



Yakima County EMS & Trauma Care Council



DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES



YAKIMA COUNTY EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL
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Attendance Record for January– December 2019

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		October		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											X	
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Kay Funk, City of Yakima Council	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD										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		X		X					X	X	
Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Tony Miller, ES Director	Wendy Moudy, EMS Ops Manager	X	X	X			X			X		X	
	<i>Diane Koch, Secretary</i>	None	X		X		X				X		X	

UPPER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

Agency/Department	Representative	Alternate	Feb		April		October		Aug		Oct		Dec	
			R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
Fire Service	Gary Hanna, Selah FD	Ken Frazier, Glead FD	X	X	X	X		X			X		X	X
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	<i>Laurie Robinson, Astria Regional Medical Center, Chair</i>		X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	<i>Dave Lynde, AMR, Past-Chair</i>	Brian Ireton, ALS	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X

LOWER VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	October	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. Nine representatives and 4 alternates. No alternates were voting at this meeting.
2. **Guests:** Kim Bersing, VMMH, Jenny Fry, RN, Outreach for Northcentral Washington for Airlift Northwest, Jonas Landstrom, Airlift Northwest, Aaron Markham, YFD and Paul Smith, new Emergency Services Director for Astria Health from Southcentral Oregon, has worked as a flight nurse.
3. **Approval and correction of minutes.**
Dave Lynde moved to approve the minutes from October 3, 2019, as sent. Tony Miller seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Correspondence** – Laurie Robinson
None.

5. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Kevin Hodges

- A. Board certified Emergency Physician from an EMS background. Certified as a paramedic in 1994 in both Oregon and Washington. Went to medical school planning to become an MPD. Medical Program Director for Benton/Franklin counties and 2 years ago picked up Adams County. Major positive improvements have been made. Was requested to come and help Yakima County on a 6 month trial basis. Has a lot to offer and will stay longer. Has gotten good feedback and tremendous amount of support from administration, agencies and providers.
- B. After being here for several months his assessment of the county is that the BLS and ILS side is remarkably well organized and consistent. For the most part, there is a great OTEP program in place and good training facilities. The ALS side has been allowed to wander a bit and allowed to operate in isolation. This leads to unusual deviations from one agency to another, and being unsure how much communication and consistency there is between the ALS agencies.
- C. There original plan was to not make changes to the protocols since they had been resubmitted by Dr. Maltz and approved in September by the State pending a few changes. The more he has learned, talked with providers and seen through the recently set up CQI Committee the more benefit will be had if changes are implemented earlier. There are practical benefits to having Yakima County protocols be in line with Benton/Franklin counties and any neighboring counties. Having a unified, up-to-date, and evidence based protocol online is a high priority. He is aware that this will mean additional training and cost and is willing to work with agencies, so that this does not crush a training budget.
The first step is to be able to measure changes, as such we have already set up an infrastructure for the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee. Developed plan and started reviewing cases. This is where he encountered some of the issues with the protocols as written as there is some ambiguity. A number of issues that can be fixed with clarification of the protocols. There will be changes for all levels of providers. The most recent changes to the protocols for Benton/Franklin was to revamp the BLS/ILS protocols to be in line with the recommendations from the MPD Council for State to improve and expand the scope of practice



for BLS/ILS providers (i.e., Zofran, Benadryl, Epinephrine, and assisting with other medications, BLS pre-hospital 12-leads).

- D. Discussed the need for being able to measure our successes. For example a cardiac arrest in Benton County went from 20% chance of walking out of the hospital to 58% county wide. There are some places in the county where a witnessed arrest is approaching 85%. Measuring the system is how we know where improvements are needed. MPD meeting at least quarterly or more often during transition periods. Expects demands on his time to be greater during this transition time.
- E. Changes in equipment – certain medications that may be recommended/added. Equipment recommendations: I-gel supraglottic airways rather than Kings. Statistically significant I-gel looking at early. Mechanical CPR devices especially in the more rural areas. Transporting agencies standardizing ventilators. 12-Lead monitors for BLS providers. Phasing out/in equipment purchases over time, as items need to be replaced.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

- A. Regional training committee meeting will be on January 23rd.
 - Distribution of training grant dollars. This was decided several years ago and was based on how many EMTs each county has on OTEP. More focus at the State on what you are doing to fund underserved/underrepresented agencies. The state wants justification and explanation on how funds are being distributed and why.
- B. CQI SWAT analysis at the county level to be sent to the Region. This will be to find best practices, where the holes for a state-wide data guidance. This way we would know who is getting the data, what the expectation is, what elements are for a good defensible CQI program. Goal to complete by June.
- C. PCPs are nearly finished at Regional level and will be moving forward to State for approval.
- D. Washington Coverdell Stroke Grant Awards
Link:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/EmergencyCardiacandStrokeSystem/CoverdellStrokeProgram>
The goals of the program are to:
 - Support EMS, hospitals, and other healthcare providers to do data-driven quality improvement.
 - Provide training to increase workforce knowledge and expertise - videos are being developed for EMS staff. The videos will include information on why we need to gather data, why we use FAST and LAMS. Dr. Hodges will be contacted (if he hasn't already) as they want local faces in the videos. In the South Central Region we have some of the worst for survival rates for strokes. Part of this is because we have a lot people arriving by private vehicle. Trying to get a canned message that all of the participants in the system can send out.
 - Strengthen our state stroke system.
 - Build an integrated stroke registry using existing data sources that links EMS, hospital, and post-acute data to measure performance and outcomes across the system.



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- Education the public and care providers on the signs and symptoms of stroke, and the importance of time to treatment and calling 9-1-1 at the first signs of stroke.

E. December 18th is the next WAC meeting. The 2020 schedule is available on line at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalServicesEMSSystems/RulesDevelopment> and this does include a link for Go to Meeting. Items that have been finalized are also available on this page and may be found towards the bottom of the page, so you can see where the rules are headed.

F. The American College of Surgeons
There were public forums and one more has been added. December 12th, 10 am – 1 pm in Wenatchee.

G. State Committee Reports:
RAC canceled

State Steering Committee met. Cardiac/Stroke TAC gave report registry. Pediatric TAC gave report. The State has set the following priorities:

1. Certificate of Need, reduce the backlog of applications already on their desks.
2. Behavioral Health long wait for EMS, long stays in the ED due to no place on floors, affects surge capacity. DOH is working with other agencies to come up with solutions.
3. EMS & Trauma Forums: 4 to 5 forums being held. GAP Analysis, How to Guide, and Telemedicine consultant.

Pediatric TAC is working with groups from Portland and national group "stop at 4" for window falls. Campaign will launch in the spring.

January 15, 2020 and March 18, 2020 meetings have been moved Highline College in Des Moines, WA

H. Yesterday the REDi Healthcare Coalition released guidelines. There are 2 pages that are of interest to EMS. Please contact Dave Lynde for the information at david.lynde@amr.net

SunCom 911 – Brad Coughenour – The State has finally started the state-wide research on true cost of 911 calls from the time the person calls 911 until officer/EMS actually arrive at door. When completed it will be reported to the legislature.

Adopted hardware piece for rapid SOS. The training on this has just been completed. Rapid SOS is another software program to use if citizen has medical ID, is autistic, elderly etcetera that we can reach in and find information regarding that person. The one caveat is that the person/family needs to enter the information.

9 of 14 call takers. Two new call takers coming on this weekend and 2 more next weekend.



Question on whether a report can be run on to show how many times when ambulance only is dispatched for ground level falls and then the ambulance service requests a fire response. This makes the on scene time longer. We need to look at data. Will see if there is a way to pull the numbers.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. EMT starting January 6th with 22 students. Orientation December 14th. Steve Smith is the SEI and Jeremy Rodriguez is the SEI candidate.
- B. Purchased \$30,000 worth of equipment for MCI truck. Will be in service January 1st. Once the vehicle is in-service, there will be some in-service training.
- C. Training report September-October, we provided 366 students with 70 hours of training. Report attached.

6. Old Business:

- A. County Operating Procedures Update – Dave Lynde/Tony Miller
Only a few responses were received. This will be tabled until after the Regional PCPs have been approved and the new MPD has reviewed and has input into the COPs.

Discussion followed on:

The MCI COP which needs to be updated to meet National Standards.

Do not having newly hired folks performing above current certification. Make sure it is very clear.

The State is looking at options regarding having a "lead Paramedic" vs "Paramedic". Each county is requiring something different. The State would like to standardize this.

- B. Trauma Response Times and Area Maps-GIS Maps from County Update – Dave Lynde/Tony Miller
Requested changes were submitted to Yakima County GIS for Glead (Yakima Co Fire District #6) and Yakima County Fire District 5. Once done, then the response areas will be highlighted and sent to each fire chief for approval.

7. New Business:

- A. Elections for Chair-Elect, Secretary the following were nominated:
Chair-Elect: Wayne Guckert (Chair for 2021)
Secretary: Diane Koch
A motion was made to accept the nominations as presented by Dave Lynde and seconded by Tammy Pettis. Motion carried.
Joel Byam is the Chair for 2020



B. Tammy Pettis is the current EMS Council hospital representative to the EMS Administrative Board. Her appoint expires on 12/31/2019. Dave Lynde made a motion to re-appoint Tammy Pettis to the EMS Administrative Board, seconded by Tony Miller. Motion carried.

8. Good of the Order – none

9. The next meeting will be **February 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm**, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.

10. Meeting adjourned. Dave Lynde motioned, Laurie Robinson seconded. Motion carried.



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Bi-Monthly 2019 Training Report
Months: September 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

OTEP CLASSES

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
9/16/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeups	Yakima FD, Station #95	9	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4) Makeups		11	2
9/19/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeups	Yakima FD, Station #95	9	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4) Makeups		16	2
9/20/2019	2019 Skills Workshop A (Mod 1 & 2) Makeups	Yakima FD, Station #95	10	2
	2019 Skills Workshop B (Mod 3 & 4) Makeups		10	2
9/25/2019	2019 ILS Workshop C	GCFD#8 @ Mattawa	4	2
	2019 Workshop C (Mod 5&6 Skills)		9	2
10/1/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	West Valley FD, St #51 - Day Drill	10	2
10/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Selah FD, St #21&22 @ 21	20	2
10/2/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Selah FD, St #24&26 @ 24	7	2
10/3/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima Training Center FD	14	2
10/3/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#15 @ Mabton	7	2
10/3/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#3 & St#4 @ Harrah	10	2
10/7/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#1 White Swan	6	2
10/8/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#10 @ Zillah	15	2
10/9/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	West Valley FD, St #51	22	2
10/9/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	West Valley FD, St #53	5	2
10/10/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#9 @ Toppenish	10	2
10/15/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	KCFD#2 @ Bickleton	7	2
10/15/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Nile FD	10	2
10/16/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#14 @ Grandview	10	2
10/17/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#6 @ Wapato	8	2
10/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Naches FD	18	2
10/22/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#11, St#12 & St#16 @ Outlook	14	2
10/23/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#13 @ Sunnyside	23	2
10/23/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	West Valley FD, St #52	17	2
10/23/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	West Valley FD, St #54	7	2
10/24/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod 5&6)	Yakima Training Center FD	7	2
10/28/2019	2019 Skills Workshop C (Mod5&6)	FD #5, St#5 & 7 @ Sawyer	20	2
TOTALS			345	60.0
AVERAGES			11.50	2.00



IN HOUSE OTEP CLASSES (MAKEUPS)

Date	Class	Location	Students	Hours
10/21/2019	2019 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	AMR	5	2
10/24/2019	2019 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	AMR	5	2
10/25/2019	2019 Workshop C (Mod 5 & 6)	AMR	6	2
			TOTALS	16
			AVERAGES	5.33
				6.0
				2.00

INSTRUCTOR COURSE

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Students	Hours
10/12/2019	Washington State EMS Evaluator Refresher Course	YCDEMS Classrooms	5	4
			TOTALS	5
			AVERAGES	5.00
				4.00

	Students	Hours
OVERALL TOTALS	366	70.0
OVERALL AVERAGES	10.76	2.06