-August we provided 38 hours and taught 65 students (attached at the end).

6. Old Business:

- A. The Disaster Medic Control Center Update is on hold for the time being. It will be added back onto the agenda at a later date.

7. New Business:

- A. Deliverables for the grant funds due to the South Central Region EMS Council
 - i. SWAT analysis for CQI (QA/QI) for Yakima County will be completed during the November committee meeting.
 - ii. Min/Max Review – we did a min/max review about 2 years we had changes recommended, but this has not been completed at this time. Discussion followed *(previous recommendations are attached).
Ken Eakin made a motion to hold off on the review of the min/max numbers, until we feel comfortable in the state of COVID. Tony Miller seconded. Motion passed.
 - iii. The Regional Trauma Response Area Maps are still being worked on but has been put on hold due to COVID-19.
Currently we have only 3 trauma areas. Trauma area 1 covers almost the entire county with the exception of Sunnyside and Grandview. For example, obviously Fire District #5, is not going to respond to Nile.
Dave Lynde, made a motion to table Regional Trauma Response Area Maps and remove it from the agenda, until we are ready to move forward. Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.
- B. The Nominations Committee was appointed and will be: Dave Lynde, Tammy Pettis and Ken Eakin. Discussion on possible chairs.

8. Good of the Order

Nothing.

9. Next meeting, there will be both in person and Zoom option:

December 3, 2020 at 13:30, 2403 S. 18th Street, Classrooms, Union Gap, WA

Diane Koch is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3286626793?pwd=RTVSRDN2dkV1SDJjQ3A3b2dNdXFzZz09>

Meeting ID: 328 662 6793

Passcode: 655140

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abN7yMYdyn>



- 10.** Tony Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wayne Guckert. Motion carried.

***These are the changes for Min/Max Numbers that were approved December 6, 2018**

7. New Business:

B. Min/Max Numbers – Dave Lynde

April 2017 (began much earlier) a committee was formed and evaluated min/max numbers. Approval is need for the changes that will be sent to the South Central Region:

- ILS Ambulance and ALS Ambulance no change.
- BLS Aid agencies will be changed to a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18.
- BLS Ambulance will be changed to a minimum of one.

Aaron Markham moved to approve; Ken Eakin seconded. Motion passed.



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 Bi-Monthly 2020 Training Report
 Months: July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
7/21/20 Tues	2020 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2)	East Valley FD	12	2
TOTALS			12	2
AVERAGES			12.00	2.00

OTHER COURSES

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
7/7/20 Tues	EMD Course	SunComm 911 Classroom	7	8.00
7/8/20 Weds	EMD Course	SunComm 911 Classroom	7	8.00
7/9/20 Thurs	EMD Course	SunComm 911 Classroom	7	6.00
7/27/20 Mon	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	East Valley FD	5	2.00
7/29/20 Weds	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	East Valley FD	4	2.00
7/29/20 Weds	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	Selah FD	6	2.00
7/29/20 Weds	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	Yakima Training Center FD	2	2.00
7/29/20 Weds	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	Fire District #5, St #7 @ Sawyer	7	2.00
8/24/20 Tues	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	East Valley FD	5	2.00
8/25/20 Weds	2020 Supraglottic iGel® Skills Update for Evaluators	Yakima Fire Department	3.00	2.00
TOTALS			53	36.00
AVERAGES			5.30	3.60

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	65	38
OVERALL AVERAGES	5.91	3.17