

Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



FEBRUARY 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												
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										
Law Enforcement	Open	Open												
Yakima County Training Officer's Association	Jim Johnston, West Valley FD	Open												
Yakima County 9-1-1	Brad Coughenour, SunCom 911	Stacey Garcia, SunCom 911	X											
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Open	X											
	<i>Diane Koch, Secretary</i>	None	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, Gleed FD	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	X	X										
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	Open	X											
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Dave Lynde, AMR	Brian Ireton, ALS		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, <i>Chair</i>	X	X										
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	<i>Open Astria Toppenish Hospital</i>	<i>Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital</i>												
Ambulance Service	Wayne Guckert, WSA, <i>Chair-Elect</i>	Ken Anderson, SSFD	X	X										

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen						

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 13 present. Eight representatives and 5 alternates. One alternate was voting at this meeting.
2. **Guests:** Nathan Johnson, local Emergency Response Coordinator with the Yakima Health District, Jonas Landstrom, Airlift Northwest and Scott Zachau, American Medical Response.
3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**
Ken Eakin moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2019, as sent. Wayne Guckert seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Correspondence**

None.

5. **Committee Reports**

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

- A. QA/QI Committee is meeting monthly. Dr. Hodges is involved heavily in the committee and has changed the way it is being done.
New protocols for the County have been sent to State for approval.
He is coming up on his 6 months as interim MPD. The State, Dr. Hodges and Tony will be meeting soon to determine if Dr. Hodges will stay permanently.

Regional Council: Scott Zachau for Dave Lynde

A. Steering Committee

Secretary Weisman is starting 2 workgroups to work on the recommendations of the ACS (American College of Surgeons) assessment. On February 27th, an initial workgroup will begin to establish some methodology around determining level 1 and 2 hospitals. The second workgroup will convene in March and will be looking into trauma fund finances.

The committee has categorized the recommendations from the ACS assessment, as well as provided, some next steps that the Steering Committee members have been asked to review and provide comment on. These will be posted to the State website.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSandTrauma/CouncilsandCommittees/EMSandTraumaSteeringCommittee>

- B. There are 2 house bills for EMS. The first HB 2450 "Emergency medical personnel, certain fishing/hunting licenses at no charge" <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?year=2019&billnumber=2450&initiative=false> would provide for free hunting and fishing licenses for volunteer EMS and firefighters. The second HB 2462 "Recognizing the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact" <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?year=2019&billnumber=2462&initiative=false> is regarding the state joining a PAC that would allow EMS providers to cross borders without certification with other PAC states. Idaho does participate.
- C. Annual report and presentation from the Hospital TAC and presentation of 2016-2018 trauma designation outcomes. Discussion and approval (with minor corrections) on some rehab guidelines. Dr. Eric Cooper will remain the Chair having just been elected for the open position.



- D. Regional Council – the members reviewed and discussed the year to come list of work in the plan:
- i. QI SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) Analysis – they are gathering information from the RAC (Regional Advisory Committee) working with the other regions (West Region for example) and identifying what DOH is looking for in this project.
 - ii. PCP (Patient Care Procedures) Revision – The draft PCPs distributed via email for full Council Member review and comment. A remote work session will be coordinated to review the document in detail prior to the next region meeting.
 - iii. Regional Training Committee work met prior to the last full council meeting. The main purpose of the Training Committee is to address training related issues that take more time than is available in a regular council meeting and make recommendations to the full regional council. Discussed work in the plan; develop a grant decision matrix to justify why and how the region divides the grant funds, as well as advise on the Coverdell Grant project. The next Training Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the March 26th Regional Council meeting.
- E. The EMS WAC Rules revision is open. DOH is holding open work sessions. All members are encouraged to participate and provide input. For more information, go to the DOH website: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RulesDevelopment> and this does include a link for Go to Meeting. The next meeting is February 19th. The 2020 schedule is available on line.
- F. The new RCW 70.168.090 mandates all patient contacts are reported to WEMESIS. The WEMESIS WAC rules will be opened in 2020 to define how it will be implemented: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSandTrauma/WEMESIS>
- G. National Registry NREMT testing vouchers are still available through the DOH. Remember the voucher must be completed and submitted *before* the NREMT exam is paid for: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EMSEducationandTraining/NationalRegistryInformation>. The voucher information is towards the bottom of the page.

SunCom 911 – Brad Coughenour

Representative Gina Mosbrucker is still reaching out to the military division going along with the Travis Bill. Trying to find funding for a pilot project for *Smart 911*, which would allow families to register family members who may need additional help/care due having autism, dementia or other special health care concerns. Yakima County will probably be one of the places for the pilot project.

It is still a struggle to get the EMD training. We are going to have it here this time and have 4 people. That is the one slow up, as the dispatchers cannot use the EMD protocols until they have been trained.



Tony reported that the Nurse Help Line, which dispatch transfers some calls to for patient advice, is raising the rate per-call from \$20 to \$60. We have until March to decide, if we wish to keep the service going. During the last fire chiefs meeting, the chiefs voted not to renew contract.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. Next week the open WACs meeting will be discussing OTEP. Tony will be attending in person to ensure knowledge of what may be changing.
- B. In January the EMT Course started with 22 students. Two students dropped out due to conflicts with work schedule after the first night.
Most of the students are doing well and are in the 90s for test scores. The students are enjoying practicals and getting to spend more time on each skill. It has worked well cutting the number of students back down to 25.
- C. Training report November-December, we provided 331 students with 97 hours of training. Report attached.
- D. OTEP – Modules 1 and 2 are out. Modules 3 and 4 have been filmed and are being edited. Pharmacology there are new BLS drugs being added: Tylenol, Zofran, and Benadryl. Bleeding and Shock the EMTs will be trained to use Combat Dressing and packing wounds.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- A. Closure of Astria Regional Medical Center – Tony reported that he and Virginia Mason Memorial were on phone the day that Astria closed. Tammy reported that they had up to 333 before Astria closed, but it has been remaining, since the closure around 260-275 it is kind of manageable, but they have hall beds and CT hold beds. The hospital has put plans into place, such as initiating a “code purple” where everyone has to be evaluated upstairs.

One of the main things that they are still struggling with is transfers. If they are full upstairs, then ER starts backing up and patients need to be transferred out. They have increased the staffing in the ER. Still working on staffing upstairs and working on approving more beds upstairs.

Kay Funk commented that this was a failure of all 3 parts of branches of government, legislative, executive (DOH), and judicial – it seemed that the judge didn’t give any respect that this is not the property of John Gallagher, it is a tax reorganization with a mandate for community service. She stated she had some ideas about working on this issue.

Bids came out today on facility as a whole and contents.

- B. Application for reappointment of Tony Miller to the Regional Council. Tammy Pettis made a motion to approve Tony’s reappointment. Seconded by Wayne Guckert. Motion passed.



- C. Tony introduced Nathan Johnson, Emergency Response Coordinator, Yakima County Health District. Tony made a motion that Nathan be added to the agenda under Council reports. Seconded by Brian Ireton. Motioned passed.

Nathan's report – Hepatitis A outbreak that is still going on in Yakima County. We currently have 35 cases and the first death associated with hepatitis A was announced. Incident management team activated in November. Using 2 incubation periods, must have at least 100 days since the last case before they can declare the outbreak over. Working with community providers to provide vaccinations. This has affected mostly the homeless and/or illicit drug user population.

Emergency Management and the health district collected 3 trailers from Astria that were purchased several years ago with grant funds for disasters. There was a 12 foot decon one, an 18 foot decon and an 18 foot alternate care facility trailer. An inventory was done. Tony and Nathan have some good ideas on what should be done with the trailers. For instance using the 12 foot decon one as a mass care unit kept in the Lower Valley for fire districts. The conversations are still happening.

Monday table top exercise with the State Department of Health, hospitals, County EMS, infection prevention. It is centered around Ebola and other special pathogens including the coronavirus. Guidance for EMS agencies regarding 2019-Novel Coronavirus has been sent out from the Washington State Department of Health, and if you have not received that, contact Nathan Johnson.

Kay Funk has a question regarding the Hepatitis A death as it is usually not a lethal disease. Nathan doesn't have exact information on how long the patient was sick, in hospital or other health issues. Hepatitis A was a contributing factor in the patient's death. Other outbreaks are happening throughout the State and most have reported deaths associated with the outbreak.

- D. Disaster Medical Control Centers (DMCC) – The Redi Health Care Coalition, which is the east side of the state has started Disaster Medical Control Centers (DMCC), These are different than Medical Control. It is only activated during disasters. Kadlec in the Tri-Cities is a DMCC for their area. Virginia Mason Memorial has been asked to be the DMCC for Yakima and Kittitas counties and maybe parts of Klickitat. During a big event the DMCC will activate and call surrounding hospitals for bed counts and what type of patients each hospital can take (i.e., 6 reds, 5 yellows, 10 greens). If it exceeds our area, then they would call hospitals outside the area, such as Kadlec, to see what they can take.

Tony, Tammy and Nathan all went down to Kadlec while they did their monthly radio drill. Once a month a different fire department/district calls in (this is scripted) and then the hospital activates the DMCC and starts calling to determine beds. The charge nurse will become the coordinator and work with transport officer from fire. During the drill, the charge nurse stayed on the phone with one hospital for 15 minutes before she had an answer, and the fire department stayed on the phone the whole time. At the end, they still had 9 reds and at that point they would start reaching out to hospitals outside of their area such as Virginia Mason Memorial and Walla Walla.



Monthly drills are good because the hospital and the fire departments get their training. Virginia Mason Memorial is getting set up and plans to start drills in March. Tony will be attending the fire chiefs meeting to get all of the fire departments involved. It is a good learning opportunity and helps to improve communications between EMS/Fire and hospitals.

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- 9. Next Meeting:** **April 2, 2020 at 13:30**, 2403 S. 18th Street, Classroom B, Union Gap
 June 4, 2020 at 13:30
 August 6, 2020 at 13:30
 October 1, 2020 at 13:30
 December 3, 2020 at 13:30

- 10.** Ken Eakin motioned to adjourn meeting, Brian Ireton seconded. Motion carried.



Yakima County EMS and Trauma Care Council
Bi-Monthly 2019 Training Report
Months: November 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeups	FD #5, St #5 & 7 @ Sawyer	7	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4) Makeups		10	2
	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeups		6	2
11/13/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Naches Hts FD	9	2
11/13/2019	2019 ILS Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Naches Hts FD	1	1
11/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #91	16	2
11/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #94	15	2
11/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	East Valley FD	5	2
11/19/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	East Valley FD	17	2
11/19/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Highland FD	10	2
11/20/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #91	14	2
11/20/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #94	10	2
11/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #91	11	2
11/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima FD, Station #94	10	2
11/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	East Valley FD	3	2
11/23/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1&2) Makeup	Selah FD, St #21	7	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeup		5	2
	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 3&4) Makeup		13	2
12/11/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Gleed FD	7	2
12/16/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2) Makeups	Yakima Fire Dept, St# 95	9	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups		9	2
	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6) Makeups		14	2
12/18/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2) Makeups	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95	3	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups		5	2
	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6) Makeups		13	2
12/20/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2) Makeups	Yakima Fire Dept, St #95	1	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups		7	2
	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6) Makeups		12	2
TOTALS			249	55.0
AVERAGES			8.89	1.96

IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
11/9/2019	2017 Workshop C Makeup	Sawyer	1	2
11/9/2019	2018 Workshop A Makeup	Sawyer	2	2
11/9/2019	2018 Workshop B Makeup	Sawyer	4	2
11/9/2019	2018 Workshop C Makeup	Sawyer	1	2
11/13/2019	Washington State Bloodborne Pathogens	Yakima FD	3	4
11/13/2019	Supraglottic Airway Course	Yakima FD	3	4
12/11/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2) Makeups	AMR	1	1
12/11/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6) Makeups	AMR	3	1
12/12/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod1&2) Makeups	AMR	2	1

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IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS) continued

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
12/12/2019	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3&4) Makeups	AMR	2	1
12/12/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6) Makeups	AMR	1	1
12/16/2019	2016 Workshop C (Mod5&6) Makeups	Grandview FD	1	1
TOTALS			24	22.0
AVERAGES			2.00	1.83

INSTRUCTOR COURSE

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
11/16/2019	Washington State EMS Evaluator Refresher Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	2	3
12/9/2019	Washington State EMS Evaluator Refresher Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	4	3
12/14/2019	Washington State EMS Evaluator Initial Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	8	4
TOTALS			14	10.0
AVERAGES			4.67	3.33

2019 EMT ACADEMY

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
12/7/2019	AHA PCP (HCP) Course for upcoming EMT students	YCDEMS Classrooms	22	6
12/14/2019	EMT - Mandatory Student Orientation	YCDEMS Classrooms	22	4
TOTALS			44	10.0
AVERAGES			22.00	5.00

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	331	97.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	7.36	2.16