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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2007

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P., Lynden FD
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer,
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Geleyne, Lynden
John Swobody, NWFRS
Henry Hollander, NWFRS
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol, Guest
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager, EMS Council office

ABSENT: Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8
Bill Boyd, BFD
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Klaus Wergin, Consumer

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 7:00.

Shared Care Plan presentation - Dr. Mark Pearson presented on a personal health record program designed with grant funds called Shared Care Plan. He is looking for assistance in spreading the system. He needs six pilots to set the personal health records around the state and would like some volunteer departments to work with them in developing the system as one of the pilot programs. A show of hands indicated that everybody supports this program. Districts can reach him via Sharedcareplan.org

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (Cannizzaro/Lapsansky) to approve the minutes of the October, 2006 meeting with a correction to the treasurer's report carries.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Marianne reported the balances as of 12/31/06 are a total of \$255407.53 with \$219897.10 in the general fund; \$35235.22 in ambulance fund; \$5573.64 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISD and -17256.93 in the NIH account. A NIH invoice will be sent this week for \$21288.32.

OFFICE REPORT: Keri reminded of the new office hours. She requested approval for a new laptop. A motion (Hollander/VanderVeen) to replace each computer every four years (one replacement every two years) beginning with laptop now was approved.

EDUCATION: The committee has postponed the evaluator workshops. They are looking at upgrading current evaluators and integrating an evaluator workshop into the QA process. Instructor workshops are obsolete due to online OTEP. ● a meeting is scheduled for this Friday. Meetings are held every other month. ● an administrator workshop will be scheduled soon. ● a roundtable discussion of calls is on hold until an ER doc can be scheduled.

CONFERENCE: Therese reported that even with lower enrollment the 25th annual conference profit was over \$30k. There are still a few things outstanding. A new chair needs to be found soon, as planning for next year's conference needs to begin. Roger would like names of interested parties this week. Thanks and good job to Therese for the last 7 conferences.

REGIONAL COUNCIL – The main topic at the last meeting was the regional plan for allocation of ALS/BLS units.

PUBLIC EDUCATION – Erica reported that she resigned at the last meeting, but will now still be the chair and oversee the newsletter and edit the articles. Keri will assist with the gathering of the articles. Two issues will be done a year instead of 4. Issues will

be larger and include case studies. Target date for letters will be March and September. Funding still needs to be approved.

EXECUTIVE – Dawn reported that Theresa Sygitowicz is no longer part of her district and therefore is no longer available to serve on the council. An application has been received from Marianne Caldwell to fill this position. A motion (Hollander/Kowksy) of a show of confidence in the new treasurer as selected by the executive board approved.

- the eboard approved purchase of an airway manikin for \$5962.
- there were no issues to address in Whatcom County regarding Min/max. There needs to be only 1 ALS agency in the County.
- E-board would like to request maximum funds of \$6000 to fund a team of people to go to the districts to update the Physio Control AED'S to the new AHA guidelines at no charge for nonprofit agencies. For profit companies would be charged a small fee. The AED's will be reprogrammed and AED download software will be installed. HInet is giving us a secure website to transfer the data over to the council office. Physio has given the sites free access to the software. Each AED unit will be given a unique identifier so when the reports come in they can be traced back.

Motion (E-board/ Hollander) to proceed (write scope, advertise and receive bids) was approved.

- a clarification on the bylaws regarding term limits is needed. They currently read that you are able to serve three two year terms. Interpretation of the council is that those who served a partial term for the first year are eligible for another term.

MPD – no report

RESQ TRIAL- Janice reported that she has developed a ResQ trial module for online OTEP. The online module needs to be done twice a year. Skills need to be completed as a group 3 times a year. She is urging the districts to incorporate CPR skills with the combitube nights.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

AIRLIFT - Jeff distributed information on Airlifts new Aircare program. Airlift is 24/7 again.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – Motion (E-Board/Hollander) to accept membership applications for Marianne Caldwell, consumer; Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16; and Cole Gates, WCFD #16 was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Jason will be the head of the nominating committee. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

- Henry reported that the merger of districts 3 and 13 passed with 80% approval. Dist 3 has been dissolved. Beginning Jan. 16th they will be Dist 21 doing business as NWFRS. They will be hiring 21 new firefighters and a full time assistant.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 21:30.