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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 9, 2007

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**PRESENT:** Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4; Jerry Martin, WCFD #7; Therese Williams, WCFD #7/BTC; Duncan McLane, WCFD #11; Howard Adams, WCFD #9; Denise Christensen, WCFD #14; John Swobody, NWFRS; Gary Baar, Lynden; Justin Thompson, Dist 8; Dean Whitney (Dist 8); Keri Snodgrass, council manager

**ABSENT:** John Mulhern, WCFD #11; Modesta Urbano, Chair, WCFD #14; Kim Cook, Dist #16; Brad Bannerman, BFD; Roger Christensen, BFD

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Duncan McLane, at 9:02, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the March Education Committee to order.

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

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**ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

*North Region Education Committee:* Topics discussed included the new questionnaire to be sent to all districts and the low ration of SEI's to EMT's.

*Funding:* Grant funds reimbursement request is due in June. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

*Communications:* WAMI 2007 Trauma Conference is May 30-31<sup>st</sup> in Seattle. How to Survey Effectively in EMS & EMSC is on April 25-27<sup>th</sup> in Seattle. North Regions 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual injury prevention symposium is Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Vernon. Skagit Valley College EMT-B course begins March 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Training officers' report:* The training academy starts on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leslie is writing a manual for IMS. The Command competency clinic is full. An Incident safety class is being scheduled. There is a BLS evaluator class is tomorrow. The training officers thought that BLS transport should be an education committee issue. The life safety council in Region 3 has money to give out and is sending out questionnaires.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Case study:* A motion (Denise/Leslie) to table video and focus on the protocol issues carried. The newsletter should include case studies.

*EMT-B course:* Class is to be held at Nugent's Corner (Dist 1). 15 people have applied to date.

*Evaluators Workshops:* Need to schedule in January 2008 for all evaluators. Keri will get list of the evaluators for the state. Committee needs to determine who long this should take.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Transport guidelines:* The transport guidelines need to be universally standard. Discussion ensued on how to address issues. More information is needed from the ER in order to properly evaluate. Committee needs to determine what information is needed and set a standard.

*Q/A:* Dr. Wayne had sent a letter to the chiefs regarding coordination on BLS Q/A. The chiefs decided that this should be an education committee responsibility. There is a need for a BLS Q/A person. Jerry will get a copy of some King County Q/A templates that we can look at to modify. A motion (Gary/Howard) to appoint Jerry as q/a committee chair carried. Jerry will attend the county Q/A meeting that is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>, and another education committee meeting to address this issue will be held on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

*Protocols:* Stroke, epi, transport and easy-tube protocols all need to be rewritten. Before next meeting everybody needs look at Sullivan protocols, king county protocols, state protocols and get together with suggestions. Jerry will email Keri the information and she will forward to members. *Online OTEP administrators' workshop* will be held on Tuesday. There are currently 6 people signed up.

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** St. Joe's is beginning to look into a small facility located in Lynden. Dist 4 and 8 are hiring Monday morning.

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:50**