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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Busch, President, WCFD #11
Dawn Cannizzaro, Past President, WCFD # 17
Randy VanderHeiden, 1st V.P., BFD
Denise Christensen, 2nd V.P., WCFD #14
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Gene Bell, Treasurer, Consumer
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Ben Boyko, WCFD #7
Matt Cook, WCFD #16
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Scott Crowe, WCFD #18
Howard Adams, SWFA
Erica Work, SWFA
Gary Baar, Lynden
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Roger Christensen, President, BFD
Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Ski Patrol
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager
Tammy Lynch, Guest

ABSENT: Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
John Granger, Airlift NW
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
John Swobody, NWFRS
Jason VanderVeen, NWFRS
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Therese Williams, BTC
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,

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: Clarification in the July minutes on the subject of the education committee meeting report. Minutes stand as corrected.

Guest Presenter: Tammy Lynch (FARS, Chiefs association) presented on the Whatcom County Fire Agencies radio systems. [Motion \(R. Christensen/R. VanderHeiden\) to submit a letter of support in their grant request to St. Luke's Foundation carries.](#)

REPORTS

Finance: The financial statements were distributed. Current balances are \$129,088.75 general fund, \$24,527 ambulance fund, \$13,568.64 industrial CISM, \$5573.64 County CISD, \$7,532.09 ResQ Trial and \$59,512.27 immediate trial for a total of \$239,802.84. The investment account balance is \$72, 838.20. CD balance is \$64,900.

The approval of the budget will happen after the conference so we have a more accurate idea of the income. Gene would like to look at other venues for investing, Dr. Wayne would like to discuss with Gene what his foundation is using in terms of investment options. They will discuss before the next meeting.

Office: A new laptop was purchased and received. Keri is mainly working on the conference the last quarter.

Education: Epi training has been completed. Online class evaluations are available on the council website. The transport guidelines will be completed soon.

Conference: Registrations are down from last year with more BLS than ALS participants. A different format will be needed for next year. There is about \$5000 in grant funds that will be matched and Randy is working on more. [A motion \(J. Lapsansky/K. Wergin\) to authorize Keri to waive late registrations is approved.](#)

Regional: – Rick reported that there have been changes at the staff level and they are working with temporary staffing. They are conducting a financial audit of the regional council activities for the last six years due to issues with some lax accounting and shortcomings. They have built in new checks and balances to prevent this from happening again. The positions won't be filled until the right candidate can be found.

CQI: Janice reported the CQI committee had their quarterly meeting last week. They reviewed the feedback from recent training efforts including epi training. She will be sending an email soon encouraging usage of the online training evaluation form. There is a shortage of epinephrine, agencies should continue to stock epi pens until they can stock epinephrine.

The cardiovascular compromise report is being utilized. Please use the electronic version instead of hard copy. 1/3 of districts have completed the CQI education program. The EEE form is being used. Janice apologized for the delays in the return of those. She will be timelier in the future. Position for co-chair is coming up for election

Executive: no report

MPD: Dr. Wayne reported has received a national EMS award and is accepting it on behalf of the responders in Whatcom County. There have been great saves with CPR. The ALS protocols being revised. There are minor statewide WAC changes. There have been issues with ALS in the hospital.

Clinical trials: Immediate trail – Janice reported Medic One has agreed to enroll patients until April in part because we have low numbers and need to catch up to other study sites around the county. The ResQ trial produced a handout without much information. Janice will release more information before mailing to the agencies. The results are very good. Results will be presented to American Heart on Nov 14th. The recommendation in Airway kits is that the ResQ pod is preloaded on BVM.

Planning: Duncan reported on the groups meeting last month. The state will be notified about a few boundary changes. They are still working on the plan narrative that North region needs by the end of the year. Rick presented on a handout with the proposed changes for the next 5 year period. There was a significant number in reductions for BLS units due to agencies merging and changes from aid to ambulance. The most notably changes is to increase ALS service from 1 to 2 to meet the plan that has been evolving in Whatcom county over the past 3-4 year period. The ambulance advisory voted in July to request the EMS council to recommend increasing the ALS numbers to 2 to accommodate WCFD #7 program per the 2005 EMS plan. **Motion (R. Kowsky/Dawn Cannizzaro) to change the min/max numbers as presented to reflect the desires of the ambulance advisory committee failed on an 8-8 vote with one abstaining.** **Motion (D. McLane/R. Kowsky) to change the BLS and ILS numbers without changes to ALS for this plan as presented carries.**

NEW BUSINESS

EMT Course: WCFD #14 has made application to hold an RN to EMT bridge course. **A motion (executive board/G. Baar) to approve the course carries.**

Council fundraising: Roger is heading a group of people to help look for ideas in long term fundraising for the council

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