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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 13, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Dawn Cannizzaro, President, WCFD # 17  
Roger Christensen, past President, Whatcom Medic One  
Randy VanderHeiden, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Whatcom Medic One  
Jason VanderVeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P, NWFRS  
Duncan McLane, Secretary, WCFD #11  
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer, consumer  
Russell Brock, WCFD #1  
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4  
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4  
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7  
Bob Busch, WCFD #11  
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14  
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD #14  
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16  
Matt Cook, WCFD #16  
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17  
John Swobody, NWFRS  
Erica Work, SWFA  
Howard Adams, SWFA  
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance  
Therese Williams, BTC  
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council  
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC  
Bob Lovelace, Consumer  
Klaus Wergin, Consumer  
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

**ABSENT:**

Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1  
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8  
Gary Baar, Lynden  
Michael Whittley, Lynden  
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance  
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW  
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,  
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD

**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 7:16.

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The April meeting minutes stand as written.

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## **REPORTS**

**Finance:** Financial statements were distributed. The council is in the process of moving the bank accounts from North Coast to WECU. The financials are a years worth of data as our fiscal year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The net income loss is mostly based on the overlap of the years. The conference includes money just received from the Jansen foundation to be applied to the next season.

**Office:** Hours have officially changed to T/Th 8:30-2:30. Money will be distributed next week from north region education grant.

**Education:** Protocols are updated and will go to Dr. Wayne for approval soon.

**Conference:** October 23-25. Randy is working on the last few descriptions. Brochures will go to the printers early next week.

**North Region:** Bonnie reported that the north region is working on the new plan. There will be a 10% reduction in their contract. There is a Safe Kids meeting tomorrow in Whatcom County. Rick Kowsky is the new chair of the executive board. There is room at North Region for representatives from Whatcom County. Please contact Bonnie if you want to be a member.

**CQI:** Jerry distributed the draft of the CQI plan for council review. The goal is to get started at the first of the year. There is information that has to be followed to maintain patient confidentiality that must be sent to the state and the group is following agreements of the north region plan. Jerry plans on contacting all the provider agencies in Whatcom County. If an agency does not want to follow the CQI plan then they must go to Dr. Wayne to explain why and develop their own program. They will try to get the EMS/ED event report form available electronically. The next meeting is Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. A letter will go out to the fire departments so that they may designate a person representing their department on the QI committee. He hopes to have them back no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive:** They will be looking into legal council regarding the contracts of the clinical trials. The board is soliciting information from other interested parties regarding an application for another paramedic training program course from Whatcom Medical One. The e-board will met to discuss it further and will hold a specially called meeting of the general council meeting in August.

**MPD:** No report.

**Clinical trials:** Janice has 900 enlisted participants in the ResQ trial. New module is online as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The previous module has been removed. They can go to the website of the council and print a hard copy of the previous test version. Rosters of the practical training will also need to be turned in. Current funding is up in December. The sponsor has applied for a new grant, but won't know until early September if they will get more funding. The reason is the enrollment numbers has increased to 1300 per study arm. The increased numbers is due to the protocol deviations that are happening across the country. The Immediate Trial has 25 patients enrolled. Enrollments are going smoothly. She has a CE planned in October for more training.

**Planning committee:** Scheduled to meet this Thursday.

**By-law:** Dawn is hoping to have the first meeting in September with the goal of having the revised bylaws being voted on at the April meeting. Please let Keri or Dawn know if you see something that you want addressed.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bike Helmets:** The grant was awarded to the council. Duncan met with the trauma coordinator from St. Joes to work out the process. He is hoping to use all 15 fire districts to help distribute, along with the police, sheriff department and safe kids. He is still working on the plan in order to meet the grant requirements.

**AED:** Rick reported that the Lions club has bought three AED's for the Bellingham schools. Research found that most of the high schools have AED's in place.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** none

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**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 8:15