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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 14th, 2008

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, Whatcom Medic One
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer,
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P, NWFRS
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Gary Russell, WCFD #7
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Randy VanderHeiden, Whatcom Medic One
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
David Phillips, Rural/Metro Ambulance
Kent Nelson, Mt Baker Volunteer Ski Patrol
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS
Dan Williams, Guest
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager, EMS Council office

ABSENT: Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Swobody, NWFRS
John Geleynse, Lynden
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
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 7:05.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (McLane/Kowsky) to approve the minutes of the October meeting carries with a clarification to QA committee portion of the executive report.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Reports were distributed. American funds year end statement shows a balance of \$82180.45. The council 6 month budget ended on 12/31/07. The cash balances as of 12/31/07 are a total of \$124236.89 with \$92229.77 in the general fund; \$27888.77 in ambulance fund; \$8793.56 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISD and (\$10248.85) in the NIH account.

OFFICE REPORT: Keri reported that the latest issue of the Emergency Dispatch newsletter is available for pick up this evening. She is wrapping up the 2007 conference. Most funds are in and bills paid. The final income statement from the conference will be ready at next meeting.

EDUCATION: The committee is working on combining updated protocols and the transport guidelines protocols into one book. A Phtls class will be held in the spring.

CONFERENCE: Randy reported that the attendance was close to 06's attendance. He is working on the speakers for 08's conference to be held at the Best Western Lakeway Inn.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Bonnie reported that they are planning for fy2009-2012. She distributed a packet of information including: Whatcom County Min/Max Summary; North Region Gantt chart (a monthly update report with where N. Region is on the plan will be sent); Cross mapping of FY 09-12 State Goals Vs FY07-09 regional goals; Verification Application and Evaluation Process for EMS services; Summary revisions to evaluation process; Regional Prevention Symposium- Motor Vehicle Crashes; North region Annual retreat flyer; North Region EMS T/C Council verification/Licensure Requests. There was discussion on the fact that when an agency is shifting from aid to ambulance it is up to the state to decide who is best able to serve the area.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Erica reported that the newsletter is ready for pick up tonight. The plan is for 1-2 more in 2008. If you have any thing you would like to include or see included please let her know. Only one region submitted an update for the last issue.

EXECUTIVE: The e-board met last Monday to address the recommendation of the ambulance advisory board to reinstate the QA committee.

MPD: no report

RESQ TRIAL: Janice reported that the study has switched from three arm study to a two arm study in order to enroll patients faster and reach the numbers needed sooner. The transition has gone smoothly with new easy to read schedules posted and rig folders updated. King County has not posted the new exams online yet. If your agency has training coming up soon, please let her know and a hard copy will be provided. An investigators meeting was held last weekend with all 6 sites attending.

QA COMMITTEE: Jerry reported that he has waiting for the council to reinstate the committee. The ER has requested a contact number for all agencies for QI purposes. There is no process of keeping track of calls the hospital makes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application for David Phillips: Mr. Phillips application for memberships was denied at last months meeting. He has been asked to resubmit his application while attending this meeting. Motion (Kowsky/Cannizzaro) to accept membership was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senate Bill 6223 - Rick Kowsky reported on a bill regarding approval of EMT-B's to administer glucagon. He would encourage everybody to review this bill in regards to the cost and training impact to agencies.

EMT-B – Bonnie reported that the state is considering an extreme increase in the hours of EMT-B training required. The organizers for the national scope of practice are looking for comment.

Ardent century drill: The Whatcom County portion of a drill involving stolen chemical trucks will be held at camp horizon in Birch Bay on May 6th. They are looking for participants from agencies in Whatcom County and throughout the region. The hospital wants to see 50 patients transported and tracked in their system. The drill will also be putting manikin patients on a transport plane evacuating to another region for care. The countywide MCI protocol is being rewritten by the county chiefs' operations committee. They are working to show that we can track these patients throughout the entire system.

Response Data: Information districted by Randy VanderHeiden from the EMS Advisory board include: Medic Unit responses from 2004-2007 (projected); % of ALS vs. BLS Medic Unit Transports 2007; 2005 Call Volume Information by Department/District (how dispatched); 2005 Call Volume Information (by how dispatched); 2006 Call Volume Information by Department (by how cleared); 2006 Call Volume Information (how cleared); 2007 Call Volume by Department /District (by how cleared); 2007 Sept. YTD Call Volume Information (by how cleared); 2007 Year End Total EMS call Volumes - City of Bellingham Vs. Whatcom County; 2005-2008 EMS Results/Budget; City of Bellingham, Revenues, Expenditure and Reserves Group 724.

Application for membership: Motion (E-board/Kowsky) to accept an application from Randy VanderHeiden (BFD) to replace the resigning Bill Boyd is approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 pm.
