

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 9, 2006

PRESENT: Denise Christensen, WCFD #14; Geri Chumley, WCFD #4; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Micah Quintrall, BFD; Bonnie Robinson, NREMS; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

ABSENT: Modesta Urbano, Chair, WCFD #14; Roger Christensen, BFD; Brad Bannerman, BFD; John Mulhern, WCFD #11; Keith Zylstra, NWFRS; Dean Crosswhite, WCFD #7; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Gary Baar, Lynden

CALL TO ORDER: Duncan McLane, at 1:02 p.m., called the regularly scheduled meeting of the February Education Committee to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Motion (Therese/Howard) to approve the minutes of the January meeting carries.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

North Region Education Committee: No report

Funding: nothing to report

Communications: nothing to report

MCI Drill – the committee is requesting holding off on the MCI drill until the DEM can help with the funding. The DEM current focus is preparing for the flu pandemic. **Action Item: Geri will look into finding or creating a standard format/template for agencies to get information.**

Protocol test subcommittee – Therese distributed a draft of 30 questions from the state protocols and the addendum in multiple choice format. Micah also distributed some test questions. Discussion ensued regarding the questions, #8 will spell out in parenthesis the initials. Motion (Micah/Denise) to accept the test pending further review and clean up by Therese carries.

County training officers: A report from Leslie will be added to the agenda beginning next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Case Study presentations – Roger not in attendance to report on action item.

Online OTEP – Leslie reported that all is going very well in her district. Duncan is still working on the setup costs.

Evaluators – As more evaluators are needed with online OTEP, Geri has scheduled two workshops at dist 4 for Saturday, March 11th 8-12 and Monday, March 13th 9-12. Keri will send out a mass email notice after receiving the information from Geri.

CPR instructor update classes: The first class, open to national and regional training faculty, will be the week after next in ocean shores. Classes will trickle down from there and could be a few months or so.

Hand out for Dr. Wayne's video – Therese will call the handout notes instead of outline as it doesn't follow the order. Therese will make the changes and it will be distributed with the video/DVD. Leslie will find out at next Thursdays training officers meeting which format everybody needs.

Cardiovascular/respiratory compromise report – The form created by Desta and Geri was distributed. Chiefs will check to make sure form gets done. There was no opposition to collecting epi information. Overall consensus was that it was good. Goal is to have the form available to fill out online and send directly to EMS Council office. Motion to adopt (Denise/Geri) with an addition of check all that apply under patients condition and AED Use and the rearranging of outcome was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

North Region update - Bonnie presented/distributed the following information

1. The region is putting on a no cost GEMS instructor session on Saturday May 6th and a workshop on Saturday June 4th, both at Dist 4. They are hoping each county will send at least a few people. A person must be an EMT with some teaching experience and a willingness to continue to teach in order to attend the instructor session.
2. A list of Hospital and Prehospital Burn Care Training Opportunities as the state is encouraging EMS to be involved in burn care. The state wants the region to be able to deal with 50 burns until they can be transferred out of region or state. The region need to work closer with the MPD and is asking the committee to help enlist Dr. Wayne's assistance.
3. North Central Region Training and Education Survey FY06 that she is encouraging agencies to complete. Please let her know what you think needs to come out of it.
4. The region is hosting the Israeli Experience on March 31st in Lynnwood. More details will follow soon.
5. Regional education committee meeting is next Thursday in Skagit County.
6. AED Grant – Lots of rural Whatcom zip codes still do not qualify.

EMT-B class request: A letter signed by the Whatcom County North Region Chiefs was received requesting approval to hold a “special needs” EMT-B class. Keri will quarry agencies (including refineries) about the current needs for an EMT-B course with a flexible schedule, including which days and times would work best.

GOOD OF THE ORDER -

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10. Next meeting is March 9th.

Respectively submitted by
Keri Snodgrass, EMS/TC Council Staff