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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2007

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, Whatcom Medic One
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Therese Williams, 1st V-P, BTC
Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P., NWFRS
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer,
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Modesta Urbano, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager, EMS Council office

ABSENT: Erica Work, WCFD #2
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Swobody, NWFRS
John Geleynse, Lynden
Bill Boyd, BFD
Dr. Marvin Wayne, MPD
Kent Nelson, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
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 7:10.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (Kowsky/Adams) to approve the minutes of the April, 2007 meeting carries.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Marianne distributed the investment financial statement showing a balance of \$81k. The cash balance report and income/expense statements were also distributed. Balances as of 6/30/07 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. Contact Marianne with any questions on the reports. • More money will be invested in the American Funds bond fund this August. • Internal controls have been strengthened.

OFFICE REPORT: Office hours have changed from Monday and Friday afternoons to mornings. Wednesday's hours will remain the same. • Reminder to update your agencies AED's to new AHA standards • New office furniture is in and set up • Please contact Keri if you would like to assist with the conference.

EDUCATION: Modesta Urbano reported that the committee is working on transport guidelines and standards that will be approved at the Friday meeting, then give to Dr. Wayne for final approval.

CONFERENCE: Keri reported that there is a conference committee who has been meeting frequently. The speakers are set and brochures will be sent out early next month.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Last months meeting was postponed until this Thursday. Regional response to mass casualty is being worked on.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Erica is having a very hard time getting articles from people. This is delaying the printing of the newsletter.

EXECUTIVE: The QA committee will remain ad-hoc pending further developments. This will be readdressed when more information is provided.

MPD: no report

RESQ TRIAL: Janice reported that June 30th was the end of the first half of the training year and some districts have yet to complete their training. As the FHA is doing random checks we need to be better about training documentation. The website has all the initial training materials online for new recruits.

Q/A COMMITTEE: Committee was formed to develop a plan on how q/a care should be managed in Whatcom County. After several meetings that decided that Q/A should be

done as a committee. They will meet again in August or September. Committee would like to become a standing committee in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

E-BOARD ELECTIONS: Motion to reelect Therese Williams as 1st V.P. and Dawn Cannizzaro at secretary is approved.

RURAL METRO: The County chose not to endorse Rural Metro, but the state provided them a license anyway. Text in the license is for inter facility transports only, however there is no such state license. They will open at the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

NORTH REGION COUNCIL APPLICATION: Rick Kowsky needs to renew his appointment on the regional council as the ambulance association representative. The council will sign off as he needs a local signature.

AIRLIFT SERVICE: Airlift is moving a copter from Bellingham to the San Juan Islands 12 hours a day. Please contact Jeff with any questions regarding service. They are getting two more helicopters.

CROSS BORDER WORKSHOP: Roger attended a workshop focusing on working on improving EMS and hospital relationships between Canada and the US. The workshop identified problems with moving people across the border as current laws do not allow for point to point transports, a patient can be picked up and taken home, but not taken to a BC hospital. This is most likely be changed soon. Since the cross border meeting, they have met with BC ambulance and have identified a VH frequency that can communicate on. Out of a very large number of ambulances in BC, they could free up two on any given day, by canceling interfacility transports.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Whatcom sports commission is working on getting AED's at northwest soccer parks and the Sportsplex. Biggest issue will be ongoing training.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50. Janice and Duncan