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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2006

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, WCFD #14
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P., Lynden
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Theresa Sygitowicz, Treasurer, WCFD #16
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Geri Chumley, WCFD #4
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #8
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Bonnie Robinson, NREMS
Bob Lovelace, Consumer

Keri Snodgrass, Council operations manager

ABSENT: Klaus Wergin, Consumer
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Shaun Ward, WCFD #8
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Henry Hollander, WCFD #13
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
John Geleyse – Lynden
Bill Boyd, BFD
Bruce Rustad, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,

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 7:09.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (Lapsansky/Chumley) to approve the minutes of the April 2006 General Council carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Theresa reported the current balance is \$288459.73 with \$218427.08 in the general fund; \$45197.22 in ambulance fund; \$23614.54 in industrial CISM and \$5,573.64 in County CISD. NIH Invoice will be sent this week. A meeting with the investment rep. will be held next week.

OFFICE: Keri is looking into the needs/costs of getting new desks, table, chairs etc. for the office.

EDUCATION: Meeting times will have to change if Desta continues to chair as she has taken on a full time position. Geri Chumley reported that the BLS evaluator workshop was approved at the last state meeting

CONFERENCE: Therese is working on the brochures. There will be an additional cadaver lab on Thursday this year. BTC may pick up part of the cost of the cadaver for use of the cadaver. She is looking for volunteers and any ideas on how to promote/celebrate our 25th anniversary of the conference.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Bonnie distributed information on the following subjects: results of the EMS training survey. Dist 9, 10 and 17 did not submit surveys. The education committee will meet next month to review information. They will be looking closer at justifications this year • North Region is supporting GEMS classes in each county this year • All Hazards Regional Patient Care Procedure MCI has not been formally approved by the MPD's yet • DOH EMS Communication Drill (statewide drill) information (draft form) drill is in October • Burn Care Training Plan • Hospital Radiological Management at St. Luke's Education Center July 21 or 22nd • Trauma patient Transfers and diversions November 9th • North Central EMS conference Sept 29-Oct 1 • Report Brief: The Future of Emergency Care in the United States Health System • Regional AED Project Sustainability Plan for the North Region • Statement of work – HRSA Grant Contract Requirements • Stay active and independent for life: an information Guide for Adults 65+

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Erica is not in attendance but is working on another newsletter

EXECUTIVE: A motion (E-Board/Geri) to use ambulance funds to assist districts in setting up online OTEP was approved. A statement of need will be requested from districts. Council logo rights will be purchased. New membership applications were reviewed.

MPD: Dr. Wayne voiced concern to Roger regarding BLS transport QA. He is looking for input on making a BLS QA system. There was discussion on the topic. Please email Roger if you have comments and he will forward them to Dr. Wayne.

NIH: Janice reported that copies of the latest ResQ times have been mailed. If you need a new copy of training video, Janice has it in VHS and DVD. Of All patients – 21% admitted to hospitals (worked cardiac arrest) 57% were discharged home with limited deficits. 4 medics will be visiting agencies and asking responders to demonstrate CPR.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Region Membership: We still have vacancies for EMS representative, elected official and consumer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Membership: Resignation was received from Jodie Ryan (Red Cross) A motion (Rick/Janice) to approve an application to the education committee from John Swobody (Dist 13) carries.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Geri working with AARP to put together an instructor training class. Contact her if interested • A subscription service for airlift will come out in the 3rd quarter. Airlift can be put on standby 24/7. Call Jeff with any questions regarding Airlift. • Countywide ambulance advisory board met and will begin meeting twice a year with the next meeting in September.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned Theresa/Howard at 20:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Snodgrass
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