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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 13, 2006

**PRESENT:** Modesta Urbano, Chair, WCFD #14; Bill Skinner, WCFD #5; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; Denise Christensen, WCFD #14; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Micah Quintrall, BFD; Gary Baar, Lynden; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

**ABSENT:** Geri Chumley, WCFD #4; Leslie Pederson, WCFD 8; John Mulhern, WCFD #11; Dean Crosswhite, WCFD #7; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Brad Bannerman, BFD; Roger Christensen, BFD;

**CALL TO ORDER:** Desta Urbano, at 1:08, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the April Education Committee to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Motion (Denise/Micah) to approve the minutes of the March meeting carries.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

*North Region Education Committee:* - The committee discussed how rural grant money was distributed (zip codes of Blaine, Acme and Lummi Island are now included). Appendix H's are being rewritten. South Central region is holding SEI classes. The region is encouraging participation in the North Region Retreat.

*Funding:* North Region Education grant funding request must be submitted at the June meeting. Discussion of whether we should look for initial OTEP funding for the county ensued.

*Communications:* Nothing to report

*MCI Drill committee:* (Leslie, Duncan, Dean, Denise and Howard) – Drill is now on the 5 year goal list. **Action Item: Micah will submit a DEM resource list at the next meeting.**

*County training officers:* Duncan reported that the station renumbering will be done fore the end of the year. Call types are beginning to change.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Case Study presentations:* Roger and Desta will present at next month's meeting

*North Region special needs EMT-B class:* The general council gave their approval at the April meeting.

*Online OTEP* – Duncan distributed a spreadsheet with the cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of online OTEP at \$44,050 but this figure will be higher after corrections to BFD. The education committee would like to ask that the council approve sending two members to a grant writing class. One grant possibility is the Norcliffe foundation.

*5 year goals* – Previous 5 year goals were evaluated and adjusted for a new 5 year goal list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*CPR* – Janice reported that an observer for the ResQ Trial noted problems with CPR. She is asking the committee for advice on how to help personnel learn, use and get more practice with the new AHA guidelines. Scenarios and PowerPoint presentations, copies of training rosters and memos will be distributed via CD to all agencies.

*Basic computing classes* – No classes will be offered. Districts will be encouraged to use a mentor program.

*DFib* – reprogramming is available thru a CD. 500 and LP 12 can be reprogrammed. We need to issue a community press release when available

*Outdated CPR Materials* – All old materials in the office need to be destroyed

*AHA Changes* – A letter needs to be drafted regarding the impact of the changes at the provider letter

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** - A housebill passed that exempts air ambulance services from insurance regulations so that they may have a subscription service by 2007. With no further business, the meeting (Howard/Micah) was adjourned at 15:10. Next meeting is May 11th.

Respectively submitted by  
Keri Snodgrass, EMS/TC Council Staff