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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 9, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Roger Christensen, President, Whatcom Medic One  
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17  
Therese Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, BTC  
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer,  
Russell Brock, WCFD #1  
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1  
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4  
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7  
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8  
Howard Adams, WCFD #9  
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11  
Bob Busch, WCFD #11  
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14  
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16  
Cole Gates, WCFD #16  
John Geleynse, Lynden  
Bill Boyd, BFD  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD  
Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager, EMS Council office

**ABSENT:** Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.  
Erica Work, WCFD #2  
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17  
John Swobody, NWFRS  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW  
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council  
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC  
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer  
Klaus Wergin, Consumer

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**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Roger Christensen, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Whatcom County EMS/TC Council, held at St. Joseph's hospital to order at 7:05.

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**Stroke Presentation** by Alice Matsudaira from St. Joseph Hospital: Stroke IV t-PA can only be given within 3 hours of onset. The hospital needs 1 hour. Handouts were distributed regarding St. Joseph hospital emergency department Weiche stroke protocol and the inclusion/exclusion criteria.

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**INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made by all present

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion (McLane/Adams) to approve the minutes of the January, 2007 meeting carries.

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## **REPORTS**

*TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT:* Marianne Caldwell reported that \$75K was invested in the American Funds growth and income fund. Current interest rates on the bond portfolio are only slightly higher than the CD's but with more risk. The issue of investing in the bond portfolio, continuing with the CD's, or investing more in the growth and income fund was brought back to the general council. A motion (Wayne/Busch) to allow the treasurer to invest the funds in an equally safe form of investment as the bonds (CD's or hybrid) and to modify the original investment split is approved. • The budget for 2007-2008 was presented. She is still waiting on information on the CISM budget. • Council bylaws require a review, but we have only been doing a compilation. A compilation does not come with assurances that the information is correct. A review would cost an additional \$1500 each year (currently paying \$1000). Motion (Brock/McLane) to modify from term review to compilation while the changes to the bylaws are being reviewed carries. • Balances as of 3/31/07 are a total of \$236302.48 with \$189669.49 in the general fund; \$35235.22 in ambulance fund; \$11958.50 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISD and \$-6134.37 in the NIH account. The balance in the investment account is \$75693.12.

*OFFICE REPORT:* Keri reported on the purchase of a new laptop. • The first round of reimbursement for online OTEP costs will be sent very soon. Agencies still have time to submit costs (with receipts). • A quote and drawing was distributed for new office furniture. Motion (Boyd/Wayne) to approved purchase of new office furniture was approved.

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*EDUCATION:* Desta Urbano reported that the request for next years grant funds is due soon. • The Nugent's corner EMT-B course began last week with 17 students. • The group has been looking at how the county will be updating the county evaluators. • The committee will be reviewing the transport standard guidelines and creating transport standards. A subcommittee was created to establish BLS Q/A. A Stroke protocol will be added and the Epi and easy-tube protocols need to be modified.

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*CONFERENCE:* We need a conference chair!

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*REGIONAL COUNCIL* – Bonnie was not in attendance. Roger reported that an application for BLS trauma transport verification from Rural Metro was received. North Region would like a report from us returned to them after reviewing how the application fits our plan. We currently have 13 agencies providing BLS transport care. The min is 12, max is 22. The board reviewed it and has neither positive nor negative comments to make. After discussion it was decided to write a letter to North Region advising them that we have insufficient information to comment. • The annual retreat is the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Bellwether.

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*PUBLIC EDUCATION* – Erica is on vacation. The target date for the next issue is June. She is asking for any action pictures from scenes.

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*EXECUTIVE* – Dawn Cannizzaro reported that the AED reprogramming bid will go out again and a Q/A ad hoc committee has been created. Other issues discussed at tonight's meeting were covered in other reports.

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*MPD* – Dr. Marvin Wayne reported that patients who don't wake up after cardiac arrest are put into therapeutic hypothermia for 24 hours then slowly rewarmed. Q/A is a part of the plan for the new system as we cannot have a fragmented system.

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*RESQ TRIAL*- Janice Lapsansky is not in attendance. Dr. Wayne reported that data from run in and first year results were impressive. The estimated overall survival rate was at 8% prior to start of trial and now is at 13% with a significant improvement across all categories. Whatcom County has the least protocol deviation of all sites.

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*Q/A Ad hoc committee:* Jerry Martin is the chair of this new committee that is looking into Q/A issues. They will meet this Thursday 10-noon at the EMS council office.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Yearly committee review-* Standing committee chairs received \$300 each for the quarter. Current standing committees are public education, education and conference.

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*APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP -* – Motion (McLane/Chamblin) to accept membership applications for Jerry Martin, Dist 7 (general council and education); Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Ski Area; Leslie Pederson, Dist 4; Marv Simonsen (Education committee) and Justin Thompson (General and education) was approved.

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*Elections* – Nominating committee does not have a slate of nominees ready. Council agreed to hold elections in July.

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*Special presentations-* consensus from council was that special presentation are okay as long as kept brief.

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER** –with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.