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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2008

PRESENT: Roger Christensen, President, Whatcom Medic One
Dawn Cannizzaro, Secretary, WCFD # 17
Marianne Caldwell, Treasurer, consumer
Russell Brock, WCFD #1
Erica Work, WCFD #2
Paul Van Dyken, WCFD #4
Jerry Martin, WCFD #7
Howard Adams, WCFD #9
Bob Busch, WCFD #11
Denise Christensen, WCFD #14
Holly Salkeld, WCFD #16
Janice Lapsansky, WCFD #17
John Swobody, NWFRS
Michael Whittley, Lynden
Gary Baar, Lynden, Guest
Randy VanderHeiden, BFD
Bonnie Robinson, North Region EMS&TCC
Klaus Wergin, Consumer
George Ratayczak, Whatcom County Sheriff/S&R,
Keri Snodgrass, Operations Manager

ABSENT: Jason VanderVeen, 2nd V.P.
Therese Williams, 1st V.P. BTC
Marv Simonsen, WCFD #1
Leslie Pederson, WCFD #4
Justin Thompson, WCFD #8
Duncan McLane, WCFD #11
Cole Gates, WCFD #16
John Geleynse, Lynden
Rick Kowsky, Cascade Ambulance
Anson Chamblin, Cascade Ambulance
Jeff Richey, Airlift NW
Jim Hall, Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
Bob Lovelace, Consumer
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 7:05.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all present: Dawn introduced herself as the new president and gave a brief history of her time in EMS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion (Klaus/Jerry) to approve the minutes of the April general council meeting with spelling corrections carries.

REPORTS

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Marianne reported that the American funds account balance is down to 73K. Cash balances as of 6/30/08 are general fund \$132793.70, \$26418.77 in ambulance, \$12793.56 industrial CISM, county \$5573.64 CISD, NIH - 18769.82 for a total of \$158809.84.

OFFICE REPORT: Applications for the Fall EMT-B class are being accepting. The grant funds from north region will be distributed to the districts as soon as it is received. Needs assessment surveys were send to each agency and need to be completed and returned back to the EMS council office by next week.

EDUCATION: Denise reported that the education has a subcommittee that has developed a PowerPoint presentation, test, skills sheet and cardiovascular report for the king tube protocol. They are ready to hold train the trainer classes. The executive board is working on the purchasing of the tubes. The original August target date will not be met. Districts should not stock up on the Combitubes in the meantime. Jerry reported that the PTHLS class went well. Dist 4 has another class coming up in September.

CONFERENCE: Randy reported that he has all the speakers lined up. The brochure is ready to go the graphic designer as soon as he gets all the title and descriptions. Ed Racht will be speaking along with the director of the Harborview burn center. He is working on a vehicle extrication class by the Puyallup team as a preconference workshop. He is also trying to get more financial support.

REGIONAL COUNCIL: Bonnie from North Region distributed handouts and presented on the following topics:

- Falls prevention symposium Tuesday September 23rd, 9-3 at Snohomish Co FD #1
- Attachment 2 – DOH Trauma verification worksheet, Min/Max number – changes are due by Sept 15th.
- System Leadership progress on the FY09-12 North Region plan goals. If there is something that stands out you would like to input or add info on, please let her know.
- Exhibit D- Section A – Prehospital Education and Training Needs Report. This is to prioritize what the council wants to fund and assist with. State has indicated that by

completing this report, we *may* get *some* money *someday*. Section B is for equipment needs.

- North Region WEMSYS Implementation Plan – Proposed Draft. This states effort to take patient report electronically to have data recorded. Please contact Bonnie if you have any interest in a training session.
- FY07-08 Meeting attendance record. This is in place of the participation grant. Each county will receive funds based on the number of members from each county that attend meetings.
- Annual review of ground critical care transport paramedic program.
- The regional council meets this Thursday.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Erica reported that the 2nd newsletter of the year will be out in by the end of September. Please send her any pictures you have that would be good to use.

EXECUTIVE: A meeting was held in May to outline the criteria for Q/A per Dr. Wayne. Due to a lack of a quorum no official meeting was held this evening. Dawn would like to see the EMS Council be more active where the districts feel that they are a part of things being accomplished. EMS council has some input and feedback into the issues that affect the county and the best possible care for the citizens of the community. She will be working closely with other groups. She would appreciate any input on this.

MPD: no report due to Dr. Wayne's absence.

RESQ TRIAL: Enrollment picked up across the country with the addition of the new site. They are looking to complete patient enrollment by February. The new training module is online. Please contact Janice if there are problems with the test. At the end of the study she will be asking for everyone to gather and return everything as everybody returns back to standard CPR. The CPR rate of survival has been up due to the extra training. She is waiting on a report on the data safety monitoring board for an indication of where the study is going. The study will continue to monitor patients for another year. When performing CPR when a patient is brought into the ER, announce that you are removing the ResQ pod so that it can be exchanged with one from their stock.

QA COMMITTEE: Jerry distributed a rough draft of the Q/A program. He reviewed the key responsibilities of the committee per Dr. Wayne (page 6). There will be a September meeting of the core people where they will be setting some goals, statement of directions, discussing how to implement ideas, who should be involved ECT. If you are interested please contact Jerry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application for membership from Michael Whittle Lynden fire dept. was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Lifesaver – George from the Sheriff's department reported on a new program starting July 1st that tracks people with dementia, Alzheimer's, downs, who tend to

wander with a bracelet radio tracking device. Each bracelet costs \$300 each. If you have a patient with this device please don't cut it off and throw it away, please return it to the family. Also, if your district knows people who are wanderers, please let the sheriffs dept know and they will work on getting them signed up. They will also be willing to go to the districts and show the system.

Dr. Sullivan is San Juan Islands new MPD.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:35