



Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

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**EMS Administrative Board
February 14, 2024**

- 1. Open the meeting**
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** ? moved to approve the agenda, ? seconded by . Motion passed.
- 3. Introduction of attendees:**

Board Members in Attendance:

Jim Borst, Fire Commissioners	Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners
Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Jim Lange, Fire Chiefs
Mike Costello, Councilmember, City of Selah	Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair
Kyle Curtis, Commissioner	Aaron Markham, City of Yakima
Sarah Downen, Hospital Representative	Les Riel, Fire Commissioners

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director
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Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Dan Boyle, Fire Commissioners	Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs
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Alternate Board Members Absent:

Tim Smith, Fire Chiefs

Department of Emergency Medical Services in Attendance:

Tony Miller, ES Director	Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager/Training Coordinator
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Department of Emergency Medical Services Absent:

Diane Koch, Office Specialist

Guest(s): None

- 4. Open Public Input – none**
- 5. Communication – none**
- 6. Approval of minutes:** Les Riel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023, meeting, ? seconded. Motion approved.
- 7. Reports from committees/agencies**
 Tony Miller, ES Director and Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager reported:
 - a. Tony Miller reported
 2024 Budget & Goals – Spreadsheet provided to the members.
 Reserves
 \$300,000 restricted as the Operational Float (50% of the annual budget/prop. Tax)
 \$50,000 designated for the 2024 EMS Levy Ballot Expense
 \$130,706 designated for Pro QA. We are paying for the initial set up and software. SunComm will pay the annual maintenance fee. We are anticipating this to be up and running by the end of July.
 \$59,000 Available Reserves



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Commissioner Curtis asked for verification of when the EMS levy is disbursed. The EMS levy is distributed twice a year from the Treasurers Office to the agencies.

b. Jeremy Rodriguez reported

- Winter EMT course – the course is going well. We have 18 students left. We had our first cumulative written exam, and the class average score was 79.3%, which is normal for a class at this point. We have a couple of students who are below 80% by a few percentage points. We are working with those students.

Student updates are being sent out to all of the Training Officers.

- Fall EMT course – Nine of the 10 students who completed the course have taken National Registry. Of those who have taken National Registry 8 students have passed. The student who failed is planning on retaking the exam. The student who has not yet tested is planning on taking the exam but has not scheduled yet.

c. Tony Miller reported

Lucas Devices – We received these devices and had a “Train the Trainer” class on January 31st. All but one of the departments has their device(s) and have completed the training. Tony completed training at the Nile Fire Department on February 6th and Highland Fire Department on February 13th. The devices have been used 4 times in the last three weeks.

Every station in Yakima County should have a Lucas Device available.

The Lucas Devices are blue tooth capable devices and will connect to Wi-Fi. The Lucas representative will be contacting each agency and working with them to set them up, so that reports will be automatically sent to the EMS office. Those report will be used to complete CARES reports.

d. Jeremy Rodriguez reported

He has met with our CARES representative AJ Fandrich. The 2022 numbers were reviewed (the 2023 numbers have not been received yet). It is interesting to note that the Utstein numbers nationwide took a huge dip during COVID.

The Utstein numbers are starting to climb back up, but not as fast in our area as in the rest of the state. Our Utstein number in 2022 is at 27.2%. The survival rates without deficit are better in Yakima County than Benton County. There was a discussion on why the numbers are better in Yakima County than Benton County. We believe it is because we believe in BLS. ALS is important, but BLS is primary when it comes to running a code.

The protocol committee is making some substantial changes to the CPR protocols. As well as a few other protocols. This is still in the process before it will be presented to the MPD. The sub-committees are doing research on the current best practices for our patients.

e. Tony Miller reported

There are two MCI drills coming up. One in April at PNWU for an active shooter. One in May will be the full scale Airport Exercise.

8. Old Business

a. Pro QA – completed under reports from committees/agencies

b. Contract between AMR and Yakima County – Chief Markham reported

The last meeting was a couple of weeks ago. We are close to the final negotiations. Negotiations



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over the bond requirement and the amount that AMR would have to set aside in case they were to go out of business and another agency would have to take over. We are down to just a couple of sections on the contract. The next meeting will be next week to review those changes.

Commissioner Curtis asked about once the contract is signed how long it will be until AMR takes over. Per Tony Miller, it will take approximately 60 to 90 days, as AMR will have to get everything in place with personnel and vehicles.

c. Review of By-laws - Dave Lynde reported

At the first of every year we must complete a review of our bylaws. The bylaws were sent out to the members after the last meeting for review. We need to be able to attest to the County Commissioners that we have reviewed and understand our obligations per the bylaws. Also, this is the time for any changes to be made.

Les Riel made a motion to approve the by-laws as submitted, seconded by Sam Glanzer. Motion approved.

9. New Business

a. Officer Elections – Dave Lynde reported

At the first meeting each year, we need to elect our officers. Per Dave Lynde, Diane Koch will continue to be the Secretary.

Joel Byam nominated Dave Lynde as Chair and Les Riel as Vice Chair, seconded by Sam Glanzer. Motion approved.

10. For the Good of the Order

- a. Aaron Markham – question regarding the HP CPR Protocol, which currently states that once there are sufficient providers are on a scene you would go back to hands on CPR. It seems odd that if the device is functioning properly then you would remove it, unless you have ROSC, or the code is called on the scene, or there is a problem with the device. Per Jeremy Rodriguez, the protocol review committee has reviewed the protocol, and it will be changed.

11. The next regularly scheduled meeting is 09:00 on May 8, 2024. In person is at the EMS Office in the classrooms.

Zoom Information:

Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: EMS Admin Board

Time: May 8, 2024 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every 3 months on the Second Wed, 11 occurrence(s)

Aug 14, 2024 09:00 AM

Nov 13, 2024 09:00 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcuduivrDwqGNRvjlyuTJ5E_Llvailf-0lc/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrrTorHdaSsBuHRpwqA4j4d-3zpmZfjY1vihXpGjVnSFbTCc5rJLN2Od6d

Join Zoom Meeting

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- 12.** Les Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kyle Curtis. Motion passed.