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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Busch, President, WCFD #11
Dawn Cannizzaro, Past President, WCFD # 17
Gene Bell, Treasurer, Consumer
Randy VanderHeiden, 1st V.P., BFD
Denise Christensen, 2nd V.P., WCFD #14
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Matt Cook, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Swobody, NWFRS
Jason VanderVeen, NWFRS
Howard Adams, SWFA
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Roger Christensen, President, BFD
Therese Williams, BTC
John Granger, Airlift NW
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

ABSENT: Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14
Erica Work, SWFA
Gary Baar, Lynden
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

CALL TO ORDER: President, Bob Busch, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Luke's Health Education center to order at 7:00.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April meeting stand as written.

REPORTS

Finance: The financial statements were distributed. Current balances are \$219278.40 general fund, \$24,527 ambulance fund, \$16,289 industrial CISM, \$5574 County CISD, \$10,000 ResQ Trial and \$34243 immediate trial for a total of \$219,282. The investment account balance is \$65291. CD balance is \$64,900.

Office: Keri would like to buy the new office laptop before the conference, this fits with the original plan for computer replacement. Office hours will change in September to 9:30-3:30 T/TH. The website has been redone by a western student. Please take a look and email any feedback.

Education: Transport guidelines are still being finalized. Keri will email out the final copy to all the members in the next couple of weeks. Denise put together example kits for both Adult and Pediatric for Epi administrative by syringe from multi-use bottle. The recommended syringe is Vantage point. This is an optional protocol as departments may continue to use the Epi-pen. The training template is the PowerPoint developed by the state. EMS online will host the training free of charge for Whatcom County responders. The initial training needs to be done in person. Janice has put the skills check off and the 5 question test on a CD. Rick stated that Cascade used a vacuum sealed kit for theirs. Agencies could also use a clear tackle box.

Conference: Randy reported he is hoping to have everything done by next week. He is working on funding. We have raised \$6,000 so far. Justin and Randy will meet next week to brainstorm ideas for money. He is still trying to confirm Randy Manstooth from Emergency.

Regional: – Rick reported there is an executive board meeting next week. There is nothing to report at this time.

CQI: Janice reported CQI met July 6th. An agenda item was Epi training. The forms have been linked online. The patient disposition form needs to come thru your CQI representative. The cardiac respiratory form and EMS ED event form are accessible by anyone at any time and can be anonymous. These are for events that do not need immediate attention. If immediate attention is needed go to your supervisor or worst case, MPD. The committee also discussed whether the king tube is as effective and easy to use as initially thought. Please continue to fill out the report online and hopefully your CQI officers will gather some additional information.

Executive: The executive board met prior to this meeting and discussed the budget and the conference.

MPD: Dr. Wayne not in attendance – no report.

Clinical trials: Janice reported the Immediate trial continues to go well with up to 3100 patients screened. She is hoping to finish enrollment by end of this year, but it may have to go into January to get the enrollment numbers. Agencies should have received an email from her regarding the ResQ trial. The results will be unblinded after the last one year follow up is completed. The pump and pod is predicted to have the better survival rate. The sponsor is optimistic and has drafted a manuscript for the New England journal of medicine. The article will be posted in time for AHA to consider the data of the ResQ trial to be in their updated CPR guidelines. Janice is working on getting the pods that the agencies can use. There will be a one hour train the trainer July 15th at 1:00 at HEC room A. There will be material to take back to your agencies.

Planning: Rick reported that they have been having meetings regarding the BLS and ALS min/max numbers. Rick and Bob Busch attended the ALS ambulance advisory meeting on last Friday. They were told the group would be recommending the EMS council increase the ALS number to 2. We would need to have an action item to make that recommendation to the north region for them to include in the state plan. We also need to reduce the BLS numbers as agencies are merging.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: The preliminary budget was distributed. Gene recommended approving an operating budget to carry us thru the conference which will cover wages, a purchase of a new laptop and conference costs. Budget cutting options include removing stipends, using a different tax preparer, and reassessing our insurance needs. A motion (R. Kowsky/J. Granger) to approve the ability to continue to operate with a budget of \$38k until the budget can be approved for the remainder of the year in October carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for membership: A motion (Executive board/R. Christensen) to accept applications for general council membership from Randy Scott, Hospital and Jerry Peterson, WCFD #16; CQI applications from Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4; and Education Committee application from Chris Jorgensen, WCFD #4 carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Airlift has a stable turbo prop for improved short field landings on hard surface. It can be off the ground in 15 minutes.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:47. (R. Kowsky/M. Cook)