EMS Administrative Board
February 12, 2025

1. **Open the meeting**

2. **Approval of agenda:** February 12, 2025, Jim Brost made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kyle Curtis. Motion passed.

3. **Introduction of attendees:**

Board Members in Attendance:

Jim Borst, Fire Commissioners	Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners
Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director
Mike Costello, Councilmember, City of Selah	Jim Lange, Fire Chiefs
Kyle Curtis, County Commissioner	Aaron Markham, Fire Chiefs
Sarah Dowen, Hospital Representative, Yakima EMS Council	Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair

Board Members Absent:

Les Riel, Fire Commissioners

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs	Cameron Haubrich, Fire Chiefs

Alternate Board Members Absent:

Dan Boyle, Fire Commissioners

Department of Emergency Medical Services in Attendance:

Tony Miller, ES Director Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager/Training Coordinator	Diane Koch, Office Specialist Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative

Department of Emergency Medical Services in Absent:

Guest(s): Evan Pierce, Intern with Kyle Curtis, Treena Russell, ALS

4. **Open Public Input –** none

5. **Communications –** none

6. **Approval of Minutes:** Copies of November 13 were sent out and copies available during the meeting for review and approval.
   Kyle Curtis moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Sam Glanzer. Motion approved.

7. **Reports from committees/agencies**
   a. Emergency Medical Services
      Tony Miller reported:
      i. Fall 2024 EMT Course – We had 18 students and all passed the course. Seventeen of the students passed NREMT the first time. One failed and he has signed up to retake the course.

ii. 2025 Budget
When the numbers were turned into the Assessor's Office, Jacob Tate said they were too low. We went from 7.6 million to 8.2 million. This raised the budget for the EMS office by $85,000. We are going to add the additional money to the AED replacement fund. We will be purchasing 58 AEDs with an increase in funds to our budget.

iii. GMR Nurse Navigation Line to be implemented on April 22nd.

iv. Over EMS Week (May 18-24) we will implement Pulse Point.

v. Introduced Chase Tucker, our new hire that the board approved. Chase started January 16. He is doing a phenomenal job and moving projects ahead.
Some of the projects he is working on is getting rid of the paper we use for OTEP and having providers scan a code to sign in to a class and to complete a skills sheets.

Jeremy Rodriguez reported:

vi. We are applying for 2 grants to purchase more AEDS: Legends Grant and Gary Sinise Foundation.

vii. We will be sending out announcements and applications for the Fall EMT course in April or May.

viii. Winter EMT class is doing really well. Some are struggling a little bit, but they are showing very marked improvement. Part of it is teaching them how to read the questions.

ix. OTEP module 1 is on MCI, in part as we are moving over to SALT. The hands on-portion will start in March. Remember everyone that we have triage tags and when our instructors go out to teach the workshop, we will collect your old triage tags and replace them with the new ones. The goal is to not have this change financially affect any of the departments.

b. Compliance Review Committee – Dave Lynde reported that we admittedly made a mistake as we did not elect a chair nor keep notes. We will elect a chair and start keeping notes at the end of the month, when we have our next meeting. The good news is we are pretty compliant in all areas. We did miss last month by one call. Zone 5 is a very difficult zone to cover geographically in the time assigned. Everything else is in the 95 percentile range, and last month we were 97% compliant. We have areas we have to watch, and we have made a lot of adjustments as we were getting up and running. We have a report we have created that we are sending out to the committee members that gives them the reasons if we are requesting exemptions.

Joel Byam stated that there was not much to add.

Aaron Markham reported that the Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month, after the Fire Chief's meeting. We are working on auditing the calls and will be selecting a few calls to bring up at random to review during the meeting. This is a more interactive reporting process.

Kyle Curtis – were we doing this when we had AMR and ALS? Aaron Markham replied there was a list of calls sent, but there were no repercussions.

8. Old Business

a. GMR Nurse Navigation Program is starting April 22nd. We have a 4 groups working on identifying alternative destinations. In Yakima County we do not have a lot of other destinations available. We have some medi-centers, and we are working on getting contact information from them.

The same group that worked determinate codes when ProQA came out is going to meet this month, determinate codes that should be sent to the nurse health line. Everyone has a document of determinate codes used in Southwest Washington. The document has been shared with Dr. Hodges, so he knows the Alpha and Omega list.

We want a final "buy off" and adjustments can be made as needed. There are some non-ambulance transport options, such as Lift available and telemedicine.

We will have people in the dispatch center when this begins to help with any issues that may come up, for example handing off a call or what to do it a call comes back.

We are working on a media rollout to explain the new system. The Nurse Health Line will have 10 different languages, including Spanish to assist callers. Discussion followed on the benefit of reduction of 911 calls and the citizens learning of alternative resources, rather than using 911 as their primary health care.

Discussion followed on training for agencies.

b. Review of bylaws. Dave Lynde reported that each year we need to review the bylaws and affirm that we still think they are valid and then report this to the County Commissioners. Attestation that we understand and agree with them. Joel Byam made a motion to accept the by-laws seconded by Kyle Curtis. Motion passed

Commissioner Curtis asked why we were not reviewing the director? Explanation, we cannot as he is not our employee.

9. New Business

a. Officer Elections for the Chair and Vice Chair.
Joel Byam made a motion to keep the current chair and vice chair, seconded by Sam Glanzer. Motion Passed.

10. For the Good of the order

a. Commissioner Curtis asked about the Pilot Program for Administering Buprenorphine
Dr. Hodges said this is his number priority for Yakima County this year is prehospital administration and initiation of prehospital use of opioid disorder medications. He is working with the University of Washington and their EMS Fellowship Program to write protocols and implementation. Tony and I also met to see if we could obtain state and federal funding. We are not yet sure of a dollar amount to make this program work. It will depend on what type of medication we use, as some of the cheaper alternatives do not work as well, because they do not work as long. Other medications can last for a week to a month. The compliance and success rate with the long lasting medications is much higher, but cost between $400 - $900 per dose. This would be an ALS skill only.

Kyle Curtis asked how many people are interested in receiving this. We have data from similar programs in the country. They number numbers for 3 to 5 years out now. A patient can go from having a 30% chance of being dead in 3 months with only Narcan to a 66% chance of still being drug free in 3 to 5 years. This reduces the number of 911 calls. The people go on to have families,

jobs and pay taxes.

b. Aaron Markham reported that the Administration Board approved the nature codes in Pro QA (covert from current codes to Pro QA codes). We only have 1 more meeting before we have to make a decision. Brief discussion on what new codes would look like.

   It was requested for the chief representatives to bring a report with a list of the codes to our next meeting. Discussion followed.

c. Pulse Point – we will have another social media release to get people signed up.

11. Next regularly scheduled meeting is 09:00 on, May 14, 2025. In person is at the EMS Office in the classrooms.

12. Meeting adjournment – Jim Brost made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Markham. Motion passed.