



# Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

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## EMS Administrative Board May 10, 2023

### 1. Open the meeting

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Kyle Curtis moved to approve the agenda; Jim Brost 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, County Commissioner	Jackie Wantland, Hospital Representative

#### Board Members Absent:

Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director	Aaron Markham, Fire Chiefs
Les Riel, Fire Commissioners	

#### Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs
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#### Alternate Board Members Absent:

Dan Boyle, Fire Commissioners	Tim Smith, Fire Chiefs
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#### Department of Emergency Medical Services in Attendance:

Tony Miller, ES Director	Diane Koch, Office Specialist
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#### Department of Emergency Medical Services Absent:

Open, EMS Operations Manager/Training Coordinator
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**Guest(s): none**

### 4. Open Public Input – none

### 5. Communication – none

**6. Approval of minutes:** Kyle Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023, meeting, Nathan Craig seconded. Motion approved.

### 7. Reports from committees/agencies

Tony Miller, ES Director reported:

a. EMT Courses:

- The Winter 2023 EMT Course was completed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Seventeen students have taken the NREMT and 14 of those students passed on the first try.

b. The Training Coordinator/EMS Operations Manager position is still not filled. Only 3 applicants have applied and those were not qualified. The position starts at \$70,000 per year.



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- c. A "Proposal for MPD Paramedic Assistant" was distributed, as a contract has been proposed for Yakima County to contribute towards the salary for this position. The position would:
- Oversee the CARES program – the proposal says Yakima County, but the person would oversee all 4 counties that Dr. Hodges is MPD.
  - Provide monthly feedback to the Medical Program Director and EMS Manager
  - Review 100% of cardiac arrest reports and give provider feedback to help improve documentation and patient care
  - Continue to serve on the Yakima County CQI Committee
  - Be available for provider questions
  - Continue to assist with protocol review
  - Assist the MPD with tasks he deems necessary
  - Continue to participate in quarterly MPD meetings
  - Continue to attend cardiac arrest conference when necessary

The contract is proposed for \$1000 per month.

As discussed previously, Benton/Franklin County do not pay this much for service. It was noted that this discrepancy is currently being negotiated. Benton/Franklin counties do not have an EMS Office to rely on for assistance, as Yakima County does. Paramedics in those counties have to participate.

Other discussion was

- 100% of the cardiac arrest reports are all reviewed at the agency level currently and these are input into CARES by local providers.
- Currently we do not have anyone other than Mr. Fandrich to calculate the Utstein scores.
- Weak point for us is getting dispatch data. Currently the ambulance services are having to make a public records request for their units going on the call.

Discussion followed on whether this position is needed or not. The board decided that for now, this will be put on hold. This will be revisited at a later time. If the board later decides that this position is needed, they would prefer a local person and not someone spread over 4 counties and working out of the Tri-Cities. The board instructed the EMS director to let Mr. Fandrich know that they are not interested in entering into a contract at this time, that his hours through the office should be limited.

- d. OTEP – The Kindle Fires bought for providers to complete the Ninth Brain testing online are coming to the end of their life now. During the Training Officer meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, it was discussed purchasing refurbished Chromebooks to do fire training. These could also be used to complete the Ninth Brain testing online. Currently the refurbished Chromebooks are about \$61 each and it was proposed that the EMS office buy some of these. These would then be left at the departments and would not be part of the EMS office inventory, nor would they be on the county network, so no IT services would need to be paid. If the office purchased 100 of these it would cost approximately \$6100 + tax. It was also suggested that the office purchase some Pelican Cases to keep these in.

The board members discussed the merits of this. It was also discussed if more than 100 could be purchased. Director Miller stated that we could get the actual count from the agencies, and we could purchase up to 200, if needed.



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Commissioner Kyle Curtis made a motion authorize the Department of EMS to purchase up to 200 Chromebooks, per the budget availability and the needs of the fire departments. Motion seconded by Chief Nathan Craig. Motion Passed.

### 8. Old Business

a. Open hospital position – Dave Lynde

Jackie Wantland is joining our board as the new hospital representative replacing Tammy Pettis. She was recommended by the Yakima County EMS Trauma & Care Council. We are currently working through the process with the County Board of Commissioners to have her appointed to our board.

b. Lucas devices – Tony Miller

We applied for ARPA money to purchase the Lucas device, which is a mechanical CPR machine. The grant received was for \$550,000, which will buy 30 devices. We were offered a warranty for 2 years at a cost of an additional \$140,000. This has been removed, as the life expectancy is 10 years life, and there is a very low failure rate. There are disposable supplies, such as the plungers, that need to be replaced each time. The batteries last about an hour, are rechargeable, but will need to be replaced, as they only last about 2 years. The Lucas company will come in and do a Train the Trainer in service. As of yet, Tony has not received the link to finish the work to register and receive the ARPA grant. Commissioner Curtis will follow up on where the link is for us receiving the ARPA grant and who is taking care of it.

Discussion on patient size in our population and who will fit the Lucas devices.

### 9. New Business

a. EMS system funding discussion.

Request at last meeting on what are the priorities of the Fire Chiefs. Comment that the budget should be set on needs, and not available dollars.

In 2024 the levy is resetting. The formula is the assessed value per \$1000 rate, each department will receive 80% of the assessed value of their response area, 11.5% per the levy, goes to the EMS office, and what is left is distributed to the agencies based on call run volume and population.

The estimated levy distribution spreadsheet was reviewed and explained. The funds are distributed twice a year after taxes are collected.

Items to be considered as part of the upcoming EMS budget:

- Chief Craig would like to have a contribution to the purchase of Pulse Point for dispatch considered as part of our EMS budget.
- The EMS office needs to replace the CPR manikins.
- Image Trend reporting

The Administrative Board recommends the budget to the County Commissioners, who approve the budget.

### 10. For the Good of the Order

a. Tony Miller stated that per State WACs only Senior EMS Instructors can teach initial courses such as EMT, Supraglottic, and Washington State EMS Evaluator. Currently we have Gary Conn and Dennis Blumer. Scott Zachau has just finished his process to become an SEI. Jeremy Rodriguez is going to be our next SEI candidate. We do have 2 instructors that are interested in becoming SEIs.

b. Next Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, ALS will have an oral presentation protest at the County Commissioner's regularly scheduled board meeting. If the protest is rejected, then we would move on to contract negotiations with AMR. Discussion followed on who would be involved in contract negotiations and reviewing complaints and/or violations of the contract. Group recommended that Tony be the lead for contract negotiations given his prior experience and knowledge of EMS terms and systems. It



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was also suggested that this would best be handled at the Administrative Board level, as this is a group of experts who understand the logistics of EMS could make better informed decisions on whether a complaint and/or violation was valid.

- 11.** The next regularly scheduled meeting is 09:00 on August 9, 2023. In person is at the EMS Office in the classrooms.

Zoom Information:

Topic: Yakima County Dept of EMS Administrative Board Meeting

Time: Aug 9, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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- 12.** Chief Jim Lange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Curtis. Motion passed.