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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2009

PRESENT: Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17
Roger Christensen, past President, Whatcom Medic One
Therese Williams, 1st V.P. BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P, NWFRS
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer, consumer
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Swobody, NWFRS
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Gary Baar, Lynden, Lynden
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Zita Wiltgen, Southwest Region EMT&TCC
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

ABSENT: Erica Work, WCFD #2
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Geleyense, Lynden
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Klaus Wergin, Consumer

CALL TO ORDER: President, Dawn Cannizzaro, 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: The October and the December meeting minutes stand as written.

REPORTS

MPD: Dr. Marvin Wayne reported that the council is now involved with two studies. The ResQ Trial overall resuscitation rate has improved over all methods of CPR. The IMMEDIATE trial is an ALS trial for acute MI's. • the state is requiring online initial and recertification (when required) testing beginning March 1st that will increase costs to the districts. There may be an extension on the start date. • there needs to be a formal implementation and funding for BLS QA.

Finance: Marianne Caldwell distributed the budget. The conference did not net enough funds to support the council expenses for the year. The CD is earning 3%. The American funds growth endowment fund has declined sharply. Account balances on 12/31/2008 were \$131,630 general fund, \$23,819 ambulance fund, 16289 Industrial CISM, 5574 County CISD, \$(18268) ResQ Trial for a total of \$159,042.97.

Office: Keri Snodgrass reminded the agencies to submit their participation grants to the state.

Education: Duncan McLane reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to flooding. The group is working on updating the protocols. The instructor workshops went well.

Conference: Randy VanderHeiden reported he is looking for help in planning next year's conference. He is working on setting up the speakers. The preconference workshop may go to two days instead of one. We need to find ways to increase attendance that has dropped in recent years due to CE and OTEP.

QA: Jerry Martin reported that he is looking at a meeting in mid February. He has been waiting for the new trauma coordinator at St. Joseph Hospital to be able to join the group.

Executive: Application from Matt Cook (Dist 16), Gary Baar (Lynden), and Bill Skinner (Dist 5) are recommended for conditional approval (need supervisor signature on Skinners and Baars).

Clinical trials: Janice Lapsansky reported that because the ResQ trial needs enrollment numbers that will give it statistical strength patients will be enrolling thru July. She is asking that all agencies complete the new EMS online training module by June. There have been concerns from the ME office regarding the number of fractures. There is not a

need to change the program, but remember to use the gauge on the top of the pump handle and don't compress more than 90. Marv is looking for input on what to do when the study is over regarding the FDA approved pods. • the immediate trial began on Dec 15th. Four patients have been enrolled already with the expectation of a patient a week enrolled. An Immediate section was added to the council web site. The trial was presented at the instructor/evaluator workshops.

Regional council: The pre-hospital education committee meets tomorrow. They are assessing the need for a regional paramedic training program on the 28th. Therese Williams will be there and they are hoping to have participation from Whatcom Medic One. North Region is looking for an EMS agency to take over Whatcom County safe kids. They can have somebody from safe kids present at the next meeting. There is a training workshop next month on WEMSES.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public education: Input on where the council wants to go with public education was sought at the last meeting, but nobody responded. Ideas from the E-Board include establishing contact with the media to make announcements regarding the EMS community such as fire house, safe house, bicycle safety ect. Therese will be contacting Geri Chumley to see if she would be interested in rejoining the council as a consumer to assist with this. A newsletter can still be developed and distributed via email. Council input is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of application: A motion (Duncan/Roger) to accept the application for council membership with the proper signatures is approved.

Nominations committee: The secretary and 1st VP positions are up for election at the April annual meeting. Roger Christensen, Gary Baar and Bob Busch will be the nominating committee.

WEMSSIS presentation: Zita (Southwest region) distributed information and presented on WEMSSIS. Handouts included: WEMSSIS: Fact sheet, How WEMSSIS data improves patient care and patient outcome, WEMSSIS: Overview, DOH WEMSSIS brochure, National & state elements in WEMSSIS and WEMSSIS presentation information sheet.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45