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FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES



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Attendance Record for January– December 2018**

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	Ben Maltz MPD	Designee												
Elected Official (Fire Commissioner/Mayor/City Council Member)	Ken Eakin, Fire Commissioner, WVFD	Kay Funk, City of Yakima Council	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, Manager	Wendy Moudy, Training Coordinator	X	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											
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Tammy Pettis, Virginia Mason Memorial	<i>Laurie Robinson, Astria Regional Medical Center, Chair-Elect</i>	X	X										
Ambulance Service (alternate each year between ambulance services)	Brian Ireton, ALS	<i>Dave Lynde, AMR, Chair</i>	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	Joel Byam, FD #5	Tim Smith, Toppenish FD												
Hospital (Nursing Administration)	Open Astria Toppenish Hospital	Open Astria Sunnyside Hospital												
Ambulance Service	<i>Aaron Markham, SSFD, Past-Chair</i>	Open, WSA	X											

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Agency/Department	Representative	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec
South Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council	Zita Wiltgen	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 12 present. Eight representatives and 4 alternates. Four alternates were voting at this meeting.

2. Guests: Suzy Beck & Jonas Landstrom, Airlift Northwest.

3. Approval and correction of minutes

Tammy Pettis, noted that both of the representative for Lower Valley Hospitals should be open. Tammy made a motion to approve the December minutes, with the above noted change. Seconded by Aaron Markham. Motion carried.

4. Treasurers Report –

Aaron Markham reported that when the cash box was found and counted there was only \$80.33. The last bank statement was from March 2004 for \$109. It was noted that the bank was charging \$5 per month for an inactive account. It is thought that at some point the money was withdrew from the bank due to the monthly charges.

Ken Frazier made a motion that we donate all remaining petty cash funds to volunteer Firefighter Dora Gunnoe who recently lost her husband in an accident. Seconded by Aaron Markham. Motion carried.

Brad Coughenour made a motion to close all account for the council and dissolve the Treasurer position. Seconded by Aaron Markham. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - None

6. Committee Reports

Medical Control: Ben Maltz, MD

Tony Miller report that Dr. Maltz will be here next Thursday and Friday. Has been reviewing protocols and will be making some adjustments. Next Thursday he will be meeting with ER directors.

Regional Council: Dave Lynde

A. Steering Committee update:

- Steve Bowman has resigned
- No budget cuts introduced so far for EMS and Trauma
- All positions are filled
- Seeing opioid bills being introduced, these have a strong potential to effect EMS.



B. Rulemaking:

- Trauma designation is finishing up the analysis with a final public hearing likely in March
- Trauma Registry is holding stakeholder meetings and anticipate these to conclude at the end of summer.
- EMS is holding stakeholder meetings and anticipate these to last into 2019

C. Legislative:

- HB2498 creating a special credentialing process for military spouses. Would avoid MPR or agency affiliation for certification and work outside of EMS. The MPD representative spoke against this and there appeared to be no support from the group.

D. Implementation of 2017 Legislation:

- SSB5751 – Authorizes the Department of Health to approve the use of non-medically trained ambulance drivers for volunteer municipal corporations in rural areas. DOH is developing a procedure for approval. DOH is finalizing changes to EMS Service Licensure and Verification applications to support the approval process. Once all forms have been finalized, DOH anticipates communicating process to stakeholders through holding a webinar, updating their website with an FAQ and forms, announcing changes through Gov Delivery Listserve announcements, and presenting in meetings as stakeholders request. Hoping to present process at the Rural Healthcare Conference. Until the approval process and forms are finalized, qualifying departments may contact Jason Norris to facilitate approval through an existing variance process.
- SHB 1358 – Requires the HCA to develop a reimbursement mechanism for CARES programs established under the 5591 CARES legislation from 2015. The department continues to meet monthly with the HCA to provide technical guidance about EMS regulations, and the process for licensure and certification of professionals. We have begun drafting a report for the legislature. We will engage stakeholders when a final concept has been determined.
- E2SHB 1258 Travis Alert bill requires the department to establish a workgroup to design a training program for EMS providers to improve management of persons with disabilities on the scene of an emergency. The Travis Alert workgroup is meeting monthly. End products of this work will include a suggested curricula and equivalent trainings, checklists, and suggested patient care protocols for EMS professionals to use on the scene of an emergency. Anticipate another 7 or 8 months of work.

E. TAC

- Presentation from Hospital TAC of three new guidelines introduced and revision of two. Introduced were Major Burns, Minor Burns, and Massive Transfusion. Revised were C-spine Clearance and management of a TBI patient. Future guidelines around mild TBI, NAT and Trauma QI. All guidelines are online and easily accessed by googling WA Trauma Guidelines: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/EmergencyMedicalService/sEMSSystems/TraumaSystem/EMSandTraumaCareClinicalGuidelines>
- The Prehospital Technical Advisory Committee will meet on February 21, 2018. The committee will finalize the strategic plan for the 2018-2021 plan cycle. They will discuss the implementation of projects related to improving workforce availability in Rural EMS



systems, the outcomes of EMS training program reconciliation project, NREMT NCCP guidance, 2017 NREMT statewide testing results, WEMSYS project updates and more.

- The Air Ambulance Workgroup continues to meet monthly and is working on the revision of the State Air Ambulance Services Strategic Plan. When completed, the plan will identify air ambulance assets and their geographical coverage. It will establish performance standards and goals for prehospital response and transport to trauma, cardiac and stroke facilities. The plan assesses utilization, identifies outcomes from previous plan cycles, and suggests strategies for improvement during the next strategic plan cycle. The plan provides recommended evidence based, peer reviewed guidance for the development of regional EMS patient care procedures and department approved MPD protocols for utilization of air ambulances. Goal date of completion is estimated for July 2018.
- Outcomes TAC will be meeting with the Pediatric TAC on data
- RAC TAC is without a Chair with the retirement of Melody Westmoreland. Review of the Strategic Plan progress. Reviewed gap analysis on patient care procedures between regions identifying the must haves vs region specific. Reviewed and commented on suggested standardization of PCP numbering and the anatomy of a PCP. PCPs and COPs provide the legal basis.

Worked on the appointment process for Regional Councils including updating the application, updating the member flow chart, and approving a draft thank you letter. The charter was revisited and approved.

SunCom 911: Brad Coughenour

State budget was cut by 50% for 2018 and 2019. We have money budgeted for training in T1, T2 and EMD. All other training is zeroed out.

Lower Valley and YSO are both able to receive text to 911. Training is ongoing.

Department of EMS: Tony Miller

- A. Training Report – During November 1 – December 31, 2017, we had 258 students completing OTEP, Makeup OTEP and In-House OTEP Makeups. The majority were OTEPs done by the EMS Office. We had 23 students attend an AHA BLS Provider course for EMT students and other EMS providers. We also completed an Initial EMS Evaluator Course and 3 Refresher EMS Evaluator Courses.
- B. Wendy Moudy – EMT Course Update
The course is ongoing with 16 students. Lost 2 almost immediately because of work. Class will be done 1st of April. We anticipate there may be some students dropped to the EMR level at midterms. This will only happen if they are not passing the course.

7. Old Business:

- A. Response Times and Maps – Tony Miller and Dave Lynde
In contact with Jason Norris regarding issues such as 3 houses alone in the North Fork of Tampico being considered urban.



Discussion followed on trauma response areas within Yakima County and the benefits of accurate mapping data.

B. Training Topics from Regional Council – Zita Wiltgen

A brief overview of the trauma system in Washington State and how it is funded.

Recognition that:

- Survival is improved if a severely injured patient is rapidly transported to the most appropriate place for care.
- Should address the continuum of care including:
 - Injury prevention
 - Prehospital care
 - Acute care
 - Rehabilitation Reintegration into society
 - A comprehensive trauma system consists of administrative and operational components such as medical direction, communication systems, training, and public education.

Regional Council Tasks

- Regional System Plan
- Min/max numbers
 - ❖ pre-hospital services
 - ❖ hospital designation
- Regional Patient Care Procedures
- County Operating Procedures
- Address emerging issues

Local County Council Tasks

- Recommendations to Region Council & DOH,
 - Initial Training Courses,
 - MPD appointment
 - Collaborate w/ MPD COPs

The region could provide training on an as needed basis for any topic that may benefit the local council.

8. New Business:

- A. Jonas Landstrom is the new base manager for Airlift Northwest. Airlift Northwest will be participating and sending instructors to EMT class. Willing to do training on other topics and at agencies.

Question regarding the ceiling level for clouds. The ceiling level for the helicopter is 1000 feet. Fog is different, as it moves and may be at ground level.

- B. The Washington Administration Code (WAC) 246-976 is open. DOH holding monthly meetings and input from the east side of the State is needed. If there are changes you would like to see



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please try to participate. If you can't make it you can send your input to Catie Holstein, Jason Norris, Wendy Moudy, Dave Lynde, Zita Wiltgen.* We need rural EMS system input and perspective.

- 9.** Next meeting is the April 5, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap, Classroom B.
- 10.** Meeting adjourned.

*Dave Lynde has link for signing up for the meetings on "Go to Meeting".

If you cannot make it to an Open WAC meeting, you can contact any of the following by email:

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