

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS/TC COUNCIL
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 12, 2009

PRESENT: Denise Christensen, WCFD #14, Chair; Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Gary Baar, Lynden; Sean Farnand, BFD; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; John Swobody, NWFRS; Keri Snodgrass, council manager

ABSENT: Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Therese Williams, WCF; Randy VanderHeiden, BFD; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Howard Adams, WCFD #9

CALL TO ORDER: Denise Christensen called the regularly scheduled February meeting of the Education Committee to order at 1:03.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting minutes from the November meeting were approved (Jerry/Justin).

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

North Region Education Committee: Neither Denise or Jerry were able to attend the last meeting in January.

Funding: no report

Communications: A poison symposium is coming up. Information was distributed to those interested.

WCTOA report: Another academy is coming up with about 20 recruits.

QI committee: A meeting is set for March. He is awaiting input from the districts on what they would like on the agenda. The agenda is for departments to find out what they want on the agenda list. He will be making sure that all aspects of what Dr. Wayne wants accomplished by this group is covered. .

OLD BUSINESS:

Protocols and transport guidelines: after discussion regarding modifying King county's protocols or updating the addendum, it was agreed to update the addendum as we do not have the personnel to modify the King County protocols and keep it maintained. Members are to go over the 2006 addendum before the next meeting.

King tube: The switch as been made. Justin reported they had a problem regarding the tube not being inflated enough to seal as the syringe only inflates in one shot on the smallest tube. For larger tubes you have to remove, add more volume and inflate more. He sent an email to the sales person, Sean, but did not get an accommodating response. Denise will be sending a copy of Justin's email with Sean's reply to Dr. Wayne advising him the education committee reviewed this issue and would like to see something else happen.

EMT-B - online testing is being delayed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intubation class: Sat April 18th BTC 9-4

Train the trainer infectious disease class – The committee would like to see this offered as a conference workshop.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: With no further business the meeting was adjourned, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15. The next meeting will be on March 12th.
